

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Shildon Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

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

TC 91/16 Notice of Meeting

The Notice convening the Meeting was taken as read.

TC 92/16 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 93/16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Gordon, P A Pemberton and S Quinn.

The Town Clerk informed Members that Councillor P A Pemberton was attending a Civic Engagement at Ferryhill Town Council Carol Service.

TC 94/16 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 95/16 Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016 be approved.

TC 96/16 Committees

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

- a) Service & Amenities - 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016
- b) Resources - 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016

TC 97/16 Police Report

An apology had been received from Neighbourhood Inspector Sarah Honeyman and Acting Sgt Matt Plumb who were unable to attend the meeting. Members expressed concern that crime statistics for the month of November 2016 had not been produced for distribution at the Meeting. Discussions took place on policing issues and the recording of crime statistics in general and the Town Clerk advised Members that any concerns should be addressed when a police representative was present at the meeting.

**Resolved** that a request be made to Acting Sgt Matt Plumb to produce crime statistics for distribution to Members at future meetings of the Town Council.

**Signed**  
**Chairman**.....

TC 98/16      Shildon Gateway Arches Consultation

The Town Clerk informed Members of the outcome of the consultation on the future of the Shildon arches carried out by Durham County Council.

As part of the consultation 347 people took part with over 83 per cent voting for all of the arches to remain. As a result, Durham County Council will repair the arches at an estimated cost of just over £85,000.

**Resolved** that the report be received.

TC 99/16      Consultation on Proposal to Remove Street Lights

The Town Clerk gave a brief outline on the background of the Street Lighting Energy Project approved by Durham County Council Cabinet in December 2012 and the 'invest to save' project which involved retrofitting 41,000 street lights with new energy efficient LED street lights as well as the Street Lighting Policy