

**Report of the Planning, Contract and Works Committee Meeting held in Meeting Room 1, The Spetchells Centre, Front Street, Prudhoe at 7.00pm on Wednesday 13 September 2017**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Chris Cuthbert (Chair)  
 Councillor Andy Gill  
 Councillor Tracy Gilmore  
 Councillor Russ Grieg  
 Councillor Gerry Price  
 Councillor Yvonne Ritchie  
 Councillor Graham Robinson  
 Councillor Angie Scott  
 Tracey Green – Independent Minute Taker

The meeting opened at 7.00pm and there were no members of the public present.

**OPEN SESSION**

**1718/P038 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors noted the following apologies for absence:

- Councillor George McCreedy;
- Councillor Jennifer McGee;
- Councillor Ignasious Varghese;
- Councillor Eileen Burt.

**1718/P039 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no conflicts of interest declared by Councillors.

**1718/P040 REPORT OF THE PLANNING, CONTRACT AND WORKS MEETING HELD ON 9 AUGUST 2017**

Councillors received the report from the meeting held on 9 August 2017 with the agenda for information and approval.

A discussion ensued and Councillors agreed to receive the report as a true and accurate record with the following amendments:

- Page 1 – Date of meeting at top of page and meeting date on agenda do not match;
- Page 4 – Agenda item 1718/P037 Repair of BMX Track at Highfield Park – this is to be amended to show that this was proposed by Councillor Russ Grieg and seconded by Councillors Chris Cuthbert. Also amend the wording to read “*Councillor Chris Cuthbert expressed an interest that she was unhappy with only one quotation in the original tendering and that attempts should be made to gain a further two quotations for the work required to repair the BMX Track at Highfield Park.*”

**ACTION: Clerk to make amendments to minutes as agreed by Councillors**

**1718/P041 MATTERS ARISING**

Councillors noted that the following actions had been completed since the previous meeting:

- 1718/P032 Co-op Billboard (Co-op Membership Advertisement): *Action – To send a letter and photograph to the Co-op Head Office and to copy in Mark Ketley, Northumberland County Council Head of Planning.*

ACTION COMPLETE – Councillor Andy Gill advised that the board has now been removed following contact with the Co-op Head Office.

Councillors received an update on the following outstanding actions:-

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1718/P030 Christmas Lights

*Action: To ask why the Mickley Lights were not listed on the inventory and where those that were noted as 'not used in 2016' had been installed previously.*

Update: This action is still outstanding, an update will be provided at the next meeting on 11 October 2017.

**1718/P042 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Councillors were asked to consider planning applications, including any pre-applications, received since the last meeting and agree responses to be submitted to Northumberland County Council Planning; and to receive recent planning notifications.

The following planning applications were discussed:

- **Mickley Ward**  
**Former Miners Welfare Site, Mickley Square, West Road, Mickley, Stocksfield, Northumberland**  
**17/03151/REM**  
Reserved matters application relating to 14/03221/OUT for the approval of details of the Scale, appearance and layout of the dwellings and landscaping of the site.  
**Applicant: Liam Newton**  
Councillors moved to accept the planning proposal – **SUPPORTED**
- **Castlefields and Low Prudhoe Ward**  
**16 Dukes Court, Low Prudhoe, NE42 6DA**  
**17/02746/FUL**  
Change of use from light/mixed business/commercial to sandwich deli, incorporating hot food. Associated internal alterations, small external vent to rear. Use existing 3 parking spaces.  
**Applicant: Leigh Reeson**  
Councillors moved to accept the planning proposal – **SUPPORTED**
- **Castlefields and Low Prudhoe Ward**  
**16 Dukes Court, Low Prudhoe, NE42 6DA**  
**17/02966/ADE**  
Advertisement consent for an externally illuminated sign on the side of the property and non-illuminated sign on the front of the property.  
**Applicant: Leigh Reeson**  
Councillors moved to accept the planning proposal – **SUPPORTED**
- **Prudhoe Hall Ward**  
**21 Homedale, Prudhoe, NE42 5AY**  
**17/02946/FUL (as amended 23/08/2017)**  
Part two storey, part single storey side and rear extension linking the existing garage which will form a playroom.  
**Applicant: A Bruce**  
Councillors moved to accept the planning proposal – **SUPPORTED**
- **Halfway Ward**  
**20 Edgewell Grange, Prudhoe, NE42 6RH**  
**17/03053/FUL**  
Garage extension.  
**Applicant: Tait**  
Councillors moved to accept the planning proposal – **SUPPORTED**

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

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- 17/02288/FUL – Granted;
- 17/02243/FUL – Refused;
- 17/02419/FUL – Granted.

The following planning applications are still outstanding since the last meeting:

- 16/04430/FUL;
- 17/01672/COU;
- 17/01715/VARYCO;
- 17/02722/OUT.

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

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

### **1718/P043 LITTER BIN FOR WEST MICKLEY PLAY AREA**

Councillor Chris Cuthbert discussed West Mickley play area and advised that since the play area had been revamped the old mounted litter bin is no longer adequate.

Councillors were asked to consider purchasing a new bin for West Mickley play area and the relocation of the existing post mounted bin to the lane/bridle path at High Mickley.

Councillor Gerry Price advised that it would cost approximately £600 to purchase a new bin for the play area and relocate the existing one.

A discussion ensued and Councillor Andy Gill suggested purchasing a wheelie bin similar to the one sited in the cemetery which is locked in a purpose built housing. Councillors agreed that this would be a viable option as the West Mickley play area is away from the road so vehicle access would be difficult, as bins are currently emptied by Northumberland County Council.

The following action was agreed by Councillors:

**ACTION: Responsible Financial Officer look at the viability and costings for installing a wheelie bin with lockable housing in the play area at West Mickley and the relocation of the existing post mounted bin to the lane/bridle path at High Mickley, and bring back to the next meeting.**

*It was AGREED to approve a motion, that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the press and public be excluded for consideration of the following items, in accordance with Section 68 of the Council's Standing Orders:-*

### **CLOSED SESSION**

### **1718/P044 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM**

The item was discussed and referred back to the Human Resources Committee.