

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL,  
PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017

PRESENT: COUN A WATSON (CHAIR)

Mesdames:- S McDonnell, K Liddell, M A Cartwright &  
K Hawley

Messrs:- G L Carne, S Miles, C Robbins, R Kyle, W M Jeffrey,  
C Watkins & L Cook

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

36. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been submitted and accepted from Councillors S Simpson, D Sillito, R J Curtis, H Bennett, C J Metcalfe and G Cowie.

**RECOMMENDED the Council approve the reason submitted for absence received from the Councillors listed, on the grounds where given above, and their apologies for absence be recorded.**

37. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING a copy of which had been previously circulated, were approved.

38. Planning Applications

Members were advised the following planning applications had been submitted to Durham County Council since the last meeting of this Committee:-

- (i) 23 O'Neill Drive  
Conversion of original garage into living accommodation and erection of integral side garage
  
- (ii) Castle Eden Dene, Stanhope Chase  
Extension to existing building

**RECOMMENDED the information given be noted and no comments be given.**

39. Delegated Planning Decisions

Members were advised there were no details to report.

**RECOMMENDED the information given be noted.**

40. Sites in Peterlee – Potential New Residential Homes – Update

It was reported County Durham Housing Group had now confirmed they have received funding from the HCA for development on the sites at Matterdale Road, Thames Road and Tamar Close in January 2017 and they were currently working up proposals and seeking some planning advice from Durham County Council on these sites.

They were looking to holding public consultation events late spring/early summer this year prior to submission of a planning application and their Development Officer, Assets and Regeneration offered to come along and meet with the Town Council in advance of any consultation event if it would be of interest

Members were concerned at the number of housing developments in the Town and felt the Town was becoming a commuter town.

There was also reference to the re instatement of the grassed areas next to the houses built on the former Itec site and it was asked if this be looked into for remedial action.

**RECOMMENDED that an invitation be extended to Stuart Timmiss, DCC or a suitable replacement from Planning, to come along to a future meeting to discuss Local Plan priorities for Peterlee.**