

Minutes of the meeting of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2011** at **7.15 p.m.**

**PRESENT**                    **Councillor V Crosby** (Chairman) and  
Councillors S Bambridge, Mrs D Bowman, T R Bowman,  
Mrs B A Clare, J D Clare, W Curtis, Mrs M Dalton, P  
Ducker, R S Fleming, G C Gray, I Gray, Mrs J Gray, B  
Hall, K Henderson, T Hogan, Mrs K Hopper, Mrs E M  
Paylor and Mrs V M Raw.

**IN ATTENDANCE**    Councillor W M Blenkinsopp

**OFFICIALS**            Mr A Bailey (Town Clerk)  
Mr D Austin (Finance Manager)  
Mr S Cooper (Environment Officer)  
Mrs M J Robinson (Leisure & Environment Assistant)  
Mr D Thompson (Works Manager)

34.    **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors B Haigh, Mrs S Haigh, M Iveson, Mrs S J Iveson, W Iveson, Mrs A Palmer and A Warburton.

35.    **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**There were no declarations of interest.**

36.    **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

37.    **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 7<sup>th</sup> September 2011 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

38.    **PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE**

It was proposed by Councillor J D Clare, seconded by Councillor V Crosby and

**RESOLVED** - that the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Sub-Committee held on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> September and the 5<sup>th</sup> October 2011 be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

39. **ALLOTMENTS REPORT**

The Works Manager submitted his report for the six weeks ended the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2011. The report detailed inspections and general maintenance to the allotments.

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

40. **ENVIRONMENT REPORT**

The Works Manager and Environment Officer submitted their report for the six weeks ended the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2011. The report set out details of the works carried out by volunteers, progress on the schools and community group initiatives and developments made in Jubilee Woodland and information on burials. The report also advised of discussions held regarding the winter maintenance partnership with Durham County Council representatives.

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

41. **TRAIN STATION ADOPTION**

The Works Manager submitted a report which advised that the Town Council was not in a position to sign the licence as the works Network Rail had agreed to undertake had not been completed.

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended that the matter be left in abeyance until Network Rail has resolved the issues.

42. **GRANTS OF GRAVE SPACE**

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

West Cemetery

Grave No. K 163	Jennifer Szubert
Grave No. K 102	Anne Smails
Grave No. K 35	John George Wheatley

43. **2012/13 DRAFT ENVIRONMENT REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS**

The Finance Manager had submitted a draft Environment Revenue and Capital Budget for 2012/2013 for members' consideration in respect of the Environment Committee.

Members considered each section of the Budgets for the Environment Committee.

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

**CHAIRMAN**