

**GREATER WILLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Planning Committee**  
**5<sup>th</sup> November 2014**  
**Minutes of Meeting**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Councillor Tinsley, Councillor Buckham, Councillor Cogdon,  
Councillor Smith, Councillor Todd, Councillor Graham,  
Councillor Bennett, Councillor Greensmith,  
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 the fire exits.  
Councillor Tinsley said that Greater Willington Town Council is not the determining authority. The role of the Town Council planning committee was 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 Etherington, Councillor Henfrey and County Councillor Gunn.

Acceptance of apologies were proposed by Councillor Tinsley and seconded by Councillor Buckham.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Buckham declared an interest on all planning matters as a member of South West Durham Planning Committee.

**3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Resident's agenda items requested through the Clerk.

None received.

Councillor Tinsley allowed residents who attended to comment on the planning application at 17 Prospect Terrace for change of use from residential C3 to business use B8 (retrospective)

Councillor Buckham said D.C.C had sent notifications to New Brancepeth instead of Willington so as a Town Council we were unaware of local objections, as local people were not informed.

Discussion continued on the type of business, deliveries and collections, parking, highway issues, safety, location, poor access and inability to turn a vehicle.

Councillor Tinsley said there may be an argument for noise pollution during delivery times.

The applicant had applied to build a dwelling on the garden and had been refused.

Councillor Buckham said change of use, changes character of back street. Retail sites should be situated in retail zones.

There is no decision as yet but this will be made by the end of the week.

Councillor Buckham agreed to meet the residents at 11am.

Councillor Todd informed the meeting that he had spoken to the garden owner and they are not going to sell it.

**4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2014**

The minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014 as printed and circulated were approved and

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

There has been no committee meeting date yet for the Sunnybrow planning application decision.

There is to be three way meeting to look at drainage issues. Pat Glass, MP is involved. Durham Planning is awaiting information from Durham Drainage.

**5. NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- Repair Yard, Colliery Road, Willington – Demolition of former engine shed, erection of two detached dwellings. Councillor Tinsley said this is similar in nature to the Scout Hut application. The site now has an emerging residential character. Consideration was given to fencing and access arrangements. Agreed to in principle support with observations regarding these two matters.

**6. OUTSTANDING APPLICATION DECISIONS**

- 48 Canterbury Crescent, Willington – Two storey side extension (Re-submission) – Approved
- 28 Abbots Green, Willington – Two storey and single storey extensions to rear and garage conversion – Approved
- Cats Whiskers Cattery, 1 Stockley Lane, Oakenshaw – Proposed dwelling – Refused

**7. DRAFT COUNTY DURHAM PLAN**

Work ongoing.

**8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

None

**9. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014 at 6.30pm

Councillor Carr left the meeting at 7.00pm as he was unwell. He submitted his apologies for the Ordinary meeting.

Signed by the Chairman.....  
Dated: 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014