

Hetton Town Council



DRAFT Minutes of Extraordinary meeting of Hetton Town Council held remotely on Tuesday 5 January 2021

Note: The meeting was audio and video recorded throughout.

Present

Cllrs R Coulson, J Defty (from Item 4a), R Elvin, A Farrow, D Geddis (from Item 4a), R Heron, M Hopper, K Pearson (Town Mayor), K Rowham, D Turner, S Waterston and C Willis (from Item 4a).

In attendance

G Keedy, Town Clerk (TC)
Members of the Public (MoP) x 3

1) Apologies for absence

TC reported that he had received apologies for absence from Cllr T Dodds (work commitment) and Cllr J Green (work commitment). Town Council resolved to approve the apologies received.

No apologies for absence had been received from Cllr J Blackburn, Cllr A Liversidge, Cllr D Liversidge and Cllr M Thornton.
Town Council resolved that these absences be recorded as unapproved.

2) Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3) Public participation

Town Council resolved that Standing Orders relating to timescales be suspended to enable full public participation throughout the meeting.

MoP queried the variance between levels of Council Tax levied on residents of Hetton and those residents in other parts of Sunderland.

A Member explained that Council Tax levels were the same throughout Sunderland, but a precept was applicable to Hetton residents to fund the operation of Hetton Town Council. In response to a further query, he added that Government was keen to give further powers to town and parish councils as the first tier of local government.

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4) Planning matters:

a) Planning Position Statement from Pegasus Group (on behalf of Gentoo Group) re Application ref: 20/01360 /FUL - Cragdale Gardens

TC apologised for the lateness in the circulation of the accompanying report for this item, which had been prepared by Cllr Rowham. He explained that it had been produced at short notice, but necessarily so, to meet timescales set by SCC, which had been unknown at the time of the 21 December 20 meeting of HTC.

Cllr K Rowham introduced the report and provided an overview.

Following full discussion, Town Council resolved that:

Subject to the incorporation of points highlighted during the meeting, and receipt of any further comments from Members by 7 January, the report be used as the basis of a submission to SCC in response to the Planning Position Statement from Pegasus on behalf of Gentoo;

Cllr K Rowham, Chairman of Planning & Development Committee be nominated to speak at the relevant meeting of SCC Planning & Highways West Committee;

and,

Town Clerk write to SCC seeking postponement of Planning & Highways (West) Committee scheduled to consider this application, pending the lifting of current Covid-19 lockdown restrictions.

Following MoP and Member comments re proposed closure of Hetton Nursery School, Town Council further resolved that Town Clerk write to SCC with a request that the consultation be stopped pending the lifting of current Covid-19 lockdown restrictions.

b) Town Council considered the following applications notified by Sunderland City Council and resolved to take action as detailed below:

20/02264/FUL 63 Station Road Hetton-le-Hole Houghton-Le-Spring DH5 0AT Proposal: Retrospective change of use from dwelling house to office. Applicant: George Fenton
No comments or objections.

20/02219/FUL Lyons Windows and Doors Limited, Units 5 And 6, Hetton Lyons Industrial Estate, Hetton le Hole, DH5 0RH Proposal: Application for the erection of new pallet production building with attached pallet store to include demolition of existing building, erection of new boiler house with attached fuel store and installation of new kilns. Applicant: James Jones And Sons Ltd.

Advise SCC of concerns re lack of an environmental impact assessment and seek extension to timescale to allow further consideration by HTC at its' 18 January 21 meeting.

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