

**SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE**

Council Chamber,  
Council Offices  
Spennymoor

Friday,  
8 February 2008

Time: 10.00 a.m.

**Present:** Councillor A. Smith (Chairman) and

Councillors W.M. Blenkinsopp, Mrs. D. Bowman, T. Brimm, D.R. Brown, D. Chaytor, Mrs. L. M.G. Cuthbertson, T.F. Forrest, P. Gittins J.P., Mrs. B. Graham, A. Gray, G.C. Gray, Mrs. J. Gray, B. Haigh, Mrs. S. Haigh, Mrs. I. Hewitson, J.E. Higgin, A. Hodgson, T. Hogan, Mrs. L. Hovvels, Mrs. H.J. Hutchinson, J.M. Khan, B. Lamb, Mrs. E. Maddison, C. Nelson, D.A. Newell, B.M. Ord, Mrs. E.M. Paylor, J. Robinson J.P, B. Stephens, A. Warburton, T. Ward, W. Waters and Mrs E. M. Wood

**Apologies:** Councillors Mrs. A.M. Armstrong, B.F. Avery J.P, J. Burton, V. Chapman, Mrs. K. Conroy, Mrs. P. Crathorne, V. Crosby, D. Farry, D.M. Hancock, G.M.R. Howe, J.G. Huntington, Mrs. S. J. Iveson, Ms. I. Jackson, Mrs. C. Potts and K. Thompson

**DC.93/07            DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following Members indicated that they would be declaring an interest as follows:-

Councillor Mrs D Bowman – Items 8 and 9 -personal and prejudicial - Member of Durham County Council,  
Councillor G C Gray – Items 8 and 9- personal and prejudicial- Member of Durham County Council  
Councillor J Robinson JP. – Items 8 and 9 -personal and prejudicial- Member of Durham County Council

**DC.94/07            MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th January, 2008 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**DC.95/07            TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO 51/2007 51a DURHAM ROAD SPENNYMOOR**

Consideration was given to a report of Head of Planning Services (for copy, see file of Minutes) in relation to a provisional Tree Preservation Order which had been made at the above site on the 9th October, 2007.

It was noted that the Order must be confirmed within six months of being made or the Order would be null and void.

The purpose of the report was therefore to consider whether it would be appropriate to make the Order permanent.

The Tree which was the subject of the Order provided amenity value to the area and it was considered worthy of protection to preserve the character of the area.

*RESOLVED: That Tree Preservation Order number 51/2007, 51a Durham Road, Spennymoor be confirmed*

**DC.96/07 TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO 52/2007 FERRYHILL CEMETERY**

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Planning Services. (For copy see file of Minutes) in relation to the above.

It was explained that a provisional Tree Preservation Order had been made at the above site on 20th November, 2007. The Order must be confirmed within six months of being made or the Order would be null and void. The purpose of the report was therefore to consider whether it would be appropriate to make the Order permanent.

The tree which was the subject of the Order provided amenity value to the area and was worthy of protection to preserve the character of the area.

*RESOLVED: That Tree Preservation Order number 52/2007, Ferryhill Cemetery be confirmed.*

**DC.97/07 APPLICATIONS - BOROUGH MATTERS**

Consideration was given to a schedule of applications for consent to develop (for copy, see file of Minutes).

In respect of application number 1 – Erection of transport garage (retrospective). land at Eldon Hope Drift, Old Eldon, Mr J Cant, Eldon Hope Drift, Old Eldon, Plan Ref: 7/2007/0711/DM, it was explained that since the preparation of the report, a letter had been received from the applicant in support of his application. The contents of the letter were outlined to the Committee.

*RESOLVED: That the report be received and the recommendations contained therein adopted.*

**DC.98/07 CONSULTATIONS FROM DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**NB In accordance with Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Members Code of Conduct, Councillors Mrs D Bowman, G C Gray and J Robinson JP declared interest in this item and the following item relating to Durham County Council and left the meeting for the duration of the discussion and voting thereon.**

Consideration was given to a schedule of applications which were to be considered by Durham County Council and upon which the Council had been invited to comment (for copy, see file of Minutes).

*RESOLVED: That the report be received and the recommendations contained therein adopted.*

**DC.99/07 COUNTY DECISIONS**

A schedule of applications which had been determined for Durham County Council was submitted for Members' information (for copy see file of Minutes).

*RESOLVED: That the schedule be received.*

**DC.100/07 DELEGATED DECISIONS**

Consideration was given to a schedule detailing applications which had been determined by officers by virtue of their delegated powers (for copy see file of Minutes).

*RESOLVED: That the schedule be received.*

**DC.101/07 APPEALS**

Consideration was given to a schedule of appeals outstanding up to 30th January, 2008 (for copy see file of Minutes).

*RESOLVED: That the schedule be received.*

**EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

*RESOLVED: That in accordance with Section 100(a)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 12a of the Act.*

**DC.102/07 ALLEGED BREACHES OF PLANNING CONTROL**

Consideration was given to a schedule of alleged breaches of planning control and action taken. (For copy see file of Minutes).

*RESOLVED: That the schedule be received.*

**DC.103/07 FENCE AT MOONTREE COTTAGE, THORPE LARCHES PLANNING APPLICATION 7/2005/0049DM**

Consideration was given to a report relating to the above breach of planning control. (For copy see file of Minutes)

*RESOLVED: That the report be received and the recommendations contained therein adopted.*

**ACCESS TO INFORMATION**

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