

Minutes of the meeting of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY 24th FEBRUARY 2010** at 7.15 p.m.

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

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

62. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors P Gittins, Mrs S Haigh, B Hall and Mrs I Hewitson.

63. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Mrs J Gray, Mrs E M Paylor and Mrs S Iveson declared a personal interest in Agenda Item no 10 (Planning Applications) as members of Durham County Council.

Councillors Mrs B A Clare and J D Clare declared a personal interest in Agenda Item no 10(f) (Planning Application) as a neighbour of the applicant.

Councillor G R Gray declared a personal interest in Agenda Item no. 10(h) (Planning Application) as an employee of the applicant.

64. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

65. **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 13th January 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

66. **ALLOTMENTS REPORT**

The Works Manager submitted his report for the six weeks ended 24th February 2010.

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

67. **ENVIRONMENT REPORT**

The Works Manager and Environment Officer submitted a report for the six weeks ended 14th February 2010. The report set out information of burials and vandalism of bus shelters, and updated members regarding Environment items.

RESOLVED - that it be recommended:

- i) that the report be received.
- ii) that a letter of thanks be sent to volunteers for their efforts.

68. **GRANTS OF GRAVE SPACE**

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

West Cemetery

Grave No. R 46	Ann Priestley
Grave No. R 119	Amy Bambridge
Grave No. N 59	Doreen Mary Lambert
Grave No. N 31	Arthur Stephenson
Grave No. I 179	Audrey Gustard
Grave No. I 190	Glenn Gibson
Grave No. I 182	Minnie Carmedy

Stephenson Way Cemetery

Grave No. F 109	Jill McNamee
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69. **O² UK LTD - PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION**

Members were requested to consider the replacement of an existing 15m monopole with a 20m monopole column, 6 antennas an additional cabinet and the existing site demise at ground level and ancillary development at Northfield Way, Aycliffe Industrial Estate.

RESOLVED - that it be recommended:

- i) that the report be received.
- ii) that consideration be given when a full application is made.

70. **DOG FOULING - AYCLIFFE AREAS**

Councillor Curtis raised an item regarding dog excrement in Newton Aycliffe following recent snow falls.

RESOLVED - that it be recommended:

- i) that the report be received.
- ii) that Durham County Council be notified of an increase in dog fouling requesting additional wardening of the Bluebell to Midridge Farm area.

71. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Declarations of interest were declared by Councillors Mrs S J Iveson, Mrs J Gray and Mrs E M Paylor for this item on the agenda (Planning Applications) as members of Durham County Council and remained in the meeting during the discussion.

Councillors Mrs B A Clare and J D Clare declared a personal interest in Agenda Item no 10(f) (Planning Application) as a neighbour of the applicant and remained in the meeting during the discussion.

Councillor G R Gray declared a personal interest in Agenda Item no. 10(h) (Planning Application) as an employee of the applicant and remained in the meeting during the discussion.

(1) The Committee considered the undermentioned extra planning applications:

- (a) Erection of single storey side extension – 6 Bede Crescent, Newton Aycliffe.
- (b) Erection of 2 storey side extension – 36 Malvern Way, Newton Aycliffe.
- (c) Change of use from retail use (Class 1A) to betting shop use (Class A2) and installation of satellite dish to rear – 35 Beveridge Way, Newton Aycliffe.
- (d) Erection of pitched tiled roof over existing hall and garage – 30 Defoe Crescent, Newton Aycliffe.
- (e) Crown raise of branches T1 of TPO 55/2008 – 1 Gilpin Road, Newton Aycliffe.
- (f) Erection of single storey rear extension – 27 Haslewood Road, Newton Aycliffe.
- (g) Erection of first floor side extension & two storey rear extension, 59 Welbury Grove.
- (h) Erection of compressor house and boiling house extension, Linear Ltd, Coatham Avenue, Aycliffe Business Park.
- (i) Change use to leisure facility (use class D2) incorporating 10 pin bowling alley, synthetic ice rink/laser games area aerial trekking course, restaurant and associated parking, 7/8 Maple Way, Aycliffe Business Park.
- (j) Erection of two storey & single storey extension to rear, 32 Oaklea Mews.
- (k) Erection of two storey side extension, 20 Harebell Meadows
- (l) Erection of single storey garage to side and two storey side extension, 3 Eastfields, School Aycliffe.

(2) The Council received for information the undermentioned planning applications, prior notice of which has been circulated to Chairman, Vice-Chairman and appropriate Ward Members. Durham County Council have been notified that the Council has no adverse comments:-

- (a) Erection of 2 No. dwellings with associated access and parking – The Manse, 34 Greville Way, Newton Aycliffe.
- (b) Erection of orangery to rear – 4 Millfields, Aycliffe Village.
- (c) Erection of single storey garage and utility room to side – 43 St. Godrics Road, Newton Aycliffe.
- (d) Erection of single storey side extension and orangery to rear – 33 Millfields, Aycliffe Village.

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) Applications 1 (a) to (h) and (j) to (l) – no objections.
- (ii) Application 1 (i) - that the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Town Clerk make appropriate comments after looking at the detailed plans.
- (ii) Application 2 (a) - (d) - that the applications be received.

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CHAIRMAN