

GREATER WILLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
Planning Committee
14th January 2015
Minutes of Meeting

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Tinsley, Councillor Cogdon, Councillor Smith,
Councillor Graham, Councillor Bennett, Councillor Greensmith,
Councillor Todd
Helen Cogdon Town Clerk,

Councillor Tinsley opened the Planning Committee meeting.
He informed those in attendance of housekeeping rules and fire exits.
He said that Greater Willington Town Council is not the determining authority. The committee considers planning and licensing applications. The role of the Town Council planning committee is not to make decisions on applications but to consider making submissions on behalf of the GWTC area if appropriate.

1. APPROVAL OF APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Carr, Councillor Henfrey, Councillor Etherington, Councillor Buckham and Emma Mennouni, Community Services Officer. Acceptance of apologies had been agreed at the Resource Committee.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resident's agenda items requested through the Clerk.
The Clerk confirmed that there had been no requests to speak submitted.

4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING 3rd DECEMBER 2014

The minutes of the 3rd December 2014 as printed and circulated were approved and taken as a true record.

Proposed Councillor Smith
Seconded Councillor Tinsley

4.1 MATTERS ARISING (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

Councillor Tinsley said although it was outside the GWTC area he was aware of complaints from residents at High Jobs Hill regarding noise from the wind turbine. He confirmed that conditions attached to planning approval would require an acoustic assessment.

5. NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- Land to the South East of Unit 8 Harvey Court, Low Willington Industrial Estate – Motor vehicle repair/MOT testing station and workshop (for information only)
- 1A Carville Estate, Willington – Single Storey Extension – Resubmission (for information only)
- 1 Goodwell Field Cottage, Brancepeth – Discharge of condition 3 Window details, 4 Timberwork Colour, and 6 stone sample panel pursuant of planning permission DM/14/02220/FPA (for information only)

6. OUTSTANDING APPLICATION DECISIONS

- Repair Yard, Colliery Road, Willington – Demolition of former engine shed, erection of two detached dwellings - Approved

7. COUNTY DURHAM PLAN

Councillor Tinsley said there is no change currently. The Inspector is preparing his report. GWTC have made their submissions.

8. LICENSING

- The Burn, 14 West End Terrace, Willington – Minor variation – Change of internal layout

It was noted that there was no copy of this online.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

Councillor Greensmith asked if there were any developments on the Sunnybrow and West Road sites.

Councillor Tinsley said trail pits had been dug to investigate the Roman Road. This had been found on the Sunnybrow site.

The flooding issues at Sunnybrow were being discussed with the Environment Agency and D.C.C.

It was expected that the applications will go to Strategic Committee in February 2015.

However Officer recommendations should be available before committee.

As Town Council we have held two public meetings. Hosted a public consultation event in the office. Provided submission to MPs who although they don't have a statutory role can be involved.

10. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 4th February 2015 at 6.30pm

Signed by the Chairman.....

Dated: 4th February 2015