

BEADNELL PARISH COUNCIL

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PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING MEETINGS

Introduction

The Parish Council is a consultee for planning applications.

Public meetings are held to consider the planning applications submitted to Northumberland County Council.

The agenda for these meetings is placed on the community notice boards and the Parish Council's web site.

The decision on whether a planning application is granted or refused is made by Northumberland County Council and not by Beadnell Parish Council.

The Parish Council welcomes the views of the public so that these can be taken into account when applications are discussed. Comments from members of the public can be made in writing to the Clerk prior to the meeting or by attending the meeting and making an oral presentation. Plans, maps and/or photographs can be shown to Councillors as part of a presentation.

Process

1. The Chair will announce and make a brief presentation on the planning application to be heard, including any written comments received.
2. The Chair will then invite each member of the public who wishes to speak to address the Councillors. The order of speakers will generally be:
 - applicant/agent
 - supporters
 - objectors
 - others (anyone else who has comments to make)
3. All questions by Councillors and members of the public must be directed through the Chair.
4. When all the speakers have been heard there will be a discussion amongst the Councillors.
5. After discussion, the Chair will ask Councillors to come to a decision based on planning issues, for example:
 - Planning policy (Government guidance, Local Plans)
 - Design, appearance, layout and density
 - Noise disturbance, smell, overlooking and loss of privacy
 - Adequate parking, access, highways safety and servicing
 - Public visual amenity (not loss of private individual's views)
 - Flood risk
6. Councillors will vote on whether to support or object to the planning application and if appropriate whether to request the County Councillor for a 'call-in'.
7. The decision is recorded in the minutes of the meeting and details of the Parish Council's recommendation are sent to Northumberland County Council. The minutes of the meeting are displayed in the community notice boards and the Parish Council's web site.
8. The Clerk is informed at a later date of all decisions made by Northumberland County Council which are then reported to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

Revised and adopted at meeting on 8 July 2015

Parish Council meetings are open, members of the public and press are welcome