

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2009.

Present: Councillor A Hammond,  
Councillors G Swinbank, A Walker, L Iddon, T Bannister, F Timmiss,  
H Nicholson, G G Lewis, D M Hancock, B H Stoker (from Item No.8)  
V Chapman, G M R Howe (from Item No. 9) and J G Huntington.

TC 145/08 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 146/08 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor S C Bird.

TC 147/08 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 148/08 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2009 be approved and adopted.

TC 149/08 Committees

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

- a) Service & Amenities - 14<sup>th</sup> April 2009
- b) Resources - 14<sup>th</sup> April 2009

TC 150/08 Police Report

General

In the absence of the police the Town Clerk circulated the following statistics for the month of February:-

Assaults	15
Sexual Offences	-
Robbery	-
Burglary – dwelling	7
Burglary – other	6
Criminal damage	30
Theft from vehicle	3
Theft of vehicle	1
Thefts	17
Fraud	2
Drug offence	2
Youths causing annoyance	18 – of which two were alcohol related

Future PACT meetings were to be held as follows:-

Thickley - 6.30 pm on 5<sup>th</sup> May at Jubilee Fields Community Centre

Byerley - 6.30 pm on 13<sup>th</sup> May at the Civic Hall

Sunnydale - 7.30 pm on 13<sup>th</sup> May at the Civic Hall

The following priorities had been identified at the April PACT meetings:-

Thickley - Parking issues at Lilac Court and Sycamore Square, vehicle related nuisance, eg off-road motorbikes

Byerley - speeding vehicles at St John's Road, etc. Youths causing annoyance around St John's Road

Sunnydale - licensing issues re The Red Lion

TC 151/08 Report from representatives on outside bodies

- a) Notes of the meeting of the Shildon Children and Young Peoples Action Network held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2009 – **resolved** that the notes be received.
- b) Minutes of the meeting of the Shildon Community Safety Group held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2009 – **resolved** that the minutes be received.

Councillor B Stoker joined the meeting.

TC 152/08 Electoral Review of County Durham Unitary Authority – Proposed Electoral Divisions

**Resolved** that whilst the Town Council would not formally recommend specific revised divisions the Boundary Committee were to be advised:-

- a) The current anomaly whereby part of Shildon Parish is included in an electoral divisions with parts of Newton Aycliffe be discontinued.
- b) Consideration be given to the inclusion of Middridge within the electoral divisions for Shildon to help to achieve acceptable electoral equality.
- c) Consideration be given to the inclusion of Dene Valley within the electoral divisions for Shildon to help to achieve acceptable electoral equality.
- d) The proposed major housing developments at Dale Road and Spout Lane, which has recently received planning permission, could have a significant effect upon the number of electors by 2013.

TC 153/08 Local Government Pay 2009/10

**Resolved** that the offer made by the Local Government Employers be noted.

TC 154/08 NHS County Durham – Seizing the Future

**Resolved** that NHS County Durham be advised that the Town Council does not accept that either the views of the public or the results of the consultation exercise have been adequately taken into account in the decision taken by the Board at its meeting on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2009.

TC 155/08 Correspondence from the Monitoring Officer

**Resolved** that the correspondence be noted.

TC 156/08 Statutory Consultation on Fouling of Land by Dogs (County Durham) Order 2009

**Resolved** that the proposed Order be supported and Durham County Council be requested to consider the introduction of an Order which would require all dogs within designated public parks to be held on a leash.

TC 157/08 Date of Annual Parish Meeting – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2009

**Resolved** that the date of the Annual Parish Meeting be noted.

TC 158/08 Appreciations and Congratulations

**Resolved** that the schedule of mayoral engagements be noted.