

Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee held in the Conference Room in Park House, Lanchester on Wednesday 25 January 2012 at 7.55 pm

Present Mr M Wardle (Chair)

Mr K Harrison, Mr C Burton, Mr P Jackson,
Mr A Myers, Mr S Walker, Mr B Glass, Mr K Leary
Mrs M Gray, Mr M Clarke, Mr B Gray

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Mr D Lindsay - work commitments
Mr A Nairn - family commitments
Mrs A Cook - sick

The above apologies were received and accepted

23/12 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

24/12 Public Participation

There were no press or public present.

25/12 Planning Applications

Members considered the following planning applications:

- (i) **Extension to side and rear at 3 Watling Way, Lanchester
1/2011/0661**

Resolved - that Members raise no objection to the application.

- (ii) **Erection of detached stone built garage incorporating
ground source heat pump plant at Woodlea, Lanchester
1/2011/0671**

Resolved - that Members raise no objection to the application.

- (iii) **Erection of extension to existing natural burials business including new garaging workshops, showroom, entrance and reception, storeroom, chapel of rest, shower room, W.C. and retention of temporary dwelling at Chapel View, Greenfield Burial Services, Millershill Lane, Knitsley 1/2011/0625**

Members considered the application and raised various concerns.

Resolved that members object to this development and raise the following issues:

(i) members consider that the application moves the business from just greenfield burial to a full undertaking service and question if this is an appropriate location for a full undertaking service

(ii) members would ask that the proposal be thoroughly investigated for functional need

(iii) members raise concern that this is a substantial development out of proportion for the business and located in a rural area

(iv) members would ask planners to consider the withdrawal of permitted development rights if the application is granted

- (iv) **Erection of micro wind turbine mounted on 15m tower at West Biggen Farm, Hamsteels Lane 1/2011/0585**

Resolved - that Members raise no objection to the application.

- 26/12 **Erection of farm workers dwelling at Greenwell Farm 1/2011/0172**

Members considered the report on the above planning application which is to be considered by the County Council at the Development Control Planning Committee on Thursday 26 January.

Members agreed that planning officers had taken the concerns and objections of Lanchester Parish Council seriously and that the comprehensive report had addressed these issues.

Recommended - that a formal letter of thanks be sent to the County Council for the substantial work undertaken in connection with this application.

27/12 Decisions of the Planning Authority

The following planning applications had been approved by Durham County Council:

- Reduce in height by 50% of five conifer trees, cut back branches to one willow tree on neighbouring property at Beck View, Ford Road, Lanchester
- Felling of one spruce tree, lowering of limbs of two pine trees and one spruce tree (TPO 5) at 1 The Paddock, Lanchester
- Installation of 91 PV panels on south elevation of garden centres retail building at Lanchester Garden Centre, Bargate Bank, Lanchester
- Single storey extension at Lee Hill Court, Lanchester
- Orangery extension at Greystone, Crow Hall, Lanchester

28/12 Neighbourhood Planning Training

Members were reminded that a training session on Neighbourhood Planning to be delivered by officers from Durham Rural Community Council is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 28 February at 7.15pm at Park House.

Business concluded at 8.45pm