

**PRUDHOE TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Planning, Contract and Works Meeting held in The Spetchells Centre, Front Street, Prudhoe at 7:00pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

**PRESENT** Cllr G Simpson (Chair), Cllr Mrs E Burt, Cllr B Futers, Cllr A Gill, Cllr G Price, Cllr Mrs C Cuthbert, Cllr G McCreedy, Cllr Ms J Rose, Cllr A Piper  
In attendance: R Whinney (Clerk)

**1415/1072 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Cllr Mrs J McGee, Cllr Mrs N McGee

**1415/1073 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations of interest were made:

Cllr G McCreedy – planning application ref. 15/00437/FUL – personal interest (close family friend)

Cllr Mrs C Cuthbert - planning application ref. 15/00491/FUL – personal interest in outcome

Cllr B Futers - planning application ref. 15/00532/FUL – personal interest

The councillors named remained in the room but took no part in the discussion or decision concerning the individual application in which they had declared an interest.

**1415/1074 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING CONTRACT & WORKS COMMITTEE HELD ON 11 FEBRUARY 2015**

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

Proposed: Cllr Mrs E Burt                      Seconded: Cllr B Futers

**1415/1075 MATTERS ARISING.**

1415/1068 Matters Arising - Appearance of Front Street – Cllr G McCreedy reported that, in respect of the Cash for Clothes premises, he had received information to the effect that the landlord had received insurance monies for the broken shop window, and that a repair was expected in the next four weeks.

1415/ 1069 Planning Matters – planning application ref. 13/03076/OUT – Cllr Mrs E Burt reported that the residential part of the Front Street opportunity site was now for sale with outline planning permission, as evidenced by the sign located at the entrance to Castlefields Drive.

1415/1070 Northumberland County Council: Review of the Planning Service – the Clerk reported that the Council's response to the consultation had been despatched to NCC within the time frame for responses to be received.

**1415/1076 PLANNING MATTERS**

**1. Planning applications considered**

**General – Castlefields & Low Prudhoe Ward**

**Ref. 15/00375/OUT**

Proposal: Outline – Proposed residential development of former Pointing's Yard Site with all matters reserved

Location: Land at Former Pointing's Site, Castle Lea, Prudhoe, Northumberland

Applicant: Mr JB Morse and Investacc Limited (Trustees of the Minerva SIPP), Minerva House, Port Road Business Park, Carlisle, Cumbria CA2 7AF

Response deadline: 10 March 2015

The Council noted the conclusions of the Northumberland Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) 2014 – Draft Site Assessments in respect of Prudhoe Parish, and **it was agreed to**

**OBJECT on the following grounds:** (1) Land use - the site is allocated for retention as employment land (2) Location – the industrial estate location renders the site unsuitable for housing (3) Highway safety – there is a lack of safe access to highways. The proposed access is on a narrow lane through the

existing Castle Lea housing estate (4) Sewerage works, rail and industrial works are in close proximity to the site.

**Castle & Eltringham Ward**

**Ref. 15/00383/FUL**

Proposal: Removal of a sun room and construction of new kitchen extension and utility room

Location: 70 Castle Road, Prudhoe, Northumberland NE42 6HE

Applicant: Mr David Watson (address as above)

Response deadline: 10 March 2015

**SUPPORT**

**Castle & Eltringham Ward**

**Ref. 15/00431/FUL**

Proposal: First storey extension over existing garage

Location: 19 Cherry Grove, Prudhoe, Northumberland NE42 6PT

Applicant: Mr John Buchan (address as above)

Response deadline: 10 March 2015

**SUPPORT**

**Prudhoe West & Halfway Ward**

**Planning Ref. 15/00437/FUL**

Proposal: Proposed single storey rear extension and pitched roof over existing garage to facilitate sun room, wc and utility

Location: 56 Western Avenue, Prudhoe, Northumberland NE42 6PA

Applicant: Mrs Maureen Herdman (address as above)

Response deadline: 13 March 2015

**SUPPORT**

**Mickley Ward**

**Ref. 15/00491/FUL**

Proposal: Proposed single dwelling infill development on land between Broomhill, existing house, and neighbouring property

Location: Broomhill, road through High Mickley, High Mickley, Stocksfield, Northumberland NE43 7LU

Applicant: Mr John Campbell (address as above)

Response deadline: 16 March 2015

**SUPPORT**

**Prudhoe Hall Ward**

**Ref. 15/00532/FUL**

Proposal: Proposed 2 storey front extension with modified site entrance to improve access

Location: 3 St Thomas Close, Prudhoe, Northumberland NE42 5LU

Applicant: Mr John Telford (address as above)

Response deadline: 18 March 2015

**SUPPORT**

**2. Decisions of the Planning Authority in respect of planning applications**

**General – Castlefields & Low Prudhoe Ward**

**Planning Ref. 14/04205/FUL**

Proposal: Conversion of 2 aggregate bays to 2 lock ups

Location: Shed 7, off Princess Way, Prudhoe, Northumberland NE42 6NP

Applicant: Mr Shaun Holliday, 1 Beaumont Cottages, West Road, Prudhoe, Northumberland NE42 6RE

Response deadline: 27 January 2015

## **Northumberland County Council decided to GRANT permission**

[The Council had responded SUPPORTING the application]

### **Prudhoe West & Halfway Ward**

#### **Ref. 14/04049/FUL**

Proposal: Conversion of semi-detached house into two 2-bedroomed properties

Location: 28 West Road, Prudhoe, Northumberland NE42 6HP

Applicant: Mr Stephen Jefferson, 8 Paddock Wood, Prudhoe, Northumberland NE42 5BJ

Response deadline: 12 February 2015

## **Northumberland County Council decided to GRANT permission**

[The Council had responded making NO OBJECTION to the application, having received additional information to the effect that number of available car parking spaces was being reduced from 2 to zero. The agreed response matched that made in September 2014 concerning the application made in respect of 27 West Road (the other half of the structure). Therefore it had also been agreed to raise concerns at the lack of parking provision for the development.]

