

PRUDHOE TOWN COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the PLANNING, CONTRACT AND WORKS COMMITTEE, held at The Spetchells Centre, Front Street, at 6:30pm on Thursday 17th March 2022

PRESENT

Cllr Duncan Couchman (Chair), Cllr Chris Barrett, Cllr Kiran Bell, Cllr Tracy Gilmore, Cllr Gerry Price, Cllr Angie Scott (and County Cllr Prudhoe North), Cllr Glenn Simpson, Cllr Carol Stephenson.

Stephanie Kirby (Locum Clerk)

PCW2122/068 Welcome by Chair

Cllr Duncan Couchman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PCW2122/069 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Bryan Futers, Cllr Chris Cuthbert, Cllr Dot Dickinson, Cllr Johnathan Wheeler, Cllr Robert Blackburn, and Cllr Ignasious Varghese.

PCW2122/070 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.

PCW2122/071 Dispensations

None received.

PCW2122/072 Draft Minutes of the Planning, Contract and Works Committee held on 10th February 2022.

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

PCW2122/073 Public Participation

No items of public participation had been received.

PCW2122/074 Planning Matters

a) *Planning Applications requiring a response*

It was **AGREED** to receive and respond to the following Planning Applications, received since 10th February 2022 (*click on the link to open the application on the NCC Planning Portal*):

[21/02926/VARYCO Former Prudhoe Hospital Prudhoe Hospital Drive Prudhoe Northumberland NE42 5NT](#)

Variation of condition 1 on approved application 20/00571/VARYCO in order to Move Plot Numbers 208 - 222 (15No. Market Sale units) from the Western location on the Masterplan to the Central location occupied by plot numbers 363- 393 and alter the house type mix and move Plot Numbers 363-393 (31No. Affordable units) from the Central location on the Masterplan to the Western location occupied by plot numbers 208-222.

It was **AGREED to OBJECT** to the application on the grounds that the preference would be for a mix of housing as detailed in the original application rather than a separate area of affordable housing.

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[22/00555/FUL 8 Field Close Cottier Grange Prudhoe Northumberland NE42 5EZ](#)

Proposed Single Storey Porch to Front of existing dwelling.

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

[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.

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

[22/00497/DISCON Former Prudhoe Hospital Prudhoe Hospital Drive Prudhoe Northumberland NE42 5NT.](#)

Discharge of conditions partial 24c (Method Statement) and 24d (Two full copies of a full closure report) on approved application 20/00571/VARYCO.

It was **AGREED** to respond with no comments.

[22/00361/DISCON 1 The Haven Prudhoe Northumberland NE42 5DG](#)

Discharge of Conditions 6 - Construction Method Statement and Demo Plan, Condition 16 - Method Statement for Controlling Dust, Condition 18(a-c) Phase II SI, Method Statement and Remediation Strategy and Condition 20 - Ground Gas Assessment, Ground Gas Validation and Verification Report on approved planning application 19/04006/FUL.

It was **AGREED** to respond with no comments.

It was **AGREED** to consider the following planning applications, received on 17th March 2022:

[22/00840/FUL 33 Stanley Crescent West Wylam Northumberland NE42 5EN](#)

Proposed porch to south elevation.

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

[22/00775/FUL 44 Holly Grove Prudhoe Northumberland NE42 6PS](#)

Side and rear 2 storey extension and front porch.

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

b) Northumberland County Council (NCC) Planning Decisions

It was **AGREED** to receive the NCC Planning Decisions, received since 10th February 2022 (click on each link to open the application decision on the NCC Planning Portal):

[21/04443/FUL 2 Park Lane Prudhoe NE42 5LN](#)

Construction of a single storey side and rear extension and a two storey rear extension.

Northumberland County Council **GRANTED** permission.

[21/04726/FUL 4 Ovington View Bewick Grange Prudhoe NE42 6RG](#)

Demolition of a single storey rear conservatory and proposed single storey rear extension and first floor side extension above existing garage.

Northumberland County Council **GRANTED** permission.

[21/04330/FUL 31 Paddock Wood Prudhoe Northumberland NE42 5BJ](#)

Proposed single storey rear extension

Northumberland County Council **GRANTED** permission.

PCW2122/075 Highfield Park Improvements

A discussion took place around temporary toilets at Highfield Park and it was noted that Cllr Gilmore is waiting for quotes for a disabled toilet, including servicing.

