

**PRUDHOE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**DRAFT Minutes of the PLANNING, CONTRACT AND WORKS COMMITTEE,**  
**held at The Spetchells Centre, Front Street, at 7:00pm on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

**Present**

Cllr Chris Barrett (Chair), Cllr Kiran Bell, Cllr Chris Cuthbert, Cllr Dot Dickinson, Cllr Bryan Futers, Cllr Jane Johnson, Cllr Gerry Price, Cllr Angie Scott (and County Cllr Prudhoe North) and Cllr Jonathan Wheeler.

Shirley Ann Gaut (Clerk/RFO)  
Stephanie Kirby (Deputy Clerk)  
County Cllr Gordon Steward (Prudhoe South)

**PCW2223/060 Welcome by Chair**

Cllr Chris Barrett welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**PCW223/061 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Robert Blackburn, Cllr Tracy Gilmore, Cllr Duncan Couchman, Cllr Glenn Simpson, Cllr Carol Stephenson, and Cllr Ignasious Varghese.

**PCW23/062 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Angie Scott, as a Member of the NCC Tynedale Local Area Committee (Planning), declared a non-pecuniary interest in all planning applications and took no part in consideration of any of the applications.

**PCW2223/063 Dispensations**

None received.

**PCW2223/064 Draft Minutes of the Planning, Contract and Works Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022.**

It was **AGREED** to receive the minutes as a true record.

**PCW2223/065 Public Participation**

No items of public participation had been received

**PCW2223/066 Planning Matters**

**a) Planning Applications requiring a response**

It was **AGREED** to receive and respond to the following Planning Applications, received since 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022 (*click on the link to open the application on the NCC Planning Portal*):

**[22/00511/PREAPP West Wylam Ebenezer Methodist Church Scales Crescent West Wylam Prudhoe Northumberland NE42 5DW](#)**

Conversion/change of use and extension to provide 5no. apartments with associated external landscaping and car parking.

It was **AGREED** to support the application, noting concerns regarding parking. It was noted as a pre-application the County Council will not be approving or refusing the proposal, so comments are not invited.

**[22/00579/FUL Land To East Of Edgewell House Farm House Edgewell House Road Prudhoe Northumberland NE42 5PD](#)**

Conversion of existing barn to 1 dwelling.

**Application is due to be heard at the Local Area Council - Tynedale (Planning Only) Hexham House, Gilesgate, Hexham, Northumberland, NE46 3NP at 4pm on 9 August 2022.**

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It was noted that was received as a notification and no response needed.

***b) Northumberland County Council (NCC) Planning Decisions and Notifications***

**It was AGREED** to receive the NCC Planning Decisions and any other notifications, received since 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022, (click on each link to open the application decision on the NCC Planning Portal):

**[21/04838/FUL Prudhoe And District United Service Club Front Street Prudhoe NE42 5HJ](#)**

Construction of raised decking area to the side of the premises to be used as an external terrace.  
**Northumberland County Council GRANTED permission.**

**[21/03342/FUL 35 Park Lane Prudhoe Northumberland NE42 5LN](#)**

Proposed single storey rear extension.

**Northumberland County Council GRANTED permission.**

**[21/04249/FUL Land East Of Tulip Street Tulip Street Prudhoe Northumberland](#)**

Construction of 4no. split level houses in two blocks of semi-detached with 5 additional off street carparks constructed on sloping former allotments/waste ground (As amended).

**This application has now been withdrawn at the Applicants request.**

**[22/02282/FUL Durham Riding Cottage Durham Riding Prudhoe Northumberland NE42 5NX](#)**

Change of use from a private riding arena for individual training to a business use for individual training, riding and boarding of animals (retrospective).

**Insufficient information to make a decision and is therefore invalid. Application removed from the public website until it is valid.**

**PCW2223/067 Road End (South Road) Toilets - Cleaning Contract**

***a) Current Cleaning Contractor***

**It was AGREED** to receive notice that the Council's current cleaning contractor has given notice.

***b) New Contract***

**It was AGREED** to invite tenders for the opening, closing, and cleaning of the 'Road Ends' Public Toilets in Prudhoe, without the additional mid-day clean which was introduced during COVID-19 precautions.

**PCW2223/068 Benches**

**It was AGREED** that Cllr Johnson and the Clerk will further investigate land ownership regarding locating a rustic bench (local supplier) on the old pit road between Broomhouse Road and Tyneview Retail Park, and one at Edgewell.

**PCW2223/069 Waterworld Play Area**

**It was AGREED** after careful consideration that Prudhoe Town Council will not be progressing the asset transfer of Waterworld Play Area. The Clerk will contact Neil Dawson, Countryside and Green Spaces Manager, NCC, to inform him of this decision.

**PCW2223/070 Silent Soldiers**

**It was AGREED** to purchase a new soldier to replace the damaged one, and a further two soldiers for Edgewell Cemeteries.

**PCW2223/071 Neighbourhood Plan**

**It was AGREED** the Clerk will ascertain Councillors availability after 30 September 2022, to arrange a working group meeting for Neighbourhood Plan for Prudhoe.

**PCW2223/072 Bin at Aldi**

**It was AGREED** the Clerk will contact David Hunt regarding current bin capacity and Cllr Scott will contact McDonalds to see if they are able to supply a bin rather than Prudhoe Town Council.

**PCW2223/073 Trees at Highfield Park**

**It was AGREED** to seek quotes regarding cutting back of the overhanging trees at Edgewell Grange.

**PCW2223/74 Highfield Park**

**It was AGREED** the Clerk and Chair will decide replacement of the goal posts once quotes sought.

**PCW2223/075 Highfield Skatepark**

**It was AGREED** following a site meeting on Wednesday 3 August 2022, with Todd Smith from Canvas, the first payment will be made upon verification of progress to date.

**PCW2223/076 Christmas Plus**

**It was AGREED** to receive the 2022 anchor point/load testing, health, and safety report from Christmas Plus. **It was also AGREED** that the Clerk will contact shop owners/property owners regarding any anchor points that need repairing.

**PCW2223/077 Miners Race**

**It was AGREED** to pay traffic management fee of £4,800 for the 2022 Miners Race and sponsorship matching that received from Essity for £1000.

**PCW2223/078 Correspondence**

**It was AGREED** to receive the following:

- a) Concern re potential damage caused by tree roots at Edgewell New Cemetery – **It was AGREED** this will be reviewed by the Cemetery Committee.
- b) Prudhoe Town Show, Russ Greig Miners Lamp consider organising/hosting 2023 event – **It was AGREED** to invite Russ Greig to discuss at a future meeting.
- c) Lych Gate Bench – request from Daniel Freyhan to consider protecting the wood on the top surface of benches. **It was AGREED** quotes to be sought for work to be conducted.

**Meeting ended at 8.30pm.**