

## **Billingham Town Council**

### **Minutes of the Planning & Services Committee Meeting Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 6.30 p.m. Held at Billingham Library & Customer Service Centre**

**Present Councillors:** Michelle Bendelow (Chair of Committee)  
Clare Gamble  
Alexander Peebles (Vice Chair of Committee)  
Jim Scollen

**Official:** Miss Vicky Lloyd – Deputy Town Clerk

**Apologies:** Gina McCall (personal)

#### **12/22 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Housekeeping

Cllr Bendelow expressed her thanks to members for their support in her role as Chair of the Committee. It is her privilege to serve as a member of the committee to monitor planning applications and consultation documents relating to transport and licensing applications.

#### **13/22 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

#### **14/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public present and no questions received on this occasion.

## **15/22 MINUTES OF PLANNING & SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022**

Members were asked to approve the above draft minutes.

### **RESOLVED**

- (i) That the minutes of the above meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022, a copy of which had been previously circulated to each member, be approved, and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

## **16/22 TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990**

- (i) Members were asked to consider planning applications received for the month of April 2022.

### **RESOLVED**

- (i) No comments to be submitted with the exception of **planning application no. 22/0821/X** members object to this application on the basis that the Cherry Trees are subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO).

## **17/22 LOCAL AUTHORITY TREESCAPES FUND ROUND 2**

The Deputy Town Clerk advised members that Government has announced the next round of Local Authority Treescaping Fund (LATF). Stockton Council was successful regarding the application for round 1 of the funding, which saw 150 standard trees, 200 fruit trees and 7,500 tree whips planted at various locations throughout the borough.

As a unitary authority Stockton Borough Council is eligible to apply for LATF2 funding and will be submitting an application accordingly. In addition, as the lead authority, Stockton Council can act on behalf of all the Town and Parish Councils within the borough. The LATF would provide funds for trees to be planted throughout most areas of the borough, including heavy standard trees, tree whips and fruit trees.

Members discussed possible locations within the town that would benefit from the planting of trees. Proposals included Old Wolviston bypass road, A689 roundabout, Cowpen Bewley Woodland Park, Billingham Beck Country Park and the Clarences. These could be for standard, fruit trees or tree whips.



## **RESOLVED**

- (i) Information duly noted.
- (ii) To contact Kevin Pitt, Billingham Environmental Link Programme in respect of the Clarences.

### **18/22 ELECTORAL REVIEW OF STOCKTON ON TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL: FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS (previously circulated to members)**

The Deputy Town Clerk advised members that the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) has published final recommendations setting out new electoral arrangements for Stockton on Tees Borough Council. This included proposals for a Billingham West & Wolviston ward, the extension of Billingham South ward to the railway line, including electors from Sidlaw Road, Cambrian Road, Porlock Road and Lammermuir Road in Billingham Central Ward. Billingham Town Council provided comments on the changes to Billingham parish's electoral arrangements as a result of the draft recommendations proposals.

The revised electoral arrangements for Billingham Town Council state that the Town Council should comprise of 15 Councillors, as at present, representing five wards:

| <b>Parish Ward</b> | <b>Number of parish councillors</b> |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Billingham Central | 3                                   |
| Billingham East    | 3                                   |
| Billingham North   | 3                                   |
| Billingham South   | 2                                   |
| Billingham West    | 4                                   |

The proposed changes will now be considered by Parliament with a view to this coming into force for the Council elections in 2023.

Members requested that a letter be forwarded to LGBCE to seek clarification on the number of parish councillors for Billingham West and South wards as previously 3 councillor wards.

## **RESOLVED**

- (i) Information duly noted.
- (ii) Letter to be forwarded to LGBCE seeking clarification on Billingham West and South Wards.

## **19/22 CAFÉ UPDATE**

The Deputy Town Clerk advised members that the café continues to open Monday to Friday, 10am-3pm. We are looking to recruit two part-time Café Assistants for the Summer period.

### **RESOLVED**

- (i) Information duly noted.

## **20/22 EVENTS UPDATE**

### **HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations - 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022, John Whitehead Park, Billingham, 4pm till late**

The Party in the Park event timetable is now in place and will include local entertainment, live music from Mike McGrother, Singing Sues Vocal Academy, Park Harmony Choir, Billingham Silver band, children's arts & crafts, Tap Shoes & Tutus, culminating in the lighting of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon.

An event plan has been submitted to Stockton on Tees Borough Council Independent Safety Advisory Group (ISAG) for assessment.

### **RESOLVED**

- (i) Information duly noted.

## **21/22 NEWSLETTER – SUMMER EDITION**

The Deputy Town Clerk advised members that articles are being considered for the summer edition of the newsletter.

### **RESOLVED**

- (i) Information duly noted.

## **22/22 FLAGPOLE**

Cllr Peebles advised members that the Ukraine continues to fly on the flagpole outside Billingham Library & Customer Service Centre.

**RESOLVED**

Information duly noted.

**23/22 ROADWORKS REPORT**

There were no items to consider on this occasion.

**RESOLVED**

(i) Information duly noted.

**24/22 LICENSING APPLICATIONS**

There were no licensing applications to consider on this occasion.

**RESOLVED**

(i) Information duly noted.

**The meeting concluded at 7.10 p.m. with Councillors Bendelow, Gamble, Peebles & Scollen present.**

Signed  .....  
Chairman of Planning & Services Committee

Date 7th June 2022