

Minutes of the meeting of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> JULY 2013** at **7.15 p.m.**

**PRESENT**                    **Councillor J.D. Clare** (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, I Gray, G C Gray, Mrs S Haigh, B Hall,  
K Henderson, Mrs I Hewitson, M 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)  
Mrs M J Robinson (Leisure & Environment Assistant)  
Mrs J Thexton (Leisure Manager)  
Mr D Thompson (Works Manager)

14.    **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors J P Hillary, Mrs W P Hillary and Mrs S J Iveson.

15.    **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No applications for dispensations had been received.

16.    **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest submitted.

17.    **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from the public.

18.    **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor R S Fleming seconded by Councillor B Hall and

**RESOLVED** - that the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on the 29<sup>th</sup> May 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

19.    **ALLOTMENTS REPORT**

The Works Manager submitted his report for the five weeks ended the 23rd June 2013. The report detailed inspections and general maintenance to the allotments.

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

- i the report be received.
- ii officers arrange a site inspection for members.

20. **ENVIRONMENT REPORT**

The Works Manager and Environment Officer submitted their report for the five weeks ended the 23rd June 2013. The report updated members on the work being undertaken by volunteer groups as well as burials.

Mr Cooper advised of the annual environment week including the 'litter pick' and invited members of the public and members of the Council to assist.

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

21. **GRANTS OF GRAVE SPACE**

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

West Cemetery

Grave No. J127	Anthony Ferguson
Grave No. N110	Annie Carr
Grave No. J97	Sushila Chaudhary

22. **SCHOOLS ROAD SAFETY INITIATIVE**

Councillor Fleming gave information about an initiative launched by the Police and Crime Commissioner, Mr Ron Hogg to discourage parking outside of schools. Councillor Fleming advised that a meeting was to be held in September and members were encouraged to attend.

**RESOLVED** – that the information be received and noted.

23. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**(1) The Committee considered the undermentioned planning applications:-**

- (a) Two storey pitched roof extension to side – 28 Durham Road, Aycliffe Village.
- (b) Erection and display of 1 non-illuminated freestanding V sign board – Cemetery Chapel, Stephenson Way, Newton Aycliffe.

**(2) The Council received for information the undermentioned planning applications, prior notice of which had been circulated to all Members of the Council.**

**Durham County Council have been notified of the listed comments on each application:-**

- (a) Erection of part two storey, part first floor rear extension and extension to detached garage – 7 Burghley Mews, Newton Aycliffe.

*No objections.*

- (b) Continuation of deemed consent under planning (Hazardous substances) Regulations 1992 for the storage of vinyl chloride monomer at Ineos, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe.

*No objections.*

- (c) Installation of louvre banks to plant room and installation of two storage silos at 3M(UK) Plc, Heighington Lane, Newton Aycliffe.

*No objections.*

- (d) Erection of display of internally illuminated 2No. fascia signs, 1No. projecting sign and ATM collar signage – Halifax, Beveridge Way, Newton Aycliffe.

*No objections.*

- (e) Installation of pitched roof over existing flat roof – 10 Wycliffe Close, Newton Aycliffe.

*No objections.*

- (f) Conservatory to the rear – 2 Cheltenham Way, Newton Aycliffe.

*No objections.*

- (g) Submission of reserved matters relating to appearance, layout and landscape pursuant to phase 2 of hybrid planning permission for a mixed use development incorporating an anaerobic digester (phase 1) and 10,738m<sup>2</sup> of industrial floor space (phase 2) – land at Preston Way, Newton Aycliffe.

*The Council fully supports the proposal and has no objections to the application.*

- (h) Single storey in-fill extension and extension to detached garage – 7 Stoneleigh Court, Newton Aycliffe.

*No objections.*

- (i) Installation of air conditioning units to the North East, South East and South West elevations – Bewick Crescent Surgery, Newton Aycliffe.

*No objections.*

**RESOLVED** - that it be recommended:

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

**CHAIRMAN.**