PCW2122/076 Hanging Baskets

A discussion took place around potential locations for hanging baskets and **it was AGREED** that Councillor Couchman would send an email to all Councillors requesting that they speak to businesses in their area about the proposals, to gather and report back to a future meeting. **It was also AGREED** that Cllr Gilmore would contact the Traders Association.

PCW2122/077 Front Street Bunting

It was noted that Councillors Barrett, Johnson and Gilmore are attending a Jubilee sub-committee meeting including PCP and PYP next week and **it was AGREED** to discuss ideas at the meeting and report back to the next PCW Committee meeting.

PCW2122/078 Bus Shelters

a) Repairs to Shelters

It was noted that the repairs to the West Wylam and West Road (Beaumont Terrace) bus shelters have been agreed, and the parts have been ordered from Externiture Ltd.

b) East of East Wood Road Shelter

It was noted that the repairs to the shelter have been agreed, and the parts have been ordered.

c) Facias on Stone Shelters

Cllr Price advised that the facias are structurally sound and that any work to them would be to improve their appearance cosmetically.

It was noted that the stone shelter at Stoney Flat Bank has not been decorated by the graffiti artist and **it was AGREED** to contact the graffiti artist and PYP to discuss the possibility of doing one shelter in Prudhoe.

It was also noted that there is no timetable and sign at the bus shelter at the end of Castle Road. Cllr Couchman advised that he would check this with NCC.

d) Stoney Flat Shelter

It was AGREED to contact Karbon Homes for an update on the legal transfer of ground and to request a bus shelter brochure from Externiture Ltd to start considering the preferred type of bus shelter for installation.

PCW2122/079 Allotment Water Standpipes

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The Locum Clerk advised that the latest update is that the plumber will be on site on Thursday 24th March at the Community Allotment to install standpipes. It was noted that the Community Allotment have been informed.

PCW2122/080 Environment and Climate Change Group

Cllr Duncan Couchman gave a verbal report on behalf of the Environment and Climate Change Group advising that they had been discussing a range of topics including:

- Checking recycling bins are emptied at Low Prudhoe
- Checking bus shelters
- Keeping toilets open
- Trees – looking into the possibility of a tree survey and a system to identify tree ownership
- Water bottle filling – setting up a water refill scheme in Prudhoe to save on single use plastic
- Improving access to shops on foot
- Addressing fencing issues
- Recycling – noted that NCC do not collect glass
- Wildflower planting
- EV charging points and encouraging the installation of these
- Local transport – keeping in touch with suppliers of public transport locally
- Prudhoe Space for Nature
- Green Flag awards
- Clearing up litter

After expressing an interest, **it was AGREED** that Cllr Stephenson would join the Committee.

PCW2122/081 Toilet Block, Old Edgewell Cemetery

A discussion took place around the status of the toilet block demolition at Edgewell Cemetery and **it was AGREED** that Cllr Couchman would speak to NCC cemetery staff about this.

PCW2122/082 Office Door Security

It was AGREED that Cllr Barrett would look into the current office door, but to wait until the new staff were in place at PTC to see whether they wished to have the door changed.

PCW2122/083 Miners Race

A request for funding for the Prudhoe Miners Race 2022 from Prudhoe Plodders was considered. **It was AGREED** to match the funding offered by Essity of £1000.00.

PCW2122/084 Memorial Bench Highfield Park

It was noted that the resident requesting a bench has asked that this be deferred until the next PCW Committee meeting.

PCW2122/085 Prudhoe Town Council Office Lease

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Cllr Barrett advised that he had spoken to PCP about the lease renewal and the potential to include room hire costs free of charge, which was declined. **It was AGREED** to renew the office lease for five years, with a three-year break clause and that the Chairman (Cllr Futers), Acting Proper Officer (Cllr Price) and Acting Financial Officer (Cllr Barrett) would sign the lease.

PCW2122/086 Correspondence

To receive, and to agree any matters to be added to future agenda:

- a) NCC Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans Consultation – email from NCC regarding their consultation.

It was AGREED to receive the email regarding the consultation and Councillors were encouraged to respond to the consultation individually. Cllr Scott advised that she would send a presentation on the consultation and proposals to the Locum Clerk for circulation to all Councillors.

The meeting ended at 7:55pm.