

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 16th OCTOBER 2019

Minutes of the meeting of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 16th OCTOBER 2019 at 7.15 p.m.**

PRESENT

Councillor M. Ashcroft, (Chairman) and:
Councillors Eddy Adam, Derek G. Atkinson, Jim Atkinson, Kathy Beetham, P.J. Bergg, Bill Blenkinsopp, Mrs D. Bowman, Arun M. Chandran, B.A. Clare, J.D. Clare, Mrs M. Dalton, R.S. Fleming, George C. Gray, I Gray, Mrs S. Haigh, B. Hall, Dave Hardaker, Jed Hillary, Kate Hopper, M. Iveson, Mrs S.J. Iveson, Ken Robson and Paul Symons

OFFICERS

Mr A Bailey (Town Clerk)
Mr S. Cooper (Works and Environment Manager)
Miss A. Donald (Town Clerk's PA)
Mrs J. Thexton (Leisure Manager)
Mr L. Williams (Grounds Maintenance Service Coordinator)

38. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of J. Clark, Wendy Hillary and Sally Symons.

39. MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS

No applications for dispensations had been received.

40. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

41. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

42. MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor R.S. Fleming, seconded by Councillor M. Iveson, and

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee, held on the 4th September 2019, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

43. ALLOTMENTS REPORT

The Grounds Maintenance Services Co-ordinator submitted an Allotments Inspection Report for the period ending 6th October 2019, which advised of maintenance and waiting list figures.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that

- i) The report be received.
- ii) The method of vacant plot allocation be amended in line with the officer's suggestions in order to streamline and speed up the process.

44. ENVIRONMENT REPORT

The Works and Environment Manager submitted a report to update members on environment maintenance and events.

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

45. CEMETERIES REPORT

The Grounds Maintenance Services Co-ordinator submitted a report giving information regarding burials and grants of grave spaces which had been issued.

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

46. 2020/21 DRAFT ENVIRONMENT REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS

The Finance Manager submitted a report presenting the draft 2020/21 Revenue and Capital Budgets for the Environment Committee, for members' consideration and approval.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that

- i) The report be received.
- ii) The draft 2020/21 Revenue and Capital Budgets for the Environment Committee be approved.
- iii) Provision be made in the budget for seating in the bus shelter adjacent to the Leisure Centre on Stephenson Way.

CHAIRMAN.