

SHILDON TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

At the Annual Meeting of the SHILDON TOWN COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co. Durham, on Monday 17th May 2004, there were present:-

PRESENT:- Councillors Mrs. L. Goldie, Mrs. I. J. Smith, G. Swinbank, D. Hancock, J. Thompson, J. G. Huntington, S.J. Brown, B.H. Stoker, M. S. Hardy, J.M. Smith, R.J. Cutting, Mrs. J. Bird and G.M.R. Howe.

T.C. 1/04 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

It was proposed by Councillor G.M.R. Howe and seconded by Councillor J.M. Smith, that Councillor J.G. Huntington be elected Chairman of this Council for the ensuing year. It was also proposed by Councillor S.J. Brown and seconded by Councillors Mrs. J. Bird, that Councillor R.J. Cutting, be elected Chairman.

On being put to the meeting, Councillor J.G. Huntington, 5 Central Parade, Shildon, Co. Durham, was elected by 9 votes to 3 votes.

J.G. Huntington then made and delivered a Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman of the Shildon Town Council, occupied the Chair and addressed the Council. Councillor Huntington expressed his appreciation on being elected to the Chairmanship and promised he would respect the office and continue on with the good work of his predecessors. He gave an upbeat comment on the future of the town and in particular the work of SureStart and the official opening of the new play area for the 5's and under in the Hackworth Park et al.

The Chairman welcomed Mick Waterson, the Town Clerk designate, to the meeting.

Councillor Huntington then praised the work of Tom Toward, the retiring Town Clerk, who had been with the Town Council for over 25 years.

Mr. Toward then addressed the meeting thanking many by name for their support and loyalty over many years. In particular he praised highly the unstinting support given by his Deputy, Mrs. Tracey Bellas, at the time of a severe family crisis, and of the work carried out by Flo McCall of the Shildon Centre without which the town would have been immeasurably poorer.

Last but not least, he thanked former Councillor Walter Nunn and his wife Cathy for their friendship and support over many years. He also extended the same appreciation to other former members of the Town Council.

T.C. 2/04 **APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

It was proposed by Councillor J.M. Smith and seconded by Councillor M.S. Hardy, that Councillor S.C. Bird be re-appointed Vice-Chairman of this Council for the ensuing year.

There being no further nominations, the Chairman thereupon declared that Councillor S.C. Bird, 32 Cedar Grove, Shildon, Co. Durham, being a Councillor for this parish, had been elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

T.C. 3/04 **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES**

It was proposed by Councillor J.M. Smith that for one year only all Members of the Town Council should be represented on all Standing Committees. The proposal was seconded by Councillor M. Stott and on being put to the meeting it was so RESOLVED.

It was RESOLVED ALSO the following Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen be appointed:-

General Purposes Committee

Chairman	:	Councillor G. Swinbank
Vice-Chairman	:	Councillor J. Thompson

Civic Hall Management Committee

Chairman	:	Councillor G.M.R. Howe
Vice-Chairman	:	Councillor M. Stott

Finance Committee

Chairman	:	Councillor Mrs. L. Goldie
Vice-Chairman	:	Councillor B. Stoker

Quality Status Committee

Chairman	:	Councillor D.M. Hancock
Vice-Chairman	:	Councillor J.M. Smith

Best Value Committee

Chairman	:	Councillor J.M. Smith
Vice-Chairman	:	Councillor S.J. Brown

Allotments Committee

Chairman	:	Councillor M.S. Hardy
Vice-Chairman	:	Councillor G. Swinbank

T.C. 4/04 **APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES**

RESOLVED that the following be, and they are, hereby appointed to the Sub-Committees of the Council:-

Staffing Sub-Committee

The Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Standing Committees

Budgetary Working Party

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Finance Committee, Chairman of General Purposes Committee, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Civic Hall Management Committee, Chairman of Best Value and Quality Status Committees and the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Town Council.

T.C. 5/04 **REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON OTHER PUBLIC BODIES**

RESOLVED that the following be, and they are, hereby appointed as this Council's representatives on the public bodies mentioned:-

DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS : ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Councillor J. Thompson
Councillor D.M. Hancock

DANIEL ADAMSON COACH HOUSE

Councillor S.J. Brown

JUBILEE FIELDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Councillor J. Bennett (if available)

SHILDON COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Councillor M.S. Hardy
Councillor Mrs. L. Smith

SHILDON POOL WORKING PARTY

Councillor J.G. Huntington

SEDGEFIELD AND DISTRICT LOCAL COUNCILS' COMMITTEE

Councillor G. Swinbank
Councillor M. Stott
Councillor J. Thompson

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH : WELFARE WORKING PARTY

Councillor Mrs. I. Jackson-Smith

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH NO. 4 AREA SUB-COMMITTEE

Councillor J. Bennett,
Councillor J. Thompson

Councillor M. Stott
Councillor Mrs. L. Goldie

SEDGEFIELD AND DISTRICT CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU

Councillor J.G. Huntington