

Minutes of the meeting of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **THURSDAY, 1st DECEMBER 2011 at 7.15 p.m.**

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

IN ATTENDANCE Councillor W M Blenkinsopp

OFFICIALS Mr A Bailey (Town Clerk)
Mrs M J Robinson (Leisure & Environment Assistant)
Mrs J Simpson (Leisure Manager)
Mr D Thompson (Works Manager)

44. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs D Bowman and W Iveson.

45. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

46. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

47. **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor R S Fleming, seconded by Councillor K Henderson and

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on the 19th October 2011 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

48. **PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE**

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

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:

- (i) That the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Sub- Committee held on the 19th October 2011 and the 2nd and 16th November 2011 be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendment:

‘That Councillor B. Hall’s attendance be added to the minutes of the Planning Sub-Committee held on the 16th November 2011.’

49. **ALLOTMENT ANNUAL MEETING**

The notes from the Allotment Annual Meeting held on 17th November 2011 were considered by members.

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

50. **ALLOTMENTS REPORT**

The Works Manager submitted his report for the six weeks ended the 20th November 2011. The report detailed inspections and general maintenance to the allotments.

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

51. **ENVIRONMENT REPORT**

The Works Manager and Environment Officer submitted their report for the six weeks ended the 20th November 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.

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

52. **GRANTS OF GRAVE SPACE**

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

West Cemetery

Grave No. K 36	Phillis Jean White
Grave No. K 97	Kenneth Gregg
Grave No. K 162	Rosalie Chester

53. **SHEPPARDS CROFT - TREES**

The Works Manager submitted a report which requested members to consider a request from a resident at School Aycliffe to remove the trees at the rear of a property.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:

- a) that the report be received.
- b) that the decision be deferred until members have considered the Tree Survey Report which had just been completed.

CHAIRMAN.