



Ashington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 19th May 2011 at 7.45 p.m. in the Main Hall, Ashington School, Foster Lane, Ashington

Present: Councillors M. Woolley (Chairman), B. Norton, D. Harbour, R. Brennan, N. Carver, J. Stillwell, R. Strudwick, N. Clark, K. Wood, T. Kearney,
Parish Clerk Karen Dare
No members of the public

174/11 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr R. Lancaster (personal)

175/11 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr. Malcolm Woolley was nominated by Cllr. Carver and Seconded by Cllr. Norton. There being no other nominations Cllr. Malcolm Woolley was unanimously elected as Chairman and signed the declaration of acceptance of office. Cllr Woolley then took the Chair for the rest of the meeting.

176/11 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr. Neville Clark was nominated by Cllr. Norton and Seconded by Cllr. Carver. There being no other nominations Cllr. Neville Clark was unanimously elected as Vice Chairman.

177/11 ALLOCATION OF COMMITTEES

The following Councillors were elected to serve on following Committees.

Finance - Cllr Norton, Cllr Carver, Cllr Brennan, Cllr Clark, Cllr Woolley

Planning Committee –Cllr Norton, Cllr Carver, Cllr Wood, Cllr Kearney, Cllr Woolley, Cllr Stillwell, Cllr Harbour

It was agreed that, at present, no new Committees were needed. In the future a Diamond Jubilee committee may be needed but this would be agreed at a future Parish Council meeting.

178/11 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Ashington Community Centre – Cllrs Clark & Stillwell were duly elected to share the position of Observer.

Horsham District Association of Local Councils - Cllr. Clark.

Ashington Youth Club – Cllr. Clark (observer)

BTCV (Tree Warden scheme) – Cllr. Wood

Ashington Residents Association Committee – Cllr. Norton

Community Action Plan Steering Group – Cllrs Clark & Harbour.

Agreed by all present.

The Clerk will check with Cllr Lancaster whether he has resigned from the Community Action Plan Steering Group as it was understood that he was planning to do so.

179/11 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR 2011-2012

The Clerk had circulated a proposed list of dates. Agreed by all.

180/11 CODE OF CONDUCT

The Clerk confirmed that there were no amendments to the Code that had been previously adopted by the Council. Councillors confirmed their adoption of the Code of Conduct.

181/11 ANNUAL REVIEW & APPROVAL OF STANDING ORDERS

The Clerk had previously circulated the Standing Orders and a minor amendment that had been suggested by NALC. It was agreed by all that the Clerk amend the document to include this minor amendment (to include the stipulation in para 32b that 3 Councillors names are needed to allow variation, revocation or suspension of standing orders) and the new Standing Orders be adopted by the Council.

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182/11 REVIEW OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

The Clerk had provided all Councillors with new Register of Members Interests documents and all Councillors present completed and returned the forms before the end of the meeting.

183/11 ANNUAL REVIEW OF COUNCILS RISK ASSESSMENT DOCUMENT

The Clerk had circulated the document. Councillors approved without amendment.

184/11 REVIEW OF COUNCILLORS ALLOWANCES AND CHAIRMANS ALLOWANCE

The Clerk explained that the Council does have a Scheme of Members Allowances and that the current claimable allowance for Councillors is £430. All Councillors present informed the Clerk that they did not wish to claim the allowance for the forthcoming year but wished to retain the right to claim out of pocket expenses. The Chairman also declined to receive a special 'Chairman's Allowance'. The Clerk would check with Cllr Lancaster whether he wished to claim the allowance or not.

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185/11 PLANNING.

Applications

Amended plans had been received for DC/11/0605 Proposed redevelopment of the site replacing the existing commercial unit with a purpose built health and beauty spa – Nail and Tan, London Road.

The Parish Council had previously made a number of comments:

1. Re-development of this site in principle would be good
2. The submitted design was not in keeping with surrounding buildings or the street scene, the size of the proposed building is overdevelopment of the site.

The Parish Council objects to the plans as submitted and would like to see alternative plans put forward.

Councillors agreed that the proposed amendments did not affect the Council's view of this application and that previous comments should still stand.

186/11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at **7.45pm** on **Thursday 2nd June 2011** at Ashington School.

Cllr Kearney proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman & Clerk for all of their hard work over the previous year. Agreed by all.

The meeting finished at 8.05pm

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