

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, County Durham, on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2009.

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

TC82/09 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC83/09 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors M. Hardy and S. Bird.

TC84/09 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC85/09 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2009 be approved and adopted.

TC86/09 Committees

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

- a) Service & Amenities - 9<sup>th</sup> November 2009
- b) Resources - 9<sup>th</sup> November 2009

TC87/09 Police Report

The Town Mayor welcomed Sergeant Clarke to the meeting who presented the following statistics for September & October:-

	September	October
Assaults	11	17
Sexual Offences	Nil	Nil
Robbery	Nil	Nil
Burglary – Dwelling	7	4
Burglary – Other	8	6
Criminal Damage	23	21
Theft from vehicle	6	2

Theft of vehicle	2	1
All theft	29	34
Fraud	1	Nil
Drug Offences	2	4
Youths Street Drinking	u/a	u/a

Sgt Clarke reported on the priorities for the next PACt Meeting for the Byerely Ward which were speeding on Byerley Road and parking problems outside of Steve and Suky's. The priorities for the Sunnysdale Ward were illegal parking in Church Street and outside of the HSBC and the priority for the Thickey Ward was anti-social behaviour in Jubilee Road.

Other issues reported were dwelling burglary in the New Shildon area which was now subject to an Operational Order to target patrols/resources, Smart-water deployment and burglary packs. In the Hackworth Park there have been incidents of anti-social behaviour, burning of play equipment and users of the Rest House experiencing problems. A letter had been sent to the local Police by the Youth Council also highlighting these issues and for sidings to be installed on the structures of the skate park. A problem plan had now been put in place and resources directed towards problems within the park area. Motorbike problems were also reported in the Thornhill Gardens area of Shildon.

- Resolved**
1. That the report of Sgt. Clarke be noted.
  2. That the Town Council investigate the cost of curtains/blinds for the Rest House.

TC. 88/09 Report from representatives on outside bodies

a) Minutes of the meeting of the Shildon Community Safety Group held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2009 – **resolved** that the minutes be received.

b) Shildon Youth Council – A verbal update was given on the progress of the Youth Council which included a training day and fun event plus issues raised regarding the Hackworth Park. Future meetings would include elections, meeting with the Police and Town Council representatives, further training days and a visit to the CCTV control room at Chilton - **resolved** that the verbal report be received.

TC. 89/09 Proposed stopping up of unnamed road formerly linking rear of Beresford Street with rear of Tomlin Street

Durham County Council advised of it's intention to stop up the vehicular rights from the unnamed road formerly linking the rear of Beresford Street with the rear of Tomlin Street. The road is no longer necessary for public use and now forms part of an open space. Pedestrian rights over the area will remain.

**Resolved** that the proposal be supported.

TC. 90/09 Extension of 40 mph speed limit at South Church

Notification had been received from Durham County Council of a proposed extension of the existing 40 mph speed limit at South Church. This will associate the start of building development to the change in speed limit and encourage better driver compliance.

**Resolved** that no objection be raised.

TC. 91/09 Durham County Council – Consultation of the Development of Travel Schemes and Alternatives to Bus Services across County Durham

Durham County Council's Bus Strategy produced in 2009 highlighted the need to develop a countryside network of accessible vehicles to complement the existing bus network with the aim to provide a transport solution for those people who:

- Do not have access to a bus service through geographical location
- Cannot use conventional bus services through mobility/disability issues.

The County Council has developed a proposal for a new Accessible service called 'Link2' to replace current schemes and undertaken a consultation on this proposal.

**Resolved** 1. That the consultation paper be noted.

2. That an assurance be sought that the service currently provided by the Carelink scheme will be more than adequately replicated in the proposed revisions because of the high current take up of the service.

3. That the Town Council investigate the appearance of two new bus stops at West Road, Shildon.

TC. 92/09 Nominations for Co-opted Clerks for the NALC Larger Local Councils Committee

Nominations have been sought for three clerks to be co-opted onto the NALC Larger Local Councils Committee. The successful applicants will be chosen via a vote at a meeting of the Larger Local Councils Committee in January 2010.

**Resolved** that the Town Clerk be nominated to serve on the NALC Larger Local Councils Committee.

TC.93/09 Proposed erection of detached garage on land adjacent to 6 Cheapside, Shildon – Neighbour Consultation

Details of the neighbourhood consultation undertaken by Durham County Council on the above planning application were presented to the meeting.

**Resolved** that the information be noted.

TC. 94/09 Application for Grant Aid

An application for grant aid was received from Elm Road Luncheon Club.

**Resolved** that £50 be awarded under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) to Elm Road Luncheon Club.

TC. 95/09 Appreciations and Congratulations

**Resolved** that the schedule of Mayoral arrangements and the letter from Andy Coulthard be noted.