

Minutes of the meeting of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 8th APRIL 2015** at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT **Councillor J.D. Clare** (Chairman) and
Councillors E. Adam, J. Atkinson, W. Blenkinsopp, R. Bowman, A.M. Chandran, Mrs. B. Clare, J. Clark, N. Collinson, Mrs. M. Dalton, R.S. Fleming, G.C. Gray, I. Gray, Mrs. S. Haigh, B. Hall, Mrs. I. Hewitson, J.P. Hillary, Mrs. W. Hillary, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, W. Iveson, P. Kjenstad, Mrs. V.M. Raw and C. Wheeler.

OFFICIALS Mr. A. Bailey (Town Clerk)
Mrs. C. Walton (Corporate and Policy Officer)
Mr. D. Thompson (Works Manager)
Mr. D. Austin (Finance Manager)
Mr. S. Cooper (Environment Officer)
Miss C. Ryder (Senior Admin. Officer)

92. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was submitted from Councillor M.A. Dalton.

93. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No applications for dispensations had been received.

94. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest submitted.

95. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

96. **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 25th February 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

97. **ALLOTMENTS REPORT**

The Works Manager submitted his report for the 6 weeks ended the 29th March 2015. The report detailed inspections and general maintenance to the allotments.

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

98. **ENVIRONMENT REPORT**

The Works Manager and Environment Officer submitted their report for the 6 weeks ended the 29th March 2015. The report updated members on burials which had taken place, the work being undertaken by volunteer groups, community participation and site management.

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

99. **GRANTS OF GRAVE SPACE**

RESOLVED - that it be noted that the undermentioned Grants of Grave Spaces had been issued:-

West Cemetery

Grave No. N 85	Efisio Picciau
Grave No. N107	Susan Buxton
Grave No. K 3	Patricia Walker
Grave No. K 63	Caroline J. Carlyle
Grave No. K 64	Tony Nixon

Stephenson Way Cemetery

Grave No. C135	Philip Whitfield
Grave No. F132	Rachel A. Flood
Grave No. E 86	Angela K. Bourne

100. **AYCLIFFE VILLAGE – VEHICLES PARKING ON ACCESS TRACKS**

The Town Clerk reported on problems caused by persons parking on the access routes to garages and properties on the registered Village Green. It was explained that, while residents are able to pass over the green for access, parking on the registered Village Greens was an offence.

Councillor Blenkinsopp raised a separate issue connected with parking on footpaths in the vicinity of the County Public House / Restaurant causing obstructions to pedestrians.

RESOLVED - that it be recommended:-

- (i) That the Town Clerk send letters reminding residents that they should not park their cars on the registered Village Green. Parking to be within their property boundaries or garage as appropriate.
- (ii) The issue of parking on footpaths be dealt with by Durham County Council and / or the Police Authority to try and find a satisfactory solution.

101. **WORKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES PLAN 2015/16**

The Works Manager and Environment Officer submitted a report and Service Plan for April 2015 to March 2016 for members consideration and comments.

RESOLVED - that it be recommended that:-

- (i) That the report be received.
- (ii) That the Works and Environmental Service Plan for 2015/16 be accepted.

102. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- (1) **The Council received for information the undermentioned planning applications, prior notice of which had been circulated to all members of the Council. Durham County Council have been notified of the listed comments on each application:-**
- (a) Pre-Submission of previously approved application 7/2013/0228/DM (amended roof design) for single storey in-fill extension to dwelling and extension to existing detached garage – 7 Stoneleigh Court, Newton Aycliffe. *No objections.*
 - (b) Erection of 3 No. – 4 bedroomed terraced houses on land adjacent to the Iron Horse PH, Simpasture Gate. *- No objections.*
 - (c) Amalgamation of 3No. retail units to form 1 No. larger unit including new shop frontage, new windows to rear and single storey extension to rear – 26-30 Beveridge Way. *-No objections.*
 - (d) Erection of single storey front, side and rear extensions, and erection of 2.1m wall/fence to the rear – 2 Murton Close, Aycliffe Village. *-No objections.*
 - (e) Erection of distribution centre (B8) in 2 phases, existing storage area enclosure, plant room extension, additional sprinkler tank and pump room, changes to HGV route and car park and landscaping – LIDL, Moordale Road, Aycliffe Business Park. *-No objections.*

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

CHAIRMAN.