

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Shildon Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

Present: Councillor P A Pemberton in the Chair  
Councillors A Walker, H Nicholson, J Gash, B Bates,  
L Cockfield, P Quinn, S Quinn, M Stott, S Bird,  
J G Huntington, and L Iddon

TC 83/15 Notice of Meeting

The Notice convening the Meeting was taken as read.

TC 84/15 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 85/15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M P Burdess, B Stoker, D Gordon and J Miller.

TC 86/15 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 87/15 Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015 be approved.

TC 88/15 Committees

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

- a) Service & Amenities - 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015
- b) Resources - 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015

TC 89/15 Police Report

Acting Sergeant D Littlefair presented details of the crime statistics for the month of November 2015. A copy of the report is attached to these Minutes. An update was provided on local issues for the information of Members.

Members were informed that meetings for all PACT Wards were going to be amalgamated in 2016, with one meeting for the town to be held every month at the Shildon Civic Hall. Concern was expressed at the reduction of the PACT Meetings especially as elderly residents from the Jubilee Housing Estate would find it difficult to attend meetings at the Civic Hall. Following discussions, Acting Sergeant Littlefair indicated that a drop in session may be

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able to be held for residents who would normally attend the PACT Meeting at the Jubilee Fields Community Centre.

**Resolved** that the report be noted.

TC 90/15      Rights of Way Improvement Plan for County Durham 2015 – 2018

The Town Clerk provided Members with information on the Rights of Way Improvement Plan for County Durham 2015-2018 which was approved by Durham County Council in October 2015.

**Recommended** that the Rights of Way Improvement Plan for County Durham 2015-2018 be received.

TC 91/15      County Durham Access Prioritisation Project – Phase 3

The Town Clerk provided information on the County Durham Access Prioritisation Project – Phase 3 (Bishop Auckland, Shildon and Newton Aycliffe). The focus is primarily on the Public Rights of Way network found mainly on the fringe of, but sometimes within, settlements. Durham County Council had secured Local Transport Plan funding for path improvements to be carried out this financial year and are in the process of determining which scheme/s can be delivered.

**Recommended** that the report be received.

TC 92/15      Your Region, Your Community, Your Event – Managing Events

The Town Clerk informed Members of the ‘Your Region, Your Community, Your Event – Managing Events’ Regional Event to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

**Recommended** that the report be received and that further information be provided to Committee when details have been finalised.

TC 93/15      Annual Leave and Bereavement Policies

The Town Clerk presented to Members Annual Leave and Bereavement Policies, to guide Members, Managers, Staff and the public and to provide interpretation and detail of relevant legislation.

**Recommended** that the Annual Leave Policy and Bereavement Policy be approved and adopted.

TC 94/15      Appreciations and Congratulations

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

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