

**MINUTES of the PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING OF STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

Held at Stanley Civic Hall, Front Street, Stanley on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2015 at 7.15pm

**PRESENT:** Cllr W Nixon\*                      Cllr R Harrison                      Cllr C Thompson                      Cllr D Walker  
                  Cllr J Nicholson                      Cllr D Marshall                      Cllr M Wilkinson                      Cllr D Mills  
                  Cllr A Clegg                      Cllr L Marshall                      Cllr J Charlton                      Cllr D Tully

\*Chairman

**OFFICERS:** Alan Shaw (Town Clerk)  
                  Nicola James (PA to the Town Clerk)

**PLG.18-15      APOLOGIES**

None

**PLG.19-15      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Charlton declared an interest as a member of Durham County Council.

**PLG.20-15      PROCEDURAL AND APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

None.

**PLG.21-15      PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public in attendance. No written questions were submitted prior to the meeting.

**PLG.22-15      CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

It was proposed by Cllr R. Harrison, seconded by Cllr C. Thompson and **RESOLVED** that the Committee approve the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

**PLG.23-15      PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Members considered the planning application received from Mr John Lamb, to convert the existing former board school to form 25 apartments.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Committee have no objections to the application, but they would like the Clerk to query the following:

- Will they restore the lettering in the stone work on the front of the building?
- Will there be any effects on the drainage for Beamish Street?
- Will the new doors be in keeping with the buildings original features?

**PLG.24-15      NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING**

The Clerk noted this report on Neighbourhood Planning. It was proposed by Cllr D. Mills, seconded by Cllr D. Walker and **RESOLVED** that the Committee support the Clerks recommendation to apply for the designation of Stanley as a neighbourhood planning area.

**PLG.25-15 COURT AND TRIBUNAL SERVICES IN THE NORTH EAST**

Members considered the consultation paper from HMCTS. It was proposed by Cllr D. Mills, seconded by Cllr A. Clegg and **RESOLVED** that the Committee object to the proposed plans to close Consett Magistrates' Court and transfer criminal cases to Peterlee and Family cases to Durham.

**PLG.26-15 DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015, 6.30pm, Stanley Civic Hall