

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

CRAMLINGTON, BEDLINGTON AND SEATON VALLEY LOCAL AREA COUNCIL

At a meeting of Cramlington, **Bedlington and Seaton Valley Local Area Council** held in The Methodist Church, Taylor Gardens, Seaton Sluice, Whitley Bay, NE24 4RH on Wednesday, 17 July 2019 at 5:00 pm.

PRESENT

Councillor M Robinson, Vice Chair in the Chair for agenda items 1 - 3 and 8 - 15

Councillor I Swithenbank, Vice-Chair - Planning in the Chair for agenda items 4 - 7

MEMBERS

L Bowman
W Crosby
W Daley
S Dungworth
B Flux

A Hepple
M E Richards (part)
M D Swinburn
R J Wallace

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

H Bowers
G Campbell
M Carle
T Gribbin

D Hadden
G Horsman
J Murphy
P Soderquest

R Tweedie
N Walsh

Democratic Services Officer
Coast Care Coordinator
Highways Delivery Area Manager
Neighbourhood Services Area
Manager
Lawyer
Senior Planning Officer
Principal Planning Officer
Head of Housing & Public
Protection
Tourism Development Manager
Head of Cultural Services

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

S Dixon - Applicant for Planning Application 17/02012/OUT
C McLennan- Applicant for Planning Application 17/02012/OUT
C Ross - Agent for Planning Application 17/0202/OUT

13. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Dunbar.

14. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Cramlington, Bedlington and Seaton Valley Local Area Council held on Wednesday, 22 May 2019, as circulated, be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair with the following amendment:

Minute No. 05 - Public Question Time. The second paragraph should read '*Adam Hogg, Resident*'.

Councillor Robinson then vacated the Chair, for the Vice Chair - Planning, Councillor Swithenbank to chair the development control section of the agenda, as was the arrangement for all Local Area Councils.

15. DETERMINATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The report requested Members to decide the planning applications attached to the report using the powers delegated to it. Members were reminded of the principles which should govern their consideration of the applications, the procedure for handling representations, the requirement of conditions and the need for justifiable reasons for the granting of permission or refusal of planning applications. The procedure at planning committees was appended for information. (Report attached with the official minutes).

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

16. 17/02012/OUT

Outline planning permission with all matters reserved for the erection of two dwellings

Land west of 62 Station Road, Station Road, Stannington, NE61 6NN.

(Report attached with the official minutes).

Geoff Horsman, Senior Planning Officer informed Members that the application had previously been considered at Cramlington, Bedlington and Seaton Valley LAC in September 2018 where Members had resolved to defer the application to undertake a site visit.

A further meeting took place on 17 October 2018 where Members had been minded to approve the application, subject to a number of matters being resolved in relation to land contamination, ecology and a sport and play provision contribution secured through a Section 106 Agreement in accordance with Wansbeck District Council Local Plan.

The application was now being referred back to Members for a final decision as those issues had been addressed.

Mr Horsman continued to summarise the report with the aid of a slide presentation.

Councillor Richards entered the meeting at 5:05 pm during consideration of the application and did not participate in any of the debate or voting thereon.

Following the presentation, Mr Horsman reported that Members had previously been advised that the application formula in the Wansbeck Provision for Sport and Play contribution figure had been £3,176 and that the contribution for this should be sought. However, following discussions with the Council's Section 106 Monitoring Officer, it had come to light that there were already five or more pooled contributions for outdoor facilities and therefore no further contributions could be sought.

Further, the application site lay within the 7km zone which the Council sought Section 106 contributions for ecology coastal mitigation of £600 per dwelling and as such a Section 106 Agreement had been completed and signed by the applicant for a contribution of £1,200.

Mr Horsman advised Members that the planning conditions were as listed in the report, including the suggestions by Ecology and Public Protection team. Condition 17 limited the number and height of the dwellings which the applicant had agreed to. The following text should also be added to condition 6 after the reference BS8485:2015 "*plus A1:2019*".

