

## **Hurworth Parish Council - Procedures**

### **25. Development Control Policy**

The Parish Council represents the residents of the parish, and having been elected to the council need to ensure that the wishes of the residents are carried out where possible.

In order to ascertain the wishes of the residents, a questionnaire was circulated in 2009, and two Public Meetings were convened to discuss and formulate a Parish Plan.

The Parish Plan was adopted and published in 2010, and is now used as the foundation base for monitoring parish activities and spending.

The Development Control Policy uses the Parish Plan, in conjunction with the HPC Procedures Manual to ensure that all actions taken conform to the mandate and are made transparent.

The Parish Plan must be reviewed at least once every year, and where deemed necessary, updated to reflect changing circumstances and demands.

The Review of the Parish Plan should be an integral part of the HPC Annual Meeting, which is convened each May. At this meeting all residents are cordially invited to attend, and can voice their views and comment on the current status and any suggestions for Plan modifications.