

Minutes of the meeting of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 29<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2016** at 7.15 p.m.

**PRESENT**                    **Councillor I Gray** (Chairman) and  
Councillors E Adam, D G Atkinson, J Atkinson, PJ Bergg,  
W M Blenkinsopp, A M Chandran, N Collinson, Mrs M  
Dalton, M A Dalton, R S Fleming, G C Gray, Mrs S Haigh,  
B Hall, K Henderson, Mrs I Hewitson, J P Hillary, Mrs W P  
Hillary, M Iveson, W Iveson, P Kjenstad, Mrs V M Raw and  
K Robson.

**OFFICIALS**                Mr A Bailey (Town Clerk)  
Mr S Cooper (Works & Environment Manager)  
Miss A Donald (Town Clerk's PA)  
Mr L Williams (Grounds Maintenance Service Coordinator)

13.    **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors M Ashcroft, Mrs B A Clare, J D Clare, J Clark and Mrs S J Iveson

14.    **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No applications for dispensations had been received.

15.    **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

16.    **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from the public.

17.    **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs M Dalton, seconded by Councillor A Chandran and

**RESOLVED** - that the minutes of the meetings of the Environment Committee held on the 11<sup>th</sup> May and 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

18.    **ALLOTMENTS REPORT**

The Works and Environment Manager submitted his report for the period ending 19<sup>th</sup> June 2016. The report detailed inspections and general maintenance to the allotments.

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

19. **ENVIRONMENT REPORT**

The Works and Environment Manager submitted his report for the period ending 19<sup>th</sup> June 2016. The report updated members on site management, school activities and events which had taken place.

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

20. **CEMETERIES REPORT**

The Grounds Maintenance Service Coordinator submitted a report which updated members regarding Grants of Grave Space and burials.

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

21. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE**

The Corporate and Policy Officer submitted a progress report on the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan.

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended that the report be received.

22. **NORTH AGNEW PLANTATION**

The Town Clerk and Works and Environment Manager submitted a report advising Members of the opportunity to have North Agnew Plantation transferred to the Town Council, as part of a Section 106 Agreement, associated with the housing development on Woodham Golf Course.

It was proposed by Councillor R S Fleming, seconded by Councillor W M Blenkinsopp and

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) Option Area 1 – North Agnew Plantation woodland be accepted for transfer.
- iii) Option Area 2 – the area of amenity grassland bordering Burnhill Way and Ryder Court be also accepted for transfer.

23. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**(1) Members were requested to receive for information the undermentioned planning applications, prior notice of which had been circulated to all Members of the Council. Durham County Council had been notified of the listed comments on each application:**

- (a) Demolition of existing shed/garage and erection of new double garage to the rear of 22 Greville Way, Newton Aycliffe. *No objections.*

- (b) Discharge of condition 10 (external lighting) pursuant to DM15/01710/FPA for the erection of 56 bed residential care home with associated car parking and infrastructure on the site of the former Police Station, Central Avenue, Newton Aycliffe. *No objections*
- (c) Removal of existing sun room and erection of single storey rear extension at 19 Acle Burn, Newton Aycliffe. *No objections*
- (d) Alterations to entrance at 48 Bluebell Close, Newton Aycliffe. *No objections.*
- (e) Conversion of existing garage, demolition link between house and garage at 25 Elmfield Place, Newton Aycliffe. *No objections.*

**RESOLVED** - that it be recommended that:

Applications 1 (a) to (e) be received.

**CHAIRMAN.**