Members were advised that there had been some changes to planning policy and the Council's 5 year housing land supply position since the application had been previously considered. Firstly, the NPPF had been updated in February and the Council's new Local Plan had been submitted to the Secretary of State. Relevant policies in the document were a material consideration in determining the application and it was considered that such policies could be afforded some weight at this time. However, it was not considered that those changes in planning policy altered those matters which were previously considered by Members before arrived at their decision

Therefore, it was recommended that Members be minded to approve the application, subject to the conditions in the report.

Councillor Daley proposed that the application be granted in accordance with officer recommendation as updated by the officer at the beginning of the report which was seconded by Councillor Flux. Upon being put to the vote, the motion was unanimously agreed and it was therefore:-

RESOLVED that the outline planning permission be granted subject to the conditions and reasons as listed in the report and subject to the amended condition 6.

Councillor Richards then joined the committee and took part in the remainder of the meeting.

17. 19/01613/CCD

Proposal to remove existing metal boundary fencing, brickwork pillars and section of wall. Erect 1.8 m boundary fencing, set into the existing playground and alignment behind the retained dwarf wall. Seghill County First School, Main Street, Seghill, Cramlington, Northumberland, NE23 7SB. (Report attached with the official minutes).

Judith Murphy, Principal Planning Officer introduced the report with the aid of a slide presentation.

Councillor Flux proposed that the application be granted permission in accordance with officer recommendation which was seconded by Councillor Dungworth. Upon being put to the vote, the motion was unanimously agreed and it was therefore:-

RESOLVED that planning permission be granted subject to the conditions and reasons outlined in the report.

18. PLANNING APPEALS UPDATE

Members received information on the progress of planning appeals. (Report attached with the official minutes).

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RESOLVED that the report be noted.

On the conclusion of the development control business, the meeting adjourned for 30 minutes. The remainder of the agenda consisted of other Local Area Council business which commenced at 6:02 pm.

Councillor Robinson in the Chair.

19. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Keith Dalton, resident referred to youths congregating and causing in vandalism and asked when the commando sockets were going to be fitted to the CCTV. Councillor Malcolm Robinson advised that the scheme was being commissioned by West Bedlington Town Council.

Mr Dalton also queried the protocol of Councillors in the run up to an election. Mr Dalton was advised that there were specific restrictions that Councillors must follow. Whilst Councillors could attend formal council meetings, publicity, communication and Council resources were more restricted.

Adam Hogg, resident asked what happened to the surplus money from any NCC assets that had been sold and if any monies ring fenced from Wansbeck District Council had gone into a joint pot? Mr Hogg was advised that the question would be referred back to the relevant officer for a response.

20. PETITIONS

- (a) No new petitions had been received.
- (b) There were no reports to consider.
- (c) There were no update on previous petitions.

21. LOCAL SERVICES ISSUES

Members received updates from the Area Managers from Neighbourhood Services and Technical Services.

Technical Services Update

Members were advised of patching work carried out at Double Row, Seaton Delaval; Melrose Avenue, Clayton Street and Vulcan Place, Bedlington; Highburn, Cramlington and Tillmouth Avenue, Seaton Delaval.

Footpath resurfacing had also been carried out at Hartford Road, Bedlington and East Hartford Footway, Cramlington and drainage improvements had taken place at Klondyke, Nelson Village, Westmorland Way and Fisher Lane, Cramlington and Barrass Avenue, Seghill.

Micro surfacing work had been completed in Huntington Drive, Totnes Drive Area and Doddington Drive, Cramlington and also The Wynding, Bedlington.

Upcoming work was required in Barrass Avenue, Seghill, North Ridge, Bedlington
Fisher Lane, Cramlington, A1068, Cramlington, Nelson Avenue, Cramlington B1326 East Cramlington, Nelson Industrial Estate, Cramlington and Stead Lane, Bedlington

Work at Westmorland Way roundabout was continuing and progressing well.

