

Appeals & Complaints Committee

A meeting of Appeals & Complaints Committee was held on Monday, 12th December, 2016.

Present: Cllr David Wilburn(Chairman), Cllr Tracey Stott(Vice-Chairman), Cllr Derrick Brown, Cllr Evaline Cunningham, Cllr Philip Dennis, Cllr Elsi Hampton, Cllr Ross Patterson

Officers: Julie Butcher(HR, L&C); Peter Fleming, Anthony Wilton (D of EG&D), Sarah Whaley(DCE)

Also in attendance:

Apologies: None

**ACC
10/16 Evacuation Procedure**

The Evacuation Procedure was noted.

**ACC
11/16 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**ACC
12/16 Minutes from the Appeals and Complaints Committee meeting which was held on the 8th August 2016.**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting which was held on the 8th August 2016 for approval and signature.

RESOLVED that the minutes be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

**ACC
13/16 Minutes from the Appeals and Complaints Committee meeting which was held on the 16th September 2016**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting which was held on the 16th September 2016 for approval and signature.

RESOLVED that the minutes be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

**ACC
14/16 Procedure**

The Committee considered a proposed procedure for the meeting.

RESOLVED that the procedure be agreed.

**ACC
15/16 Proposed extension and addition of no waiting at any time restrictions - Bedale Avenue, Billingham**

Members were provided with a report relating to outstanding objections received following statutory advertising of a proposal to the extension and addition of no waiting at any time restrictions - Bedale Avenue, Billingham

Officers from Economic Growth and Development Services presented their

report to members.

The officers report appended the representations received from members of the public in response to the statutory consultation process in full and summarised them within the report.

Objectors to the proposed restrictions had been invited to attend the meeting but did not do so.

Members were mindful that the scheme had been requested by the local bus companies who experienced difficulties passing along the relevant section of road due to cars being parked on both sides of the road, particularly at school dropping off and picking up times. Members were also concerned that cars parked so as to block the entrance to Ashwood Lodge.

The committee were however concerned that there was limited alternative parking available for the residents of the bungalows at 80 to 90 Bedale Avenue, many of whom may be elderly and required regular visits from care staff who had limited time to make their visits. Members were aware that only 5 spaces for cars were made available for residents and their visitors to the rear of the bungalows and although pedestrian access to the bungalows was not gained from Bedale Avenue, but from the courtyard behind them, the removal of the parking opportunity without further investigations as to alternative parking was premature.

Members of the committee asked officers from Network Safety to approach Thirteen, as providers of the bungalows, if they would be willing to create further parking spaces on the grassed area between the two rows of bungalows, before members would further consider the removal of all of the parking opportunity.

Members felt it was a piecemeal scheme and were concerned that the remainder of Bedale Avenue was also narrow and should be considered as a whole.

Members were, however, satisfied that part of the proposed scheme was necessary to prevent parking around the traffic island and along the frontage of Ashwood Lodge.

With reference to the plan contained within the main report, therefore, the committee's decision was to agree that the proposed extensions of the waiting restrictions around the island and to the frontage of Ashwood Lodge, marked by blue lines on the plan contained within the main report, proceed but that the new proposed waiting restrictions further north along Bedale Avenue, and shown green on the attached plan, be suspended until such time as the council could approach Thirteen to discuss the creation of additional alternative car parking spaces on the grassed area between the bungalows and accessed off the service road off Bedale Avenue, and after further discussion with the bus operators and consideration of the need for further restrictions along more of Bedale Avenue.

If officers proposed to continue with the restrictions marked in green following those considerations the matter was to return to the Appeals and Complaints Committee to finalise their consideration of the objections.

RESOLVED that the Director of Economic Growth and Development be recommended:

1. that the proposed extensions of the waiting restrictions around the island and to the frontage of Ashwood Lodge, marked by blue lines on the plan contained within the appendices of the main report, proceed.
2. that the new proposed waiting restrictions further north along Bedale Avenue, and shown green on the plan contained within the appendices of the main report, be suspended until such time as the council could approach Thirteen to discuss the creation of additional alternative car parking spaces on the grassed area between the bungalows and accessed off the service road off Bedale Avenue, and after further discussion with the bus operators and consideration of the need for further restrictions along more of Bedale Avenue.
3. If officers proposed to continue with the restrictions marked in green following those considerations the matter was to return to the Appeals and Complaints Committee to finalise their consideration of the objections.