

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on 28th July 2008

Present: Councillor A Hammond,
Councillors G Swinbank, A Walker, I Jackson (from Item 6)
M Hardy, V Chapman, B H Stoker, L Iddon and S C Bird

TC 39/08 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 40/08 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors GMR Howe, D M Hancock, J G Huntington and P Quinn.

TC 41/08 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 42/08 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23rd June, 2008 be approved and adopted.

TC 43/08 Committees

Resolved that the minutes of the following Committees be approved and adopted:-

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| a) | Service & Amenities | - | 14 th July 2008 |
| b) | Resources | - | 14 th July 2008 |

Councillor I Jackson joined the meeting.

TC 44/08 Police Report

The Town Mayor welcomed PC Waheed Mugall and a PCSO to the meeting.

PC Mugall advised that due to difficulties being experienced with the system no crime statistics have been available since May but hopefully the difficulties would be soon resolved and following which the statistics would be provided as soon as possible.

PC Mugall highlighted the following:-

- i) National Railway Museum – following incidents of criminal damage around the Museum a total of nine youths had been identified with one being charged.
- ii) Off road biking – nine anti-social behaviour warning notes had been issued in the last two months.

- iii) Theft of scrap – a large scale police operation had been undertaken over the last six months. Scrap dealers were being educated to be more vigilant.

TC 45/08 Replacement representative for the Shildon Community Safety Group

Resolved that the Town Clerk write to Members to request nominations for a replacement representative.

TC 46/08 Replacement member for the Allotments Working Party

Resolved that Councillor B H Stoker be appointed to the Allotments Working Party.

TC 47/08 Consultation by the unitary authority on the proposals for Area Action Partnerships

Resolved that:-

- a) Councillor B H Stoker and M Hardy attend the Bishop Auckland Area Event on 14th August.
- b) Councillors S C Bird and G Swinbank attend the Spennymoor Area Event on 26th August.
- c) Following the conclusion of the consultation events a representative from the unitary authority be requested to attend a meeting of the Town Council to advise on the outcomes.

TC 48/08 Proposed diversion of Public Footpath No 49

Resolved that no objection be made to the proposed diversion of Public Footpath No 49.

TC 49/08 Consultation on Proposals for Improved Access to GP Services in County Durham

Resolved that :-

- a) the proposed location of the GP led Health Centre in Easington be supported and
- b) consideration be given, in the future, to rolling out GP led Health Centres throughout to County area based on areas in most need.

TC 50/08 Developing mental health services for older people in County Durham and Darlington

Resolved that the proposals for continuing care and challenging behaviour services in County Durham and Darlington be supported.

TC 51/08 Appreciations and Congratulations

Resolved that the mayoral engagements attended by the Town Mayor be noted.