

Minutes of the meeting of the **PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **22nd JUNE 2011** at **4.00 p.m.**

PRESENT **Councillor M. Iveson (Chairman)** and
Councillors T.R. Bowman, B. Haigh, B. Hall, K.
Henderson, Mrs. K. Hopper and A. Warburton.

OFFICIALS Mrs C Walton (Corporate & Policy Officer)

12. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors Mrs. B.A. Clare, J.D. Clare and V. Crosby.

13. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

A declaration of personal interest was submitted by Councillor Mrs. K. Hopper on Agenda Item No. 4(c) but she would be remaining in the meeting during the discussion and any voting thereon.

14. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

15. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Members considered the undermentioned planning applications:

- (a) Erection of overcladding to all elevations together with door canopies where applicable on properties at:-
- 1 – 13 inclusive and 14 Clarence Corner. (Door Canopies)
 - 8, 10 and 12 Elizabeth Barrett Walk.
 - 2 – 8 inclusive Baliol Green.
 - 2 – 20 even at Anne Swyft Road.
 - 3,4,6,7, 9 – 15 inclusive and 17-20 inclusive at Clarence Chare.
 - 30 Bede Crescent.
 - 2,5 and 6 Westcott Walk.
 - 1 – 10 inclusive at Clarence Close.
 - 5, 7-14 inclusive at Baliol Road. (Door Canopies)
 - 1 – 8 inclusive at Havelock Close.
 - 1 – 6 inclusive at Hackworth Close.
 - 5, 6 and 8 Surtees Walk.
- (b) Replacement of timber storage shed – Martin McColls, Parson Centre, Newton Aycliffe.

Councillor Mrs. K. Hopper declared a personal interest on planning application (c) but remained in the meeting during the discussion thereon.

- (c) Erection of 3 storey side extension incorporating balcony to first floor and erection of single storey rear extension – 5 High Barn Road.
- (d) Demolition of existing canopy and construction of new entrance - PWS Distributers Ltd. – Station Road.

RESOLVED – that the following responses be forwarded to Durham County Council:

- (a) That this Council have no objections in principle, however, it is rather difficult to make any comment as all the plans are the same regardless of the house types and the plans are described as 'typical' so there is concern the example may not actually be the final cladding and finish.
- (b) That the Town Council would offer no objection to the brick built extension as it is more in keeping with the surrounding area and safer than the previous wooden structure.

In addition, as the proposed extension is larger than the existing and will take up more of the footpath the Town Council would like to see a condition added which requires the corner of the grassed area being tarmacked and a drop kerb added to the rear to provide improved disabled access for those using the rear car park.

- (c) That the Town Council would wish to object to the proposal in its current design due to the visual impact on the local amenity and loss of privacy for neighbouring residents. Matters that cause concern are:
 - The overall size of the proposed extension.
 - The 1st floor balcony to the rear, its proximity and loss of privacy for the neighbours.
 - The dormer windows to the front elevation.
- (d) That the Town Council would offer no objections to the proposal.

CHAIRMAN.