Construction works on the salt barn at Cowley Road, Blyth was complete.

Four new gritters had been purchased, one based in the south east with a second treating parts of the south east but based in Morpeth.

A member referred to resurfacing work carried out at Hartley Square, Seaton Sluice and stated that this had started to lift. The Highways Delivery Area Manager would report this back to Street Works.

Neighbourhood Services Update

Waste services was continuing to operate satisfactorily. Grass cutting was between 9 and 13 cuts but growth should slow down within the next few weeks.

The A189 Spine Road would be closed every Saturday during August from 8:00 pm until 6:00 am for grass cutting, litter removal, patching; safety barrier work and maintenance. A Member raised a concern regarding this as major work was due to be carried out at Moor Farm.

Bereavement memorial testing was due to be carried out on church memorials. In response to a comment regarding the method of testing, it was reported that a risk assessment would be carried out.

A Member queried the timing between the binmen and road sweeper in the Seaton Delaval area and this would be reported back on.

Concerns were raised in relation to the closure of the A189; the amount of litter in the recycling bin at Seaton Sluice harbour; litter on the pavilion at Cramlington Town Football Club and fly-tipping at Holywell Dene. The issues would be followed up for response.

RESOLVED that the information be noted and issues raised by Members be followed up by Local Services.

DISCUSSION ITEMS - LOCAL

22. Tour of Britain

Members were provided with a verbal presentation on the progress of the Bedlington town centre redevelopment. (The presentation was circulated to Members following the meeting and filed with the signed minutes).

- The Tour of Britain would take place between 7 and 14 September. Stage 3 would take place between Berwick upon Tweed and Newcastle
- Northumberland County Council was working jointly with British Cycling, Sweetspot and the North of Tyne Combined Authority
- Previous visits to Northumberland in 2015 and 2017 were estimated to have brought in £3.9 million to the local economy. 100,000 people watched the race and 70% came from outside the county
- The event would be shown live on ITV4 and Eurosport
- The route would begin in Berwick at 11:00 am with the finish in Grey Street, Newcastle. The route of the tour was outlined in the presentation and would take in many Northumberland towns and rural villages including Ford

and Etal, Wooler, Belford, Embleton, finally finishing at Stobhill, Morpeth at 2.50 pm

- Rolling road closures would take place but would be restricted to a maximum of 45 minutes to keep disruption to a minimum
- Communities would be encouraged to get involved with decoration
- Towns with schools would be provided with safe places to stand
- Posters giving information would be distributed and displayed and it was hoped that the broadcasting of the tour would showcase Northumberland as the place to visit
- It was hoped that the tour would encourage health and well being
- A design a jersey competition for school children had been launched and it was planned to have the winning designs made up for the day
- A toolkit for businesses was available on line and Members would be provided with the link
- An invite would be sent out to Parish and Town Councils and relevant Chambers of Trade

Discussion followed during which the key points raised by Members and responses from officers were:

- The tour would be linked with Sustrans and tips on safety would be available on the website
- Live updates would be given on the routes
- There would be safety barriers all along The Avenue past Seaton Delaval Hall

Officers were wished well with the tour and thanked for their presentation.

RESOLVED that the presentation be noted.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

23. Members' Local Improvement Schemes

Members were provided with an update on Members' Local Area Schemes during 2018/19 as at 1 November 2018. (Report attached with the signed minutes).

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

24. Local Area Work Programme

Members noted the latest version of agreed items for future Local Area Council meetings (any suggestions for new agenda items would require confirmation by the Business Chair after the meeting). (A copy of the Work Programme is enclosed with the official minutes.)

A member expressed concern at the lack of future items on the work programme. This had been raised at the recent briefing of the Local Area Council Chairs.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

25. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 21 August 2019.

The meeting closed at 6.50 pm.

CHAIR _____

DATE _____