

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, County Durham, on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

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

TC143/09 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC144/09 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor D M Hancock, A Hammond and G Lewis.

TC145/09 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC146/09 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2010 be approved and adopted.

TC147/09 Committees

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

- a) Service & Amenities - 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010
- b) Resources - 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010

TC 148/09 Police Report

There was no representative from the Police present at the meeting and no written report had been received prior to the meeting. It was **resolved** that the Police be requested to confirm a commitment to attending meetings of the Town Council.

A concern was raised regarding the obstruction being caused by the display of goods on the pavement by the fruiterer in Church Street and the consequent need for wheelchair/pushchairs to use the highway to pass the obstruction. It was **resolved** that this matter be raised with the Police and the Highway Authority.

TC 149/09 Report from representatives on outside bodies

- a) Minutes of the meeting of the Shildon Community Safety Group held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2010 – **resolved** that the minutes be noted.

- b) Minutes of the meeting of the Shildon Children and Young People's Action Network held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2010 – **resolved** that the minutes be noted.

TC 150/09 Strategic Review of Residential Care Homes

The Town Clerk advised that despite repeated requests the County Council was not prepared to send a representative to the meeting to enable a fully informed consideration of the matter to be undertaken. In addition the Town Clerk also advised that no response had been received to the number of questions raised by elected Members.

Following further detailed consideration of this matter it was **resolved** :-

- a) To object to the closure of the seven in-house residential care homes.
- b) To complain to the Leader and Chief Executive of Durham County Council regarding the consultation process undertaken with regard to this matter and in particular the treatment of town and parish councils.
- c) A further report be submitted to the Town Council following the receipt of responses to b) above.

TC 151/09 Consultation on draft Joint Commissioning Strategy for Older People 2010-2013

**Resolved** that no detailed comments are made on the draft strategy.

TC 152/09 Annual Parish Council

**Resolved** that the Annual Parish Meeting be held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

TC 153/09 Appreciations and Congratulations

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