It was agreed to receive the notifications.

### **1415/1077 EDGEWELL CEMETERIES**

The report of the Cemetery & Memorial Sub-Committee's March meeting was received.

In response to Cllr Mrs E Burt, Cllr A Gill stated that, following the report, nothing further had happened regarding the hedge pruning in the south-west corner of the Old Cemetery. He drew attention to some of the matters raised in the report, adding that in his view the resident who had expressed strong dissatisfaction had little view of the hedge from within their residence. Cllr Gill added that while the hedge looked sparse at present, it could be expected to re-grow. Cllr Mrs Burt suggested that consideration might need to be given to re-planting, but Cllr Gill noted that as this was not the Council's own hedge, NCC would need to be requested to deal with this. Cllr Gill stated that grave owners in this sector of the cemetery had requested that the hedge be pruned. He added that the beneficial effects of hedge pruning elsewhere in the cemetery were clear to see, most notably at the northern boundary, where Isos Housing were pruning their side of the cypress hedge. The Clerk noted that NCC would be further pruning the trunks of the holly trees at the south-west corner to stimulate sideways growth in the hedge.

Cllr Gill drew the attention of the meeting to the satisfactory outcome of the discussions with NCC regarding grave-digging in relation to spoil storage and to safety in relation to dug graves. He also noted that replacement hedging had been planted in the New Cemetery, while the works to create the new floral feature in the New Cemetery were expected to be carried out in the course of the month.

### **1415/1078 TOWN EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE**

The report of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 24 February was presented.

Cllr G McCreedy noted that the Sub-Committee had agreed that the switch-on of the Christmas Lights was a great success in its current format, and that it would continue to take place on the last Friday evening in November. Meanwhile, Thompson's of Prudhoe had agreed to sponsor the Demolition Zone attraction at the 2015 Highfield Fest, and this support was most gratefully acknowledged.

**It was AGREED** to receive the report and endorse the actions agreed by the Sub-Committee.

Proposed: Cllr G Simpson

Seconded: Cllr Mrs E Burt

In response to Cllr Mrs Burt, the Clerk indicated that Prudhoe Cricket Club had responded to an enquiry, indicating that they were not especially concerned at the prospect of a funfair taking place at Eastwoods Park, provided that their use of the ground was not restricted or interfered with. Cllr A Piper stated that there could be concern at damage to the ground caused by heavy vehicles, but it was noted that the fair operator would be expected to make good any damage of this nature. Cllr G Simpson noted that the spirit of

the comments made was in favour of informal, individual responses being made to the enquiry raised by NCC regarding the possible holding of a funfair at the Park.

### **1415/1079 LITTER BINS**

The report prepared by the Town Council Administrator was received, and the Clerk drew the attention of the meeting to the distinction drawn between reports of bagged dog waste, where a bin of some kind might answer a need, and those instances where dog faeces were not bagged, where the issue of enforcement was considered to be relevant.

It was agreed to investigate the following:

Paddock Wood – cut-through to Woodside – bagged dog waste left by dog walkers: a bin might be suitable, and the possibility of installing one should be explored with NCC. The nearest bin to this location was on Redwell Road, which might be relevant to NCC's preparedness to add a collection from a location in this area.

Hallyards Farm – to check the regularity of use of this bin - the report stated that a bin at "High Mickley" was "regularly used" but it was unsure if this was the same bin.

Moor Road – to verify the location of the post-mounted bin referred to in the report.

**It was AGREED** to receive the report, and to act as follows:

1. To agree as a priority to the installation of a bin at the grass triangle outside Prudhoe West First School. Uncollected dog waste was the serious, principal concern in this location.
2. To agree to further investigate with a named local resident the possible installation of a bin at Old Eltringham. A number of possible locations had been suggested: dog fouling and litter were both reported in this area.
3. The litter bin removed from the location near Prudhoe Castle because of vandalism should be re-sited in place of the unsuitable but well-used bin at Orchard Hill. This was without prejudice to the possible replacement of the bin near the castle in the future.
4. To remove the unused dog waste bin at Adderlane Road. The reported dog-fouling problems in West Wylam related to dog faeces, and it was considered that the answer was for offenders to be caught in the act. The removed bin could be re-sited elsewhere.
5. Noting that the Council's budget for 2015-16 included an allocation to permit the purchase of four standard bins of the design already purchased, and that such a purchase would attract free delivery, that the Clerk would liaise with the Chairman of the Council as and when it was thought fit to place an order.

Proposed: Cllr G Simpson

Seconded: Cllr Mrs E Burt

**END OF MEETING**