

PRUDHOE TOWN COUNCIL

**DRAFT minutes of Planning, Contract & Works committee, held at Spetchells Centre at 7.00pm, 14th
February 2018**

Present: Cllr Chris Cuthbert (Chair), Cllr Yvonne Ritchie, Cllr Russ Grieg, Cllr Angie Scott, Cllr Eileen Burt, Cllr Glenn Simpson and Cllr Andy Gill. Independent Clerk, Monica Anderton also present.

1718/PO143: Apologies for absence: Cllr Jennifer McGee and Cllr Tracy Gilmore

1718/PO144: Declarations of Interest: None

1718/PO145: Report of the Planning, Contract & Works committee held on 10th January 2018: To note that this was received as a true record at the Ordinary Meeting of 31st January 2018 and that matters arising were taken

1718/PO146: Planning Matters

A) Planning Applications

Castle & Eltringham Ward

65 Castle Road – 18/00285/FUL

Construction of a two storey side extension (Mr Neil Marsh)

Supported

Castle & Eltringham Ward

5 Leaway – 17/04668/FUL

Proposed balcony to rear (Mrs Lisa Haylock)

Objected : (size and loss of facility)

Castle & Eltringham Ward

36 Cherry Grove – 17/04666/FUL

Proposed side extension. (Mrs Bell)

Decided before being seen by committee (see section (B))

Castle & Eltringham Ward

12 Cross Street – 18/00452/FUL

Ground floor extension to rear, including kitchen extension and changes to garage (Mr & Mrs Armstrong)

Supported

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West Wylam Ward

62 Woodhead Road – 18/00345/FUL

Double Storey extension to side with garage to front (Mr Steven Slater)

Supported

Mickley Ward

Cara Cottage, Hallyards Farm – 18/00378/FUL

Timber stables and garage (Mr Anthony Digirolamo)

Comment – insufficient detail to form a proper opinion

Prudhoe Hall Ward

Durham Riding Cottage, Durham Riding, Prudhoe – 18/00329/FUL

Resubmission: Single Storey extension (Mr & Mrs Greg and Georgia Villalobos)

Supported

B) Planning Decisions – the following were received:

Prudhoe Hall Ward; 5 Fern Close, Prudhoe NE42 5PL – 17/04076/FUL

Two Storey extension (Miss Alison Timms) **GRANTED**

Prudhoe Hall Ward: 11 Moorlands, Prudhoe, NE42 5LR – 17/040380/FUL

Conservatory to rear (Mr & Mrs David Routledge) **GRANTED**

Prudhoe West and Halfway Ward: 7 Edgewell Grange, Prudhoe NE42 6RH – 17/04486/FUL

First Floor extension (Mrs Michelle Humphries) **GRANTED**

Prudhoe Hall Ward: Durham Riding Cottages, Durham Riding, Prudhoe NE42 5NX - 17/04379/FUL Single Storey extension (Mr & Mrs Greg & Georgia Villalobos)

WITHDRAWN then resubmitted and decided above in Part A

Mickley Ward – 17/04287/FUL

Access road and stables, retrospective at Land Southeast of Willow Lodge, Stonybank Way, West Mickley – (Mr Alan Newton) **GRANTED with Case Officer response submitted**

Prudhoe Hall Ward : 78 Redwell road, Prudhoe NE42 5AF

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17/04054/FUL – 2 bedroom bungalow (Mr Tony Webber) **AGREED with Case Officer report**

Castledene Ward; Land West of 144 Western Avenue, Prudhoe

17/04251/OUT – single dwelling and parking (Shenstone Properties) **WITHDRAWN**

Castlefields and Low Prudhoe Ward: Prudhoe Railway Station – 17/03738/LBC

Replacement ticket vending machine at Platform 1, new ticket vending machine to Platform 2 and CCTV
GRANTED

Castle & Eltringham Ward: 65 Cherry Grove, NE42 6PT – 17/04666/FUL

Extension etc. (Mrs Bell) **GRANTED PRIOR TO BEING HEARD BY THIS TOWN COUNCIL; PLANNING DEPARTMENT DID RING TO APOLOGISE FOR THEIR OVERSIGHT**

