

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on 27th July 2009.

Present: Councillor G M R Howe
Councillors G Swinbank, A Walker, T Bannister, J G Huntington, L Iddon, F Timmiss, A Hammond, V Chapman, G Lewis, D Hancock and B Stoker.

TC 40/09 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 41/09 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors S C Bird and P Quinn.

TC 42/09 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Walker declared a personal interest in Item No 13 – S & D Training – Informal application for the use of land at Craddock Street Allotment Site because of his involvement with S & D Training.

TC 43/09 Minutes of Annual Council Meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 22nd June 2009 be approved and adopted.

TC 44/09 Committees

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

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| a) | Service & Amenities | - | 13 th July 2009 |
| b) | Resources | - | 13 th July 2009 |

TC 45/08 Police Report

General

Acting Sergeant S Brown presented the following statistics for the month of June 2009.

Assaults	13
Sexual Offences	0
Robbery	1
Burglary – dwelling	5
Burglary – other	8
Criminal damage	32
Theft from vehicle	6
Theft of vehicle	2
Total Theft	22
Fraud	1
Drug offence	0
Youths street drinking	2

Acting Sergeant Brown provided details of criminal damage, as follows:-

- 12 - dwelling houses
- 4 - other property
- 14 - vehicles
- 2 - other

He also advised that since April only nine cases of criminal damage had been detected which highlighted the difficulty of detecting the perpetrators. He also confirmed that there was no discernible pattern in the acts of criminal damage.

Future PACT meetings were to be held as follows:-

- Thickley - 6.30 pm on 28th July at Jubilee Fields Community Centre
- Byerley - 6.30 pm on 5th August at the Civic Hall
- Sunnydale - 7.30 pm on 5th August at the Civic Hall

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

- Thickley - Tackling anti-social behaviour in Laurel Court
Nuisance motorcycles.
- Byerley - Speeding on Byerley Road
Parking on double yellow lines adjacent to Steve and Suki's
- Sunnydale - Anti-social behaviour at York Square
Nuisance motorcycles.

Acting Sergeant Brown also responded to queries raised by Members with regard to mobility scooters on the highway, parking of cars on footpaths and speeding at Close House.

Resolved that the Police report be received.

TC 46/09 Report from representatives on outside bodies

- a) Minutes of the meeting of the Shildon Community Safety Group held on 17th June 2009 – **resolved** that the minutes be received.

TC 47/09 Review of Standing Orders

Resolved that the revised Standing Orders be approved and adopted.

TC 48/09 Review of Financial Regulations

Resolved that the revised Financial Regulations be approved and adopted.

TC 49/09 Request to return purchased grave spaces

Resolved that:-

- a) The request from Mrs Schofield of Gilwern, Abergavenny to return purchased grave spaces C454 and C455 be approved at no cost to the Town Council and

- b) Future purchases of grave spaces be advised that the policy of the Town Council is not to buy back purchased grave spaces.

TC 50/09 Mental Health Day Services

Resolved that:-

- a) The correspondence from Durham County Council be noted and
- b) Durham County Council be requested to provide details of its policy towards the provision of open spaces, etc. within the cartilage of OAP residential accommodation for use by residents and visitors.

TC 51/09 Parish Plan

Resolved that:-

- a) The final reports from the household survey and the Community Appraisal be noted.
- b) The proposed development of the Local Parish Plan by the Steering Group in partnership with the Durham Rural Community Council be approved.
- c) Following completion the Parish Plan be circulated as widely as possible to the relevant service providers to influence future service provision.

TC 52/09 S & D Training – Informal application for the use of land at Craddock Street Allotment Site

Resolved that the use of the land by S & D Training be approved in principle without prejudice and further reports be presented to the Town Council following detailed consideration of the proposal with S & D Training.

TC 53/09 Representation on Outside Organisations

- a) Larger Local Councils Forum

Resolved that the Town Clerk discuss this matter with Councillor S Bird and to report further to the September meeting.

- b) Bishop Auckland & Shildon Local Councils Committee

Resolved that this matter be deferred to the September meeting

TC 54/09 Appreciations & Congratulations

Resolved:-

- a) That the schedule of Mayoral engagements be noted.
- b) That a letter of appreciation for the service provided at the Civic Hall be forwarded to the community newspaper.