

**GREATER WILLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Planning Committee**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> April 2014**  
**Minutes of Meeting**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Councillor Tinsley, Councillor Cogdon, Councillor Henfrey,  
Councillor Graham, Councillor Bennett, Councillor Greensmith  
County Councillor Gunn  
Helen Cogdon, Town Clerk  
Emma Mennouni, Community Services Officer

Councillor Tinsley opened the Planning Committee meeting.  
He informed those in attendance of housekeeping rules regarding use of the washroom and fire exits.  
He asked all present to switch off mobile phones and electronic devices throughout the conduct of council business.  
Councillor Tinsley said that the role of the planning committee was not to make decisions on applications but to make submissions on behalf of the GWTC area if required.

**APPROVAL OF APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received by Councillor Carr, Councillor Smith, Councillor Etherington and Councillor Todd.  
Acceptance of apologies were proposed by Councillor Cogdon and seconded by Councillor Henfrey.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Resident's agenda items requested through the Clerk.  
None received.

**TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**5<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2014**

The minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2014 as printed and circulated were approved and taken as a true record.

Proposed Councillor Cogdon

Seconded Councillor Henfrey

#### **4.1 MATTERS ARISING (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

Councillor Bennett said work was due to start on the new Lydia Street Chapel in April.

Councillor Tinsley said Oakenshaw Community Association members have submitted comments on the proposed Brandywell wind turbine.

Some residents have said they have not received letters. There have been forty objections.

#### **NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

15 Russell Place, Willington – First floor rear extension, single storey front extension and pitched roof over the existing rear extension - Councillor Tinsley said the precedent had been set, a number of properties have this type of extension.

Neighbours should have been informed by D.C.C

5 Myers Grove, Willington – Replace single garage with double garage with first floor above the storage – Councillor Tinsley said this may impact on neighbours, again D.C.C will inform neighbouring residents.

#### **CONSULTATION REQUEST FROM KINETICA ENERGY – ERECTION OF A 60-70 METRE 500KW WIND TURBINE AT BURNS FARM, CROOK**

The Clerk has been approached by the agent to consult on a wind turbine in Crook.

Councillor Tinsley said this is for a seventy metre turbine on the ridge at Dowfold Farm.

There is now approval for wind turbines at the Golf Club and at Tanners Hall.

Councillor Bennett asked why do we have to discuss it if it is in Crook.

Councillor Tinsley said Crook do not have a Town Council. GWTC need to consider if it is the sight line from Willington West End. This would appear not to be the case.

Councillor Bennett said she does not agree with it.

Councillor Graham said he can't see the point in wasting time discussing it.

Councillor Tinsley said the precedent for that area had been set.

The Clerk said the agent had asked if GWTC would host a consultation evening.

**Resolved 1.** To refuse this request and direct them to AAP staff and

County Councillors.

**OUTSTANDING APPLICATION DECISIONS**

None

**LICENSING**

The final hearing regarding Hardys Bar will be on the 16th June 2014.

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Annual Parish Meeting, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 6.00 pm

Annual General Meeting, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 6.30 pm

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 6.30 pm

Signed by the Chairman.....

Dated: 4<sup>th</sup> June 2014