Mickley Ward; Land south west and north east of Mickley Moor Farm 17/04619/FUL

One agricultural worker's dwelling (Ridley) **GRANTED**

The Committee is requesting that the Planning Department inform them of applications in goodly time in future

1718/147: Cottier Grange, Phase two Street naming: There was a lack of enthusiasm for the names that Gentoo suggested particularly as Cllr Simpson had researched the matter in 2016 and forwarded a number of more appropriate names to the developers. (*Report recirculated to the PCW Committee for information*). It was agreed to send the list to the developers again. (Proposed by Cllr Ritchie and seconded by Cllr Burt). 2 Additional weeks were available. The importance of the VC holder's name was emphasised with the Centenary of WW1 being this year.

1718/148: Eastwood Park meeting: a) To receive a report from 8th February 2018. This was proposed by Cllr Price and agreed by all;

b) matters arising from the report were then discussed: ~ *re Trees*: clarification needs to be sought for the possibility of fencing off the play park area but not the trees so the Town Council could take over the Park without the trees;

~ *dog fouling*: this is still a problem. The Government excluded playing fields from restrictions and there is a high Health & Safety risk from dog mess where people play sports. In order for the County Council to place a PSPO there, evidence needs to be supplied and this is difficult to prove. The possibility of an Enforcement Officer could be a future consideration for the Town Council. Cllr Scott is currently working on a voluntary scheme for dog walkers which is having some success to date. It is important that any offence is reported to the County Council when possible;

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~ *re seats*. It will be quicker to refurbish the seats in Eastwood Park than to replace them or have the County Council do the work. They are not damaged badly enough to need replacing. It was proposed by Cllr Cuthbert and seconded by Cllr Burt that these recommendations go to the Town Council meeting.

A point was requested that long reports have page numbers added to ease matters.

1718/149: Edgewell Cemeteries Signage ban: It was pointed out that the Council Employee could not enforce the signage – ‘that dogs may not go into the Cemetery’. Comments against the signage have been received by phone and by Facebook and some fines have been placed which cannot be enforced. The original decision to place the notice cannot be changed for a minimum of 6 months from when it was passed. It is suggested reviewing the procedures at the end of this period. The sign will be left for now but not enforced. Cllr Ritchie and Cllr Burt suggested this and it was agreed. Additionally, Cllr Grieg and Cllr Cuthbert proposed that the residents who had complained be contacted and the current status be explained to them.

1718/150: Road Ends toilets: a) There was some confusion on whether the Asset transfer had taken place as agreed. This was asked to be clarified;

b) No solicitor should be contacted until this had been clarified. If agreed, the process should go ahead. Costs for other solicitors should be compared with the current ones used by the Town Council;

c) Three quotes were agreed to be asked for re cleaning etc. of the toilets once in the Town Council’s control.

1718/151: Seating on ‘The Glade: a) There is a lot of vandalism at this location and it was suggested that other materials be considered that are more durable for the replacement seats. Cllr Grieg and Cllr Cuthbert proposed that they be included for refurbishment for now and that other materials be considered later. This was agreed;

b) Regarding inclusion of the seats in the Town Council’s next tender for maintenance, Cllr Simpson suggested that the responsibility for the seats be clarified in the first instance - whether the Town Council or the County Council are responsible before inclusion in the Tender.

1718/152: Mickley Bus Shelter: There is an allocation of £3000 in the budget for this. It was agreed to go ahead with the purchase but it was also suggested that the possibility of recycling the old Bus shelter be considered if it was in good enough condition.

1718/153: Mickley Flower Bollards; (*Cllr Cuthbert declared an interest in this matter*). Any placement of Bollards must be with the agreement of Shenstone Management as they own the land where it is wished to place the Bollards. The ease of grass cutting at that point must also be cleared with both Shenstone and the County Council. It was recommended that Highways be consulted as well before any purchases are considered.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm