



Hetton Town Council



Minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Development Committee of Hetton Town Council held at The Hetton Centre, DH5 9NE, County Durham on Tuesday 9 December 2025

Present

Cllrs K Angus, D Geddis, L Gibson, S Holt, W Little, K Rowham and S Waterston.

In attendance

Lisa Hall, Town Clerk

Cllr P Dowell

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Bonsall (unwell).

Committee **resolved** to approve apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Public participation

There were no comments from members of the public.

4. Planning applications:

25/02242/FUL

Rear 21 Houghton Road Hetton-le-Hole Houghton-le-Spring DH5 9PQ, Erection of two detached dwellings with detached double garages, vehicular access, hardstanding areas and associated landscaping.

This planning application had been deemed invalid by SCC and was pending the receipt of further information. The Town Council will be consulted once the required information had been provided.

25/02295/LP3

Land South Of Cygnet Way Rainton Bridge South Houghton-le-Spring, Proposed development to comprise of office, welfare and workshop areas, fleet vehicle garages, a gritter vehicle shed and salt barn (8000 tonne capacity) building, external hardstanding areas for additional fleet parking, skip storage and ancillary facilities (including a truck wash bay, refuelling area, EV charging and containerised storage). Staff parking for 50 vehicles.

Members of the P&D Committee visited the site to meet with planners and **agreed to object** to the planning application based on the significant impact it would have on the ecology.

The Council also asked the following questions:

- Why were the existing sites not simply being upgraded? Has a cost analysis been carried out to compare refurbishment of the existing sites?
- Have alternative brownfield sites been considered?
- What is the length of the project, and what level of disturbance is expected?

5. Update on outstanding planning matters

TC noted that demolition had begun at Bog Row School however it had been stopped by SCC.

The meeting closed at 6pm.