

## PRUDHOE TOWN COUNCIL

**DRAFT Minutes of the PLANNING, CONTRACT AND WORKS COMMITTEE, held at The Spetchells Centre, Front Street, at 7:00pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**PRESENT**

Cllr Duncan Couchman, Cllr Glenn Simpson, Cllr Bryan Futers, Cllr Gerry Price, Cllr Dot Dickinson, Cllr Tracy Gilmore, Cllr Carol Stephenson, Cllr Chris Cuthbert

Sarah Eden (Clerk)

**PCW2122/020 Welcome by the Chair**

Cllr Duncan Couchman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**PCW2122/021 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Jonathan Wheeler, Cllr Jane Johnson, Cllr Kiran Bell, Cllr Robert Blackburn, Cllr Angie Scott, Cllr Ignasious Varghese, Cllr Chris Barrett

**PCW2122/022 Declarations of Interest**

None

**PCW2122/023 Dispensations**

None

**PCW2122/024 Draft Minutes of the Planning, Contract and Works Committee, held on 11th August 2021**

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

Proposed: Cllr Glenn Simpson    Seconded: Cllr Carol Stephenson

**PCW2122/025 Public Participation**

The Clerk advised that no questions had been brought by members of the public.

**PCW2122/026 Planning Matters*****a) Planning Applications by Delegated Decision Making***

To receive those planning applications, received since 4<sup>th</sup> August, that have been agreed by delegated decision making, with responses already sent to NCC (*click on each link to open the application on the NCC Planning Portal*):

**[21/03063/LBC](#) Prudhoe House South Road Prudhoe NE42 5JS**

Listed Building Consent for repairs to existing windows and complete redecoration of all windows and main entrance door.

It was **AGREED** by delegated decision making to **SUPPORT** the application.

**[21/03046/FUL](#) 8 Broomhouse Farm Court Castlefields Prudhoe NE42 5FS**

Erection of single storey extension to rear.

It was **AGREED** by delegated decision making to **SUPPORT** the application.

***b) Planning Applications requiring a response***

To receive and agree a response to the following Planning Application, received since 4<sup>th</sup> August 2021 (*click on the link to open the application on the NCC Planning Portal*):

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**21/03283/FUL 2 The Cottages Road Through High Mickley High Mickley Stocksfield**

Rear steps to door, garage conversion and front porch.

It was **AGREED** to **SUPPORT** the application.

**c) Northumberland County Council (NCC) Planning Decisions**

It was **AGREED** to agree to receive the NCC Planning Decisions, received since 4<sup>th</sup> August 2021, (click on each link to open the application decision on the NCC Planning Portal):

**21/02567/FUL 35 Castle Road Prudhoe Northumberland NE42 6ND**

Northumberland County Council approved the application.

**PCW2122/027 Waterworld Play Area**

It was **AGREED** to receive Clerk's Report and endorse the actions taken.

Members discussed recent repairs and the length of time taken to address these, as well as the importance of an inspection prior to handover.

**PCW2122/028 Highfield Park Working Group**

It was **AGREED** that Cllrs Tracy Gilmore, Gerry Price, Cllr Carol Stephenson, and Cllr Dorothy Dickinson would convene as a group to take a holistic look at developments for Highfield Park, with a view to enhancing the appeal and improving parking.

It was **AGREED** that all members should be invited to a site meeting at the earliest opportunity, and that the invite should be extended to all Cllrs in view that there are a number absent from the meeting.

**PCW2122/029 Road Ends (South Road) Toilets – Cleaning Contract**

**a) Current Cleaning Contractor**

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

**b) New Contract**

It was **AGREED** to agree to invite tenders for the opening, closing, and cleaning of the 'Road Ends' Public Toilets in Prudhoe, with the additional mid-day clean which was introduced during COVID-19 precautions, priced separately.

**c) Interim Cleaning**

It was **AGREED** to endorse the decision that interim cleaning continues until a new contractor is secured, in order that the toilets remain open to the public.

**PCW2122/030 Prudhoe Gardeners' Association (PGA)**

**a) Report of Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

It was **AGREED** to receive the report.

**b) Allotment Rents from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022**

It was **AGREED** to receive the Clerk's note regarding suggested increase in allotment rent.

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**It was AGREED** to approve an increase of £2.50 to £50 for a full plot and £1.25 to £25 for a half plot (senior citizen reductions still apply), this would take effect in January 2022.

**It was also AGREED** to endorse the recommendation of the Prudhoe Gardeners Association that small plots at Redwell should be equalised at £15/year.

**PCW2122/031 Exclusion of the Press and Public**

The Chair advised that the following item 'Tree Work', placed in private session, should be deferred.

The Clerk has previously advised that tenders for the work had not been received but that one contractor had responded to advise that they were interested but it would take longer to prepare a quotation and advice was being sought about the requirement to burn ash (with ash dieback) on site.

The Clerk advised that many businesses and individuals are finding it difficult to secure contractors for work, as trades are very busy in the catch-up following COVID.

**It was AGREED** to defer until the October Planning, Contract and Works Committee.