

**AGREED Minutes of the Planning Contract and Works Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019 in  
Committee Room 1 of The Spetchells Centre at 7pm**

**PRESENT**

Cllr Jennifer McGee (Chair), Cllr Brenda Grey, Cllr Gerry Price, Cllr Andy Gill, Cllr Bryan Futers, Cllr Martin Foster

**PCW1920/035 Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs Angie Scott, Tracy Gilmore, Chris Barrett, Chris Cuthbert, Ignasious Varghase, Glenn Simpson Duncan Couchman and Carol Stephenson

**PCW1920/036 Declarations of Interest**

None received.

**PCW 1920/037 Draft Minutes of The Planning Contracts and Works Committee held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

**It was AGREED** that the previously circulated draft minutes of the Planning Contracts and Works Committee be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Bryan Futers

Seconded by Cllr McGee

**PCW 1920/038 Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting Held on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019**

**IT was AGREED** that the previously circulated draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting be received and presented to the next Ordinary meeting for approval.

**PCW1920/039 Clerks Report**

The Clerk gave a verbal report to Members providing updates on the works to paint the bus shelters, undertaken by young people and the artist. The Clerk advised that she had received some positive feedback from the funding of the 42 Days of Summer and that this would be fully collated and reported to Members in detail at a future meeting. Members were asked to note that an application had been made to Northumberland County Council to have part of Mickley green space formally registered as village green, (the area near to Riding Dene Terrace, where they hold the village barbeque).

**It was AGREED to receive and note the Clerks verbal update.**

**PCW1920/040 Planning Matters**

**a) Applications received**

**Application No 19/02288/FUL** – Cara Cottage, Halyards Farm, West Mickley  
Members **RESOLVED to SUPPORT** this application.

**Application No 19/02277/ADE** - Advertisement for V-angle marketing board for the permitted retail development – land south of Regents Way, Princess Way

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**Members RESOLVED to SUPPORT this application** – in doing so Members felt that conversations may need to be had about the siting of the Miners Tub which is very close in proximity to the advertising that is planned.

**Application No 19/02232/FUL** – Proposed removal of old wooded garage to build brick-built block garage 14 Homedale, Prudhoe **Members RESOLVED to SUPPORT** this application.

**Application No 19/02170/FUL** - Double Storey extension above garage /utility and at rear creating a sun room and bedroom above.

**Members RESOLVED to SUPPORT** this application.

**Application no 19/02225/FUL**- Erection of single storey extension to rear of garage and single storey extension to front tying into existing front elevation and adding square bay window – **Members RESOLVED to SUPPORT** this application.

#### **b) Decisions Made**

Members noted that the following decisions were made by Northumberland County Council

19/01216/COU, 8B Marquis Court – **WITHDRAWN**

19/01361/VARYCO, 11 Homedale - **APPROVED**

19/01610/FUL, Holmlea, Highfield Lane – **APPROVED**

19/01045/OUT, Land at junction of Western Avenue **REFUSED**

#### **PC1920/41 Prudhoe Town Football Club**

Members gave consideration to the previously circulated letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019 from Steve Pringle on behalf of Prudhoe Town F.C.

**It was RESOLVED** that the Council would grant their consent to the use of the facilities by Newcastle University Teams next season but the Council felt that this consent should, and would, only be given on a season by season basis and that the arrangement could not, and should not, be permanent at this stage.

#### **PC1920/42 Town Council Play Areas**

**Members considered the previously circulated RoSPA Inspection Reports for the following play areas at:-**

West Mickley

The Copse

Orchard Hill

Highfield Park

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**Castledene Play Area**

**It was AGREED** to receive the Clerk's recommendations in relation to the recommended schedule of works according to the provisions of the Council's Financial Regulations.

**It was further AGREED** in relation to the Orchard Close Play Area, that a notice be placed on site, advising the public that the Town Council were considering removing the play equipment and utilising the land purely as open amenity space, and that a similar notice and consultation exercise be undertaken with all properties in the immediate vicinity of the Play Area.

**PC1920/43 Prudhoe Gardeners Association**

**It was AGREED** that this item be deferred until a further meeting as further comments on the documentation had been received from PGA that day.

**PC1920/44 Environment Agency – Flood Mapping**

**It was AGREED** to convene a meeting with Flood Officers to answer technical questions on the afternoon of Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

**PC 1920/45 Bus Shelter Seating**

Members gave consideration to the previously circulated report of the Clerk in relation to this matter, following consideration of the options available to. **It was AGREED** to purchase two of the hot dipped and galvanised seats in black to match the adjacent litter bins, at a cost of £481 each for the Cottier Grange and Water World Bus Shelters.

**PC 1920/46 Public Seats**

Members gave consideration to the resident request to install a public seat adjacent to the bus shelter at Priest Close Cottages, travelling West to support the elderly and less mobile residents given the stepped ascent to the bus stop from the West Wylam Estate.

**It was AGREED** to place an order for a KC Anti-Vandal 1500mm seat at a cost of £645, subject to further investigation of any funding for the project from Northumberland County Council.

**PC 1920/47 Tyne Rivers Trust**

Members gave consideration to the previously circulated correspondence from the Tyne Rivers Trust seeking support and funding to target invasive species.

**IT was AGREED**

- a) To offer support to the Tyne Rivers Trust application to the Northumbrian Water "Branch Out Fund".

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- b) To agree to make a grant of £500 per year for the next three years under s137 of The Local Government Act 1972 to contribute to the work of the Tyne Rivers Trust on treating noxious species.

**URGENT ITEM OF BUSINESS NOT DETAILED ON THE PREVIOUSLY  
CIRCULATED AGENDA**

**PC1920/48 Milton Grove rear Garden Flooding**

In order to expedite Council Business, the Chair exercised her statutory discretion to consider an item that was not on the previously circulated Agenda.

The Clerk updated the meeting about concerns that had been raised with her by a couple of residents of Milton Grove with regard to flooding of their rear gardens and driveways as a result of recent heavy rainfall. The Clerk confirmed that she had visited the affected properties and taken photographs as well as informing the residents of previous works that had been undertaken to help alleviate the problem.

Following due consideration of this matter and the history to the issue **IT was AGREED** that the Council's insurers should be made aware of the situation.