

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2008.

Present: Councillor A Hammond,  
Councillors G Swinbank, A Walker, J G Huntington,  
V Chapman, B H Stoker, G M R Howe, R Matthews,  
D M Hancock, S C Bird, F Timmiss and M Hardy

TC 65/08 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 66/08 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors P Quinn, G Lewis and L Iddon.

TC 67/08 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 68/08 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2008 be approved and adopted.

TC 69/08 Committees

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

- a) Service & Amenities - 13<sup>th</sup> October 2008
- b) Resources - 13<sup>th</sup> October 2008

TC 70/08 Police Report

The Town Clerk advised that the representatives from the Police had submitted apologies but had provided certain crime statistics as follows:-

Burglary – dwelling	5
Burglary – non-dwelling	3
Theft from motor vehicles	3
Theft of motor vehicles	3
Shoplifting	1
Other thefts	9
Assaults	11
Sexual offence	1
Drugs offence	0
Criminal damage	20

Consideration was given to the recently launched police campaign to address the problem of illegal parking in Church Street and it was **resolved** to request a special meeting with representatives of the Police and local traders to discuss this matter.

- TC 71/08      Report from representatives on outside bodies
- a)      Notes of the meeting of the Shildon Children and Young People's Action Network held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2008 – **resolved** that the notes be received.
  - b)      Minutes of the meeting of the Shildon Community Safety Group held on the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2008 – **resolved** that the minutes be received.

- TC 72/08      Appointment of representatives to outside bodies
- a)      County Durham Association of Local Councils – **resolved** that Councillor S Bird replace former Councillor L Smith.
  - b)      Sedgefield District Local Councils Committee – **resolved** that Councillor S Bird replace former Councillor L Smith.
  - c)      Sedgefield Borough Area 4 Forum – **resolved** that Councillor M Hardy replace former Councillor I Jackson.

TC 73/08      Appointment of representative to Civic Hall Management Working Party

**Resolved** that Councillor M Hardy replace the former Councillor L Smith on the Working Party.

- TC 74/08      Audited Annual Return for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008
- Resolved** that:-
- a)      the Audited Annual Return be approved and accepted and
  - b)      the related action plan to address the issues arising from the annual audit be approved.

TC 75/08      Consultation on the Making and Enforcement of Byelaws

**Resolved** that the proposals contained within the Constitution Paper be welcomed and supported.

- TC 76/08      Appreciations and Congratulations
- Resolved** that :-
- a)      the schedule of mayoral engagements be noted and
  - b)      the letter of resignation from Councillor I Jackson be noted. It was further **resolved** that letters of appreciation be sent to both former Councillors I Jackson and L Smith.

TC 77/08      Exclusion of Press and Public

That in accordance with the provision of Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act

1972, the Council now excludes the press and public on the grounds of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted since publicity would be prejudicial to the public.

TC 78/08      Local Government Review – Area Action Partnerships

The Town Clerk presented Members with an update on the introduction of Area Action Partnerships throughout County Durham with particular regard to the concerns previously expressed by the Town Council.

Following detailed consideration the following was **resolved** :-

- a) that no further action be pursued by the Town Council with regard to the decision of Durham County Council to exclude Shildon as a focal point for an Area Action Partnership
- b) the Town Council to be represented at the further round of stakeholder consultation to be held at Jubilee Fields Community Centre on 6<sup>th</sup> November by Councillor S Bird and the Town Clerk and
- c) on the basis of the information currently available the broad preference of the Town Council would be for Shildon to be included in the Area Action Partnership based on the focal point of Bishop Auckland but the Town Council would reserve the right to reconsider this matter as further details of the specific role, responsibilities and governance arrangements of the Area Action Partnerships are determined.