

Minutes of the meeting of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2015** at **7.15 p.m.**

**PRESENT**                    **Councillor I Gray** (Chairman) and  
Councillors E Adam, J Atkinson, B Blenkinsopp,  
R Bowman, A M Chandran, Mrs B A Clare, J Clark,  
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,  
Mrs S J Iveson, W Iveson, P Kjenstad, Mrs V M Raw,  
D Summers, T Twissell, and C Wheeler.

**OFFICIALS**                Mr A Bailey (Town Clerk)  
Mr S Cooper (Environment Officer)  
Ms A Corner (CNEO)  
Mrs M J Robinson (Leisure & Environment Assistant)  
Mrs J Thexton (Leisure Manager)  
Mr D Thompson (Works Manager)  
Ms C Walton (Corporate and Policy Officer)  
Miss J Welch (Golf Manager)

### **OBITUARY**

Members observed a minute's silence in remembrance of Mr. Eric White who had been a Freeman of the Town and ex Councillor.

#### 66.    **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of J D Clare and Mrs S J Iveson.

#### 67.    **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No applications for dispensations had been received.

#### 68.    **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest submitted.

#### 69.    **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from the public.

#### 70.    **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 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

71. **ALLOTMENTS REPORT**

The Works Manager submitted his report for the seven weeks ended the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2015. The report detailed inspections and general maintenance to the allotments.

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

72. **ENVIRONMENT REPORT**

The Works Manager and Environment Officer submitted their report for the seven weeks ended the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2015. The report updated members on the work being undertaken by volunteer groups, site management and events which had taken place as well as burials.

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

73. **GRANTS OF GRAVE SPACE**

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

West Cemetery

Grave No. I 221

Grave No. K 65

Grave No. K 68

Grave No. N 87

Lisa Nicholson

Rosalin Ann Emmerson

Kathleen Nelson

Anna Heath

Stephenson Way Cemetery

Grave No. C133

Grave No. F133

Grave No. A541a

Richard Sanderson

Graham Pape

Samantha Clarke and Gareth Ballan

74. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION UPDATE**

The Corporate and Policy Officer and Community Neighbourhood Engagement Officer submitted a report which provided members with an overview of the findings from the first round of consultation for information and consideration.

**RESOLVED** - that it be recommended that

- i the report be received.
- ii officers be thanked for the work carried out to date.

75. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE**

The Corporate and Policy Officer and Community Neighbourhood Engagement Officer submitted a report which gave information bringing members up to date with progress on the Neighbourhood Plan.

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

76. **FLYTIPPING CAMPAIGN LAUNCH**

Members were requested to consider a Durham County Council initiative which requested Parish Councils to be involved in Operation Stop which has been created to reduce fly tipping. The initiative would require funding towards or purchase of CCTV equipment which would be deployed at known fly tipping areas.

**RESOLVED** - that it be recommended that

- i the letter be received.
- ii The Town Clerk research the following information and report to a future meeting of the Recreation Committee:
  - a. the full cost of installation and maintenance.
  - b. the expected life span of the CCTV camera.
  - c. who will monitor the footage.
  - d. if the Council purchased a camera would it result in exclusive use of that camera.

77. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**(1) Members are requested to consider the undermentioned planning applications:-**

- (a) Temporary retention of existing modular office accommodation – Greenfield School and Community Arts College, Greenfield Way.

**(2) Prior Notification Planning Applications – (for information only)**  
**A planning application which is given a PNH / MPN reference is considered 'deemed consent', similar to permitted development and the Town Council cannot object to a householder PNH / MPN application. If the planning authority had any issues they would ask for further details and a full planning application.**

- (a) Prior notification for the erection of rear conservatory measuring 5.85m in length and 3.575m in height to the apex of the roof – 47 Sheraton Road, Newton Aycliffe.

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

- (a) Erection of boundary fence (part retrospective) – 5 Oaklea Mews, Aycliffe Village.  
*No objections.*
- (b) Erection of 1000mm boundary wall with 450mm railing and 1450mm railing gates – 73 Heatherburn Court, Newton Aycliffe.  
*No objections.*
- (c) Erection of single storey side extension, front porch and extension to existing detached garage to form double garage – 47 Sheraton Road, Newton Aycliffe.  
*No objections.*
- (d) Erection of single storey side extension to Woodham Community Centre, St. Elizabeth's Close, Newton Aycliffe.  
*No objections.*
- (e) Part single storey, part two storey rear extension and single storey side extension – 23 Hareson Road, Newton Aycliffe.  
*No objections.*
- (f) Erection of single storey side/rear extension – 52 Lisle Road, Newton Aycliffe.  
*No objections.*

**RESOLVED** - that it be recommended:

- (i) Application 1 (a) – no objections.
- (iii) Application 2 (a) - that the applications be received.
- (iii) Applications 3 (a) to (f) - that the applications be received.

**CHAIRMAN.**