

Report of the Planning, Contract and Works Committee Meeting, held on Wednesday 11th October 2017 at 7.00pm in The Spetchells Centre, Prudhoe

Present: Councillors Jennifer McGee (Chair), Eileen Burt, Chris Cuthbert, Andy Gill, Russell Grieg, George McCreedy, Gerry Price, Yvonne Ritchie, Glenn Simpson. Monica Anderton – Independent Minute taker.

The meeting opened at 7.00pm and there was one member of the public present

OPEN SESSION

1718/PO45 Apologies for absence: Councillors noted the following apologies: Cllrs Graham Robinson, Ignasious Varghese, Carol Stephenson and Duncan Couchman

1718/PO46 Declarations of Interest: None

1718/PO47 Report of the Planning, Contract and works Committee Meeting held on 13th September 2017: The report was received by all Councillors, subject to the following amendment as a Matter Arising: It was noted that the Planning Application for the former Miners Welfare Site was in Mickley Ward and not Stocksfield and Broomley as listed.

1718/PO48 Planning Applications received since the last meeting which the Councillors considered;

Prudhoe West Ward :1 Larriston, Prudhoe, NE42 6LH

17/03182/FUL

Construction of rear single-storey kitchen and dining room extension and boundary fence

Applicant – Miss Susan Pickard

Councillors moved to accept the proposal – **SUPPORTED**

West Wylam Ward, Eastwood Farm, Eastwood Villas, Prudhoe NE42 5NQ

17/03292/VARYCO

Variation of condition 1 (permission for three years only) pursuant to planning permission 14/03246/FUL in order to remove or extend time limit.

Applicant – Mr John Kenneth Pringle

Councillors moved to support the application with the qualification that a new time limit is set – **SUPPORTED**

Prudhoe West & Halfway Ward , 25 Broomwood Court, Bewick Grange NE42 6RB

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Demolish existing rear conservatory and construct single story rear extension. Replace timber boundary fence.

Applicant – Mr Richard Mitchison

Councillors moved to accept the application – **SUPPORTED**

Prudhoe Hall Ward, Former Prudhoe Hospital, Prudhoe Hospital Drive, NE42 5NT

17/03245/VARYCO

Variation of condition 2 (Plans) of application 14/04160/FUL – for variety of house types substitutions and plot handling changes, minor changes to hard & soft landscaping.

Applicant – Messrs David Thomas & Alan Sears

Councillors move to accept the application – **SUPPORTED**

Prudhoe West & Halfway Ward, St Thomas More Partnership of Schools, St Matthew's Catholic Primary School, Highfield Lane. Prudhoe, NE42 6EY

17/03318/FUL

New single storey classroom

Applicant – Mr Jason Brand

Councillors moved to accept the application – **SUPPORTED**

Mickley Ward, Hallyards Farm, Stonybank Way, West Mickley, NE43 7LR

17/02915/FUL

Single storey rear extension and porch

Applicant – Mr & Mrs Baker

Councillors moved to accept the application – **SUPPORTED**

40, Park Lane, Prudhoe, NE42 5LW

17/03453/FUL

1st floor side extension & single storey rear extension

Applicant – Mr & Mrs O'Connor

Councillors moved to accept the application – **SUPPORTED**

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Councillors received information and noted the following applications which had been granted/refused since the last meeting:

17/02746/FUL – Granted

17/02722/FUL – Refused

The following applications are still outstanding:

17/02946/FUL

17/02966/ADE

17/03053/FUL

All planning applications can be viewed on the Northumberland County Council website:

<https://publicaccess.northumberland.gov.uk/online-applications//search.do?action=simple>

1718/PO49 Town Council Seats and Litter Bins: Cllr Greig offered to go round all the bins and seats sites to check on them and photograph them to ascertain their status. If they were not being used, they would be referred back to the full Town Council to consider removal. The Acting Clerk would accompany him. **(RG/SE)**

1718/PO50 Damaged Litter Bin – Drawback: It was agreed to endorse the proposal as laid out in the Committee's papers: that a double capacity litter bin would replace the damaged one but sited outside Prudhoe Community School and a single bin would be placed at Drawback.

1718/PO51 Road End Toilets: Considerable damage had been done to both the male and female sides of the toilets. No responsible persons had been identified as yet. The County Council had paid the costs of the repairs as the proposed asset transfer had not yet taken place. There was discussion on what could be done to publicise the matter and the problem of maintaining the toilets if repairs were continuously needed. Cllr Price suggested tracking the costs in detail; It was agreed that information about the damage – and the allied costs be placed on Facebook, by Twitter, onto the website and possibly as a piece in the Hexham Courant as well. **(SE)** All damages must continue to be reported to the Police with times of incidents. If the Town Council does not take over the toilets because of continuing excessive repair bills, the toilets will have to close and this should be emphasised.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

At this point the Committee were asked to approve a motion, *that in the view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the press and the public be excluded for the consideration of the following 2 items in accordance with Section 68 of the Council's Standing Orders.*