

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on 24th November 2008.

Present: Councillor A Hammond,
Councillors G Swinbank, A Walker, P Quinn, D M Hancock,
V Chapman, B H Stoker, G Lewis, L Iddon and J G Huntington.

TC 79/08 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 80/08 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors S Bird, GMR Howe and F Timmiss.

TC 81/08 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 82/08 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27th October 2008 be approved and adopted.

TC 83/08 Committees

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

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| a) | Service & Amenities | - | 10 th November 2008 |
| b) | Resources | - | 10 th November 2008 |

TC 84/08 Police Report

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

Total crime	83
Burglary – dwelling	5
Burglary – non-dwelling	6
Theft from motor vehicles	6
Theft of motor vehicles	2
Fraud/forgery	2
Assaults	8
Sexual offence	2
Drugs offence	1
Criminal damage	23
Youth related anti social behaviour	35

The Town Clerk confirmed that arrangements had been made for a special meeting with representatives of the Police and local traders to discuss the campaign to

address illegal parking in Church Street to be held on Wednesday, 3rd December at 2.00 pm in the Council Chamber.

TC 85/08 Report from representatives on outside bodies

- a) Minutes of the meeting of the Shildon Community Safety Group held on the 15th October 2008 – **resolved** that the minutes be received.

TC 86/08 Adoption of revised Publication Scheme

Resolved that the revised Publication Scheme be adopted in its entirety with effect from 1st January 2009 together with the completed publication guide.

TC 87/08 NHS County Durham – Consultation on the Future of Hospital Services

Resolved that the Town Council object to the proposed reduction of hospital services to be provided at Bishop Auckland General Hospital.

TC 88/08 Parish Council Elections

Resolved that the confirmation that parish elections will not be brought forward to 2009 be welcomed and received.

TC 89/08 Appreciations and Congratulations

Resolved that the schedule of mayoral engagements be noted.

TC 90/08 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 91/08 Area Action Partnerships

The Town Clerk presented Members with an update on the introduction of Area Action Partnerships throughout County Durham following the further consultation event held at Jubilee Fields Community Centre on 6th November 2008.

Following detailed consideration it was **resolved** that Durham County Council be advised:-

- a) The Town Council remained of the view that in accordance with the clear consensus expressed at the consultation events an Area Action Partnership with Shildon as the focal point should be established.
- b) In the event that a) above is not forthcoming the second preference be for the inclusion of Shildon in the Area Action Partnership with a focal point of Bishop Auckland.