

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF EASINGTON**  
**HELD ON THURSDAY 5 JUNE 2008**

Present: Councillor R. Taylor (Chair)

Councillors Mrs. M. Baird, S. Bishop,  
B. Burn, A. Burnip, R. Burnip, A. Collinson,  
Mrs E.M. Connor, R. Davison, Mrs S. Forster,  
Mrs. J. Freak, J.Haggan, H. High, Mrs. A.E. Laing,  
T. Longstaff, Mrs. J. Maitland, K. McGonnell,  
D. Milsom, A. Napier, Mrs A. Naylor, G. Patterson,  
G. Pinkney, B. Quinn, D. Raine, P. Stradling,  
T. Unsworth and C. Walker

1. **UK HOME ENERGY CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION (HECA) OFFICER 2008**

The Chair presented C Duff, the Council's Energy Manager with the UK HECA Officer of the Year Award which he received at the Energy Conference in Birmingham in recognition of achievements in energy conservation, fuel poverty and climate change.

2. **THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF EASINGTON** held on 8 May 2008, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were confirmed, subject to the reference to the Coalfield Community Campaign in minute numbered 9 'Representatives on Outside Bodies' being amended to read 'The Alliance'.

3. **THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE** held on 22 April 2008, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were submitted.

**RESOLVED** that the decision taken, be noted.

4. **THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF EASINGTON** held on 9 May 2008, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were submitted.

**RESOLVED** that the information contained within the Minutes, be noted.

5. **REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT (RIPA) POLICY**

The Head of Democratic Services and Administration reported on proposed variations to the prescribed Officers for the purpose of granting authorisations specified in Appendix 1 of the Policy on the Regulation of Investigatory Powers.

It was proposed that the Environmental Services Manager be added to give flexibility, thereby permitting the Officer to deputise for the Environmental Health and Licensing Manager, in line with other enforcement delegations.

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It was also proposed that the recently appointed Acting Director of Regeneration and Development be added as a prescribed officer to deal with applications within the Regeneration Unit, with the deletion of the Director of Regeneration from the Policy following his departure from the Authority.

**RESOLVED** that the proposed amendments to the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) Policy, be approved.

6. **HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 SECTION 118 - CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH EXTINGUISHMENT ORDER  
THE DISTRICT OF EASINGTON (EASINGTON VILLAGE HALLFIELD DRIVE)  
PUBLIC PATH EXTINGUISHMENT ORDER 2005**

The Head of Democratic Services and Administration reported that on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2005 the District Council made the above order to extinguish the footpath running in a north south direction adjacent to number 29 Hallfield Drive, Easington Village for a distance of 26 metres and a varying width between 2.5 metres and 5 metres, subject to the necessary statutory consultation process, as shown on the order map attached to the Agenda.

There had been a long running issue regarding the transfer of the land and a number of objections had been received in relation to the order. The District Council was only able to confirm unopposed orders or those where any objections or representations were withdrawn.

The transfer of land in which the footpath was located, was now proceeding to the owners of 29 Hallfield Drive and all objections and representations had also been withdrawn.

Accordingly, the District Council **RESOLVED** that the District of Easington (Easington Village Hallfield Drive) Public Path Extinguishment Order 2005, be confirmed with effect from 5<sup>th</sup> June 2008.

7. **COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER – ST JOHN’S SQUARE, SEAHAM**

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Member for Regeneration which sought approval to amend the St John’s Square, Seaham CPO boundary area to include two additional parcels of land. A copy of the report had been circulated to each Member.

The Acting Director of Regeneration and Development reported that further to the report to Council on 6 March 2008, two additional parcels of land in unknown ownership had been identified for inclusion in the CPO in order to facilitate the progression of the redevelopment proposals.

One of the areas of land was situated adjacent to the Department for Work and Pensions Job Centre Plus building and formed a footpath access to the Square.

The second parcel abutted one of the areas of land in unknown ownership and was needed to provide a complete development parcel. The area would comprise part of the redeveloped public realm and provide an important link to the Square from Church Street.

The extent of the two areas of land together with a revised CPO boundary proposal were shown on a plan attached to the report.

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**RESOLVED** that the CPO Boundary Area be amended in accordance with the plan attached to the report to enable the redevelopment of St John's Square to be progressed.

### 8. TO SEAL DOCUMENTS

**RESOLVED** that the action taken in affixing the Common Seal to the following documents, be endorsed:-

- 19795 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Kathleen and Frances Cowell and Stanley Cowell (2) relating to 34 Eastlea Road, Seaham
- 19796 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Pauline Urwin and Thomas William Urwin (2) relating to 13/14 Dormand Court, Station Town
- 19797 Cancellation of entries relating to a registered charge at 10 Hillside Crescent, Thornley
- 19798 Transfer of Whole of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Norman Stanley Dixon and Keith Dixon (2) relating to garage at Ocean View, Blackhall
- 19799 Release of part of the land from a Registered Charge relating to Plot 55 High Croft, Thornley
- 19800 Release of part of the land from a Registered Charge relating to Plot 54 High Croft, Thornley
- 19801 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Kevin Robert McCallum and Delia McCallum (2) relating to 50 Ambleside Avenue, Seaham
- 19802 Section 106 Agreement between EDC (1) and Leisure North East Ltd (2) relating to land at Corner House, Station Town
- 19803 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and John David Warren and Nichola Warren (2) relating to 25 Woodlands, Seaham

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