Hetton Town Council

Minutes of Planning and Development Committee
held on Thursday 6 June 2019 at The Hetton Centre

Present:
Cllrs J Defty, D Geddis, A Farrow, R Heron, S Quigley, K Rowham and S Waterston.

In Attendance:
Members of the Public (Mop) x 7
Andrew Browning, Principal Planner, Sunderland City Council
Graeme Keedy, Town Clerk

1) Election of Chairman

Cllr Defty introduced this item and sought nominations for the position of Chairman of the Committee.

Cllr Defty Nominated Cllr K Rowham, seconded by Cllr S Quigley. There were no other nominations.
Committee resolved that Cllr K Rowham be appointed Chairman of the committee for the municipal year 19-20.

2) Apologies for absence
An apology had been received from Cllr C Sinnott (prior commitment). Committee resolved to approve this apology.

3) Declarations of interest
There were no declarations of interest.

4) Public Participation
Committee resolved to allocate a period of ten minutes for public participation.

Various East Rainton residents raised their strong concerns about the planning application submitted for 104 homes at Quarry House Lane.

These included aspects related to increased pressure on NHS facilities and school places, environmental impact and strain on local infrastructure including highways.

5) Planning applications
19/00471/OUT

Land East Of Quarry House Lane, Quarry House Lane, East Rainton, DH5 9SE
Proposal: Outline Planning Application for the residential development of up to 104 dwellings. (Approval sought for means of access, all other matters reserved).

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5) Planning application cont ...

Members echoed the points raised by residents and highlighted air quality concerns and increased traffic movements. Comments were also made about the increased no. of housing developments in the Hetton Town Council area.

Committee resolved to recommend to Full Council that an objection be made to Sunderland City Council on the grounds of pressure on NHS facilities and school places, environmental impact and strain on local infrastructure including highways.

19/00102/MAV

Biffa Waste PLC re Houghton Quarry, Newbottle Street Houghton le Spring DH4 4AU
Proposal: Variation of conditions.

Members discussed the application and expressed concerns about the weakness of the business case.

Committee resolved to recommend to Full Council that an objection be made to Sunderland City Council on the grounds of insufficient evidence to support the case for a business park, water table issues and the effect of toxins.

19/00653/FUL

9 Redwing Close, Houghton le Spring, DH5 0GR
Proposal: Conversion of part detached garage into a dog grooming salon with installation of French doors to side.

Members discussed the application and Committee resolved to recommend to Full Council that an objection be made to Sunderland City Council on the grounds of parking and road safety and nuisance issues.