

Hetton Town Council



Minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Development Committee of Hetton Town Council held at The Hetton Centre, DH5 9NE on Monday 13 June 2022

Present

Cllr J Blackburn, Cllr L Gibson, Cllr W Little, Cllr S Reilly, Cllr K Rowham and Cllr S Waterston (Chairman).

In attendance

Cllrs D Geddis and K Pearson.
G Keedy, Town Clerk (TC)
Member of Public (MoP) x 7

1) Election of Committee Chairman for 2022-2023

Cllr K Rowham presided over this item and sought nominations for the position of Chairman.

Cllr S Waterston was nominated by Cllr L Gibson, seconded by Cllr S Reilly. There were no other nominations. Cllr S Waterston was elected as Chairman.

2) Apologies for absence

TC reported that no apologies for absence had been received.
No apology for absence had been received from Cllr R Heron.
Committee resolved that his absence be recorded as unapproved.

3) Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4) Public participation

Committee resolved that a period of up to ten minutes be allocated for this item.

MoP's raised a number of points relating to 22/00990/PCG including: apparent random distribution of notification letters; concerns re likely demographic of occupants and potential for anti-social behaviour; and unsuitability of the proposed development.

5) Planning application notified by Sunderland City Council

22/00990/PCG

Stephenson House Richard Street Hetton-le-Hole Houghton-le-Spring DH5 9HW
Proposal:

Change of use from offices (Use class E) to 8no. residential units (Use class C3)

Applicant: Mr Keith Pullan

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During discussion, Committee Members concurred strongly with MoP viewpoints.

Members noted that the application was made under the provisions of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development etc.) (England) (Amendment) Order 2021 - a recently introduced permitted development right using a fast-track prior approval process with limited grounds for assessment.

Committee resolved to write formally to Sunderland City Council to express its' views and those of residents; and to contact the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to highlight the adverse effects of the Order.

6) Town Clerk update

22/00825/SUB - 59 School Road

TC reported that SCC had concerns that the applicant had not adequately addressed issues raised in the previous refusal.

Committee resolved to press for a site visit.

22/00621/FUL - Land at rear of 21 South Hetton Road, Easington Lane

Members noted that SCC were mindful to recommend refusal. Committee resolved that TC seek details of the reasons.