

PRUDHOE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning, Contract and Works Meeting held in The Spetchells Centre, Front Street, Prudhoe at 7:00pm on Wednesday 13 January 2016

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

1516/1066 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr K Graham, Cllr Mrs J McGee, Cllr G McCreedy

1516/1067 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mrs C Cuthbert made a declaration of personal interest in planning application 15/04165/OUT and did not participate in the discussion or decision in respect of this application.

1516/1068 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING CONTRACT & WORKS COMMITTEE HELD ON 11 NOVEMBER 2015

1616/1063 Former Prudhoe Hospital: Street Naming: Cllr G Simpson said he had left the meeting by the time the resolution to respond to the developer was agreed, thus he was incorrectly named as seconder for the motion. It was agreed that the record be amended to show that Cllr B Futers was recorded as the seconder. With this amendment, **it was AGREED** to receive the minutes as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr G Simpson Seconded: Cllr A Gill

1516/1069 MATTERS ARISING.

1516/1059 Northumberland Local Plan: Core Strategy Pre-Submission Draft – Statutory Consultation: Cllr B Futers stated that he had wanted to emphasise the point that only one entrance had been required for the development at the former Prudhoe Hospital site, where well in excess of 250 homes were to be built. Commenting, Cllr Mrs E Burt agreed with Cllr Futers' concern, but pointed out that the approval for this development pre-dated the (as yet unadopted) Northumberland Local Plan. Responding, Cllr Futers accepted the point made by Cllr Mrs Burt. He suggested that there was an old entrance on Moor Road, which could well be used in the event that a second entrance was required.

1516/1053 War Memorial / Lychgate: the Clerk reported that the draft application for the Faculty, to be made to the Diocesan Advisory Committee of the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle, had been completed and passed to the Vicar, Revd C Hope, for his comments. The document was available to any members who might be interested in examining it.

Signage in the town: Members were also advised of the possibility of a meeting with Mr M King, Highways Manager, NCC, on either Thursday 21 January or Friday 22 January. The Clerk stated that he would liaise with members to ascertain who was interested in attending such a meeting, which was understood to involve a tour of the town. Cllr Simpson advised the meeting that Mr King had indicated that any works to signage that were agreed could take "a couple of years" and that price could be an issue, but that these matters were open to discussion. Cllr Mrs E Burt and Cllr Ms J Rose both asked if the idea was for finger post signs to be installed.

1516/1070 PLANNING MATTERS

1. Planning applications considered

General – Castlefields and Low Prudhoe Ward

Ref. 15/03774/CCM [denotes "County Matters"]

Proposal: Change of use to develop a waste recycling facility to bale cardboard, paper, plastic and cans and storage of skips for GS Skips in yard area

Location: Unit 2, Station Industrial Estate, Prudhoe, Northumberland NE42 6NP

Applicant: Mr Gary Sim, 35 Langley Gardens, Haydon Bridge, Hexham, Northumberland NE21 5AB

Response deadline: 11 January 2016

SUPPORT

General - Mickley Ward

Planning Ref. 15/04165/OUT

Note: Cllr Mrs C Cuthbert had declared a personal interest and took no part in the consideration of this application

Proposal: Outline application (some matters reserved) for construction of a single new dwelling along with a new access to the site

Location: Land at at Alt Dhu, High Mickley, Stocksfield Northumberland NE43 7LT

Applicant: Mrs Norma Marie Robinson (address as above)

Response date: 8 January 2016

SUPPORT

Mickley Ward

Ref. 15/04251/FUL

Proposal: Construction of single storey front, side and rear ground floor extension

Location: 11 Riding Terrace, Mickley, Stocksfield, Northumberland NE43 7BU

Applicant: Mr David Anderson (address as above)

Response deadline: 27 January 2016

OBJECTION on the following grounds:

- (i) That the development was on a scale excessive in the context of the location
- (ii) To the layout and density of the building (particularly with reference to comment (i) above)

2. Pre-application consultation considered

General – Prudhoe West & Halfway Ward

Planning Ref. 15/01390/PREAPP

Proposal: Pre-application enquiry for proposed detached bungalow

Location: Land Adjacent To The Grange, South Road, Prudhoe, Northumberland NE42 5LB

Applicant: Mr Mark Dawson (address as above)

Response date: 27 January 2016

It was AGREED to respond to the consultation as follows:

- (1) That there would be concern the development would involve the loss of a front garden;
- (2) That there would be concern regarding the access to the highway, especially in view of the proximity of the site to local schools;
- (3) That there would be concern at the density of buildings on the site.

Proposed: Cllr B Futers Seconded: Cllr A Gill

3. Notifications of the Planning Authority in respect of planning applications

Decisions

It was noted that no notifications of decisions had been received from the Planning Authority.

1516/1071 SERVICE CONTRACTS – GRASS-CUTTING

The Clerk advised the meeting that all of the Service Contracts, with the exception of that for the Christmas Lights, would enter their final year in 2016-17, and would therefore require review tenders to be considered in time for award for the outset of financial year 2017-18.

Cllr A Gill asked why the Council was paying for the grass-cutting in the areas listed on the form issued for tenders for the grass-cutting contract. Cllr G Simpson stated that the enhanced service was something that the Council had discussed in detail in the past, and that NCC had pushed this (local councils taking on responsibility for work of this type). The Clerk noted that without this work, it was his understanding that any NCC grass-cutting would be limited to a narrow strip at the highway edge. In response to Cllr Gill's question as to whether monitoring was carried out to see how many cuts had been carried out, the Clerk reported that the first cuts had taken place in March 2015, and the last in October /

November of that year. In response to Cllr Gill, Cllr Simpson stated that the Clerk could review the tender to establish the number of cuts carried out. In response to a request by Cllr Simpson for comments on the contract, Cllr Mrs Burt and Cllr Futers requested plans of the areas cut, and Cllr Burt also spoke in favour of site visits. Cllr A Gill stated that he had never seen grass cuttings removed and that some areas “looked like a ploughed field”. He added that monitoring should start now, given that new contracts would be awarded for 2017-18. In response to the views expressed regarding the contract, the Clerk noted that the request for this item to be placed on the agenda had been made by a councillor who had expressed interest in the number of cuts carried out, but that plans could be supplied for members to review at a subsequent meeting. Maps had previously been supplied to the Council by Tynedale Council.

Cllr G Simpson left the meeting at this point and Cllr Mrs E Burt took the Chair.

It was AGREED to make enquiry of NCC with respect to up-to-date plans and performance to date under the existing grass-cutting contract, enabling site visits to be made, with a report to be made to the next meeting of the Committee.

Proposed: Cllr Mrs E Burt

Seconded: Cllr A Gill.

END OF MEETING