

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING
COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL
PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2009

PRESENT: COUN H BENNETT MBE (CHAIR)

Mesdames: S McDonnell & L Wood

Messrs: R Kyle, T A Jones, J Alvey, W M Jeffrey,
R W Jones, D Langan, G Cowie, C J Metcalfe,
C Robbins & R Huitson

**MEMBERS WERE REMINDED OF THE NEED TO DISCLOSE ANY
INTEREST PREJUDICIAL OR PERSONAL IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT.**

19. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted and approved on behalf of Councillors R Curtis, (on holiday); J I Measor, (swine flu); J Black, (personal reasons); D Milsom and M Milsom, (on holiday) and J Hardy, (Council business).

20. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

Matters Arising

(i) Minute Number 87 – Planning Applications

Members were circulated with a copy of the reply received from the Planning & Development Manager at Durham County Council regarding retrospective planning applications. It was reported that

whilst the County Council shared Town Councils concerns, in legislative terms nothing could be done to discriminate against retrospective applications as the relevant planning acts specifically allows the submission of retrospective planning applications. Planning application fees were also set nationally via legislation, and the County Council had no powers to introduce a premium fee for retrospective applications.

RECOMMENDED that the information given, be noted.

(ii) Free Standing Sign, East Durham College

The Town Clerk and Councillor McDonnell had attended the Planning Meeting on 27th October 2009 where this application was refused.

RECOMMENDED that the information given be noted. FURTHER RECOMMENDED a vote of thanks be given to Councillor McDonnell for her involvement and efforts with this matter.

21. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members were given details of planning applications received from Durham County Council. Two further applications as follows had been received:-

West Farm, Old Shotton	Extension of time limit for implementation of planning permission for house
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Lidl UK, Essington Way	Free standing sign
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RECOMMENDED that further information be obtained on the application for a lawfull development certificate for existing use as arboricultural business and parking of a commercial vehicle at 21 Askerton Drive and on the free standing sign at Lidl UK. FURTHER RECOMMENDED that no observations be made on the West Farm application.

22. PLANNING DECISIONS

Members were given details of the planning decision, (approval), received for 28 Van Mildert Close for a conservatory.

RECOMMENDED that the information given, be noted.

23. THE COUNTY DURHAM PLAN – CORE STRATEGY ISSUES PAPER, 2009 – CONSULTATION

Members were advised that the County Council were in the early stages of preparing a new Local Development Framework called the County Durham Plan. The principal document was the Core Strategy which would make key decisions about where new development should go and what was needed for residents, businesses and visitors.

Comments on the document were invited and the consultation period was to run for seven weeks.

RECOMMENDED that this item be referred to the Council Meeting for further consideration.

24. HELFDOR ROAD COMMUNITY BUILDING, HELFDOR ROAD, PETERLEE

The Town Clerk reported receipt of details of the outcome of the listing assessment made by English Heritage. It was confirmed that the Secretary of State, after consulting English Heritage, the Government's statutory adviser, had decided that the building was not of special architectural or historic interest and should not be listed and the reasons were detailed in the letter.

RECOMMENDED that the information given, be noted.