

Minutes of the meeting of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 28th NOVEMBER 2018** at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT **Councillor I Gray** (Chairman) and
Councillors Eddy Adam, M Ashcroft, Kathy Beetham, P J Bergg,
Bill Blenkinsopp, Mrs D Bowman, Arun M Chandran, B A Clare,
J D Clare, J Clark, Mrs M Dalton, R S Fleming, George C Gray,
Mrs S Haigh, B Hall, Dave Hardaker, K Henderson, Kate
Hopper, M Iveson, Mrs S J Iveson, Mrs V M Raw, Paul Symons
and Sally Symons.

OFFICIALS Mr A Bailey (Town Clerk)
Mr S Cooper (Works and Environment Manager)
Mrs M J Robinson (Leisure & Environment Assistant)
Mrs J Thexton (Leisure Manager)
Mr L Williams (Grounds Maintenance Service Coordinator)

49. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Derek G Atkinson, Jim Atkinson, Jed Hillary, Wendy Hillary, Ken Robson.

50. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No applications for dispensations had been received.

51. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

52. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

53. **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor Dave Hardaker seconded by Councillor R S Fleming and

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on the **17th October 2018** be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

54. **ALLOTMENTS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Grounds Maintenance Service Coordinator submitted the notes from the Allotments Annual General Meeting held on 14th November 2018.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that the notes be received.

55. **CEMETERIES REPORT**

The Grounds Maintenance Services Co-ordinator submitted a report for the period ending 18th November 2018 giving information with regards to burials and grants of grave spaces which had been issued.

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

56. **ENVIRONMENT REPORT**

The Works and Environment Manager submitted a report for the period ending 18th November 2018 to update members on environment items including vandalism to Stephenson Way bus shelter, new Christmas lights which were to be installed along Central Avenue and the memorial benches installed prior to Armistice Day at St Clare's Church. The report also advised that the Great Crested Newt work to install a new pond at Aycliffe Nature parks was complete.

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

57. **STEPHENSON WAY CEMETERY HEDGE**

The Works and Environment Manager submitted a report to update members regarding the removal of a Leylandii hedge at Stephenson Way Cemetery.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that:

- (i) The report be received.
- (ii) The removal of the Leylandii Hedge be approved.

CHAIRMAN.