

Billingham Town Council

Minutes of the **Planning & Services Committee Meeting**

Tuesday 14th February 2023 at 6.30 p.m.

Held at Billingham Library & Customer Service Centre

Present Councillors: Michelle Bendelow (Chair of Committee)
Gina McCall
Alexander Peebles (Vice Chair of Committee)
Jim Scollen
Jennifer Shotton (left the meeting at 7.00pm)

Official: Miss Vicky Lloyd – Deputy Town Clerk

In attendance: Cllr Colin Leckonby

Apologies: Cllr Clare Gamble (Business)

251/22 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The usual rules about housekeeping were made.

252/22 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

253/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Planning application number: 23/0090/FUL, Proposal: Carbon capture facility for existing Energy from Waste site, **Location:** Suez Tees Valley Site, Haverton Hill Road, Billingham.

A member of the public expressed concern in respect of increased noise exposure levels from the proposed site for residents living within the areas of Haverton Hill Hotel, off Port Clarence Road, Charlton Close and Cowpen Bewley. The adverse health effects of night noise if levels exceed 40 dB L_{night} in accordance with the World Health Organisation Guidelines for Europe (2009) (NNG) L_{night}, outside = 40 dB.

The member of the public left the meeting.

254/22 MINUTES OF PLANNING & SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10th JANUARY 2023

Members were asked to approve the draft minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2023.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the minutes of the above meeting, a copy of which has been previously circulated to each member, be approved, and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

255/22 TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

Members were asked to consider planning applications received for the month of January 2023.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.
- (ii) To object to **planning application 23/0046/OUT** and to submit the comments on the **scale and size of development** – disused units in the area such as Belasis Business Park which could be utilised for the development, **nature** – detriment to the wildlife habitats and birds on the land, **traffic congestion** – Greenwood Road is a busy road with rush hour traffic am/pm and at weekends with fixtures at the Rugby Club, **egress and exit** to the site – already a busy road and loss of a **green open space** - the land is currently a playing field and a public amenity with access to nature.
- (iii) To object to **planning application 23/0090/FUL** and to submit the comment concerns on the potential increased noise exposure levels from the proposed site for residents living within the areas of Haverton Hill Hotel, off Port Clarence Road, Charlton Close and Cowpen Bewley. The adverse health effects of night noise if levels exceed 40 dB Lnight in accordance with the World Health Organisation Noise Guidance for Europe (2009) (NNG) Lnight, outside = 40 dB. Health effects such as sleep disturbance and impact for the most vulnerable groups such as children, the chronically ill and the elderly.

256/22 SUEZ RECYCLING & RECOVERY PROPOSAL TO BUILD A CARBON CAPTURE PLANT AT HAVERTON HILL

Cllr Leckonby gave members an update following a zoom meeting with the team behind the project to introduce themselves to the Council and to talk more about the plans and how they could help the local community. All members had received an invitation to the meeting.

Cllr Leckonby advised members of the proposed production and process of the carbon capture facility, site and content. If approved the development will create construction jobs and operating and maintenance jobs when the plant is up and running. Suez intends to be a good neighbour to the residents of Port Clarence and are interested in working with the Town Council, Billingham Environmental Link Programme and the Billingham Legacy Foundation and to be a supporter of the local community.

RESOLVED

- (l) Information duly noted.

Cllr Shotton left the meeting at 7.00pm.

257/22 EVENTS UPDATE

The Deputy Town Clerk advised members that the next Town Council event will be the Coronation Big Lunch on Sunday 7th May 2023. A working group is be set up to look at ways we can come together as a community to celebrate.

The Festival of Thrift is taking place on the 23rd and 24th of September 2023.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.

258/22 BILLINGHAM BECK HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECT LED BY THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY IN PARTERSHIP WITH STOCKTON ON TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Deputy Town Clerk advised members that Stockton on Tees Borough Council and The Environment Agency are planning an ambitious project to restore wetland at Billingham Beck Valley Country Park. This will include engineering works to allow the beck to re-connect to the flood plain meadows and the removal of a weir to allow fish to travel further upstream. Work is planned to improve access to the Country Park.

Two drop in sessions for public and any other interested parties have been held at Billingham Library & Customer Service Centre and Norton Library were Officers from both the Council and the Environment Agency were present to share information about the proposed scheme and to answer any questions.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.

259/22 FLAGPOLE

Cllr Peebles reported no changes to the status of the flagpole.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.

260/22 ROADWORKS REPORT

There were no items to consider on this occasion.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.

261/22 LICENSING APPLICATIONS

There were no licensing applications to consider on this occasion.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.

The meeting concluded at 7.15 p.m. with Councillors Bendelow, McCall, Peebles and Scollen present.

Signed  Date 14.3.23.
Chairman of Planning & Services Committee