

Minutes of the meeting of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY 13th JANUARY 2010** at **7.15 p.m.**

PRESENT **Councillor V Crosby** (Chairman) and
Councillors S Bambridge, W M Blenkinsopp, Mrs D Bowman,
T R Bowman, Mrs B A Clare, J D Clare, B Curtis, Mrs M
Dalton, R S Fleming, I Gray, G R Gray, G C Gray, Mrs J Gray,
B Haigh, Mrs S Haigh, B Hall, K Henderson, Mrs S J Iveson,
M Iveson, W Iveson, Mrs A Palmer, Mrs E M Paylor, Mrs V M
Raw and A Warburton

OFFICIALS Mr A Bailey (Town Clerk)
Mr D Snowball (Leisure Manager)
Mr D Thompson (Works Manager)
Mr S Cooper (Environment Officer)
Mr N Whinham (Golf Professional)
Mrs M J Robinson (Leisure & Environment Assistant)

54. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs I Hewitson, T Hogan and Mrs H J Hutchinson.

55. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Mrs S J Iveson, Mrs J Gray and Mrs E M Paylor declared a personal interest in Agenda Item No 8 (Planning Applications) as members of Durham County Council's Planning Committee.

56. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

57. **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor R S Fleming, seconded by Councillor Mrs M Dalton and

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on the 2nd December 2009 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

58. **ALLOTMENTS REPORT**

The Works Manager submitted his report for the six weeks ended 3rd January 2010.

RESOLVED - that it be recommended that the report be received.

59. **ENVIRONMENT REPORT**

The Works Manager submitted his report for the six weeks ended 3rd January 2010. The report set out information of burials and vandalism of bus shelters.

RESOLVED - that it be recommended that the report be received.

60. **GRANTS OF GRAVE SPACE**

RESOLVED - that it be noted that the undermentioned grants of grave space had been issued:

West Cemetery

Grave No. R 32	Jeffrey Davison
Grave No. R 84	John Wilson
Grave No. R120	Sarah Elliott
Grave No. J 89	Yvonne Timoney
Grave No. J124	Brenda Lodge
Grave No. I 178	Donald Morgan
Grave No. N 76	Arthur Mulholland
Grave No. N 79	Geoff Lee

61. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Declarations of interest were declared by Councillors Mrs S J Iveson, Mrs J Gray and Mrs E M Paylor for this item on the agenda (Planning Applications) as members of Durham County Council's Planning Committee and remained in the meeting during the discussion.

(1) The Committee received for information the undermentioned planning applications, prior notice of which has been circulated to Chairman, Vice-Chairman and appropriate Ward Members. Durham County Council have been notified that the Council has no adverse comments:-

- (a) Erection of conservatory to side – Starlight Windows, Leaside North, Aycliffe Industrial Estate.
- (b) Erection of 3 No. advertisement signs with brick surround (retrospective application) – Starlight Windows, Leaside North, Aycliffe Business Park.
- (c) Erection of single storey extension to side and rear – Workshop Supplies, St. Cuthberts Way, Aycliffe Business Park.

(2) To note the undermentioned planning application which had previously been circulated to Chairman, Vice-Chairman and appropriate Ward members and to which comments had been notified to Durham County Council:-

- (a) Installation of timber storage shelter to rear (retrospective application) – Martin McColls, Parsons Centre, Unit 7, Scott Place, Newton Aycliffe.

(3) The Committee considered the undermentioned extra planning applications:

- (a) Change of use from sandwich shop (use class A) to hot food takeaway (use class A5) 2 Neville Parade.
- (b) Installation of internally illuminated projecting & fascia signage, Swinton Colonade, 20 Beveridge Way.

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) Applications 1 (a) to (c) – no objections.
- (ii) Application 2 (a) – it was noted that observations regarding this application had been notified to Durham County Council after members and members of the public complained of the unsuitability of the structure.
- (iii) Applications 3 (a) and (b) – no objections.

CHAIRMAN