

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, County Durham, on 21st December, 2009.

Present: Councillor G M R Howe
Councillors A Hammond, T Bannister, A Walker,
V Chapman, G Lewis, H Nicholson, G Huntington,
L Iddon, S Bird and B Stoker.

TC96/09 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC97/09 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Cllrs
P. Quinn, F. Timmiss and G. Swinbank.

TC98/09 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC99/09 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23rd November, 2009 be approved and adopted.

TC100/09 Committees

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

- a) Service & Amenities - 14th December 2009
- b) Resources - 14th December 2009

TC101/09 Police Report

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

	November
Assaults	9
Sexual Offences	0
Robbery	0
Burglary – (Dwelling & Other)	13

Criminal Damage	25
Theft from vehicle	11
Theft of vehicle	0
All theft	26
Fraud	1
Drug Offences	0
All ASB	122
Youths related ASB	45

Sgt Clarke reported on the priority for the next PACT Meeting for the Byerely Ward which was parking on Oxford Street and Ruskin Avenue at school collection times. The priority for the Sunnydale Ward was illegal parking in Dean Street and Southland Gardens during football matches and for the Thickley Ward, anti-social behaviour around shops in Coronation Avenue. Other issues reported were a reduction in dwelling house burglary over the last month but there had been a rise in commercial premises being targeted in the town centre. It was also reported that CID officers would be moving into the Shildon Police Office as from end of December.

Resolved 1. That the report of Sgt. Clarke be noted.

TC102/09 Report from representatives on outside bodies

a) Minutes of the meeting of the Shildon Community Safety Group held on 18th November 2009 – **resolved** that the minutes be received.

b) Minutes of the meeting of the Shildon Children and Young People's Action Network held on 2nd December 2009 – **resolved** that the minutes be received.

c) Shildon Youth Council – A verbal update was given on the progress of the Youth Council which included the election of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary. It was reported that the Youth Council would be writing to the Town Council and the local Police to attend a meeting to discuss issues relating to the Hackworth Park and of a visit arranged to the CCTV control room at Chilton early February – **resolved** that the verbal report be received.

TC103/09 Co. Durham and Darlington Bus Update

Members received an update on the performance of Arriva bus services in County Durham and Darlington.

Resolved that the update be noted.

TC104/09 West Road Bus Stop Signs

Members received information regarding the erection of bus stop signs on West Road, Shildon.

Resolved that the information be noted.

TC105/09 Appreciations and Congratulations

Resolved 1. That the schedule of Mayoral arrangements be noted.

2. That appreciation be conveyed to staff of the Town Council for the organisation of the Christmas Procession and family entertainment at the Shildon Civic Hall.

TC106/09 Charter Launch and Signing Ceremony

It was reported that the Charter Launch and Signing Ceremony would be held on Saturday, 16th January 2010 at County Hall, Durham to which a Town Council representative was invited to attend. The Charter arrangements would establish a new and improved working relationship between the remaining two tiers of local government in County Durham.

Resolved that Councillor G. M. R. Howe, Town Mayor, represent the Town Council at the event.