

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 14TH JULY 2021 at 7.15 p.m.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am to inform you that a meeting of the Environment Committee will be held on Wednesday, 14th July 2021 at 7.15pm in attendance at the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe DL5 6QF.

Due to the ongoing Coronavirus restrictions, the guest speakers and members of the public will attend the meeting by virtual means via. 'Zoom' using the following link: [84105797934](https://us02zoom.us/j/84105797934) (Passcode - 023257).

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence.

2. MEMBERS' DISPENSATION

To consider written requests for dispensations from members who have declared interests under Disclosable or Non-Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – Section 33 of the 2011 Localism Act.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To notify of any items that appear in the agenda in which you may have an interest, including those that have previously been recorded in the Members Register of Interests.

4. GUEST SPEAKER

A representative from the Environment Agency will be in attendance to provide some background information regarding the processes around environmental permits linked to the Council's consideration of the planning application for the high temperature thermal treatment facility adjacent to Hitachi.

Please Note: - They are only able to describe their role as a regulator and the permitting process but not answer specific technical questions at this point as no permit application has been made yet.

5. GUEST SPEAKER

Representatives from the planning consultancy ELG Planning will be in attendance to provide more information about ELG and what roles they can assist the Town Council with, in regard to the planning application for the high temperature thermal treatment facility adjacent to Hitachi.

6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Members of the public are permitted to make representations, ask questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda. Questions will not be received by the Council which are in furtherance of a person's individual circumstances or which are about a matter where there is a right of appeal to the courts, a tribunal or government minister. A question will not be received by the Council where the issue it concerns has been the subject of a decision of the Council in the last six months.

7. MINUTES

To receive the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 2nd June 2021. (previously circulated)

8. ALLOTMENTS REPORT

. . . To consider the attached report from the Grounds Maintenance Services Co-ordinator for the six weeks ended the 4th July 2021.

9. ENVIRONMENT REPORT

. . . To consider the attached report from the Works and Environment Manager for the six weeks ended the 4th July 2021.

10. CEMETERIES REPORT

. . . To consider the attached report from the Grounds Maintenance Services Co-ordinator for the six weeks ended the 4th July 2021.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION

To consider the following Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Phillip Hawkins and seconded by Councillor Neville Jones:

“That the Council sets up a Parking Issues Working Group to consider Car Parking problems within the Parish. The remit of the Working Group shall be:

To invite residents of Great Aycliffe via Newton News, to identify and submit to the Working Group areas of the parish they consider to have a parking problem, primarily due to lack of space etc and for these areas to be clearly identified, mapped and land ownership confirmed, then where possible, to try to come up with solutions to each one. Then to liaise with the land owner e.g. DCC or Livin to see about getting a phased programme of work over a period of years to try to resolve and reduce these parking issues. The Working Group will not deal with Parking enforcement issues.

The Working Group will be made up of five Councillors, to meet as and when required, and shall have the power to co-opt non-voting representatives, including from Durham County Council and Livin when appropriate”.

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

To consider the following Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Neville Jones and seconded by Councillor Ken Robson:

“That the Council sets up a Town Centre Regeneration and Development Working Group. The remit of the Working Group shall be:

To look at all aspects and possibilities of regenerating and developing the Town Centre, in co-operation with Durham County Council, our Member of Parliament, and the Town Centre Owners, and the Government’s levelling up Agenda.

The Working Group will be made up of 9 Councillors (made up of 3 Liberal Democrat Members, 3 Independent Members and 3 Labour Members) and shall have the power to co-opt non-voting representatives, as follows:

- *the Member of Parliament Paul Howell MP and one of his nominated staff*
- *Representatives of the Town Centre Owners*
- *Representatives of Durham County Council Economic Development Department*
- *All County Councillors covering Great Aycliffe*
- *Representatives of the local Police*

13. GARDEN COMPETITION

. . . To consider the attached report from the Works and Environment Manager.

14. POSSIBLE SECTION 106 FUNDING

. . . To consider the attached report from the Works and Environment Manager.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Councillors Eddy Adam, Tony Armstrong, Martin Ashcroft, Jim Atkinson, Peter Bergg, Dorothy Bowman, Arun M. Chandran, Barbara A. Clare, John D. Clare, John Clark, Neil Collinson, Bob Fleming, George Gray, Ian Gray, Brian Haigh, Mrs. Sandra Haigh, Brian Hall, David Hardaker, Phillip Hawkins, Jed Hillary, Wendy Hillary, Kate Hopper, Neville Jones, Andrea Miller, John Moore, Carl Robinson, Ken Robson, Maureen Shelton and Michael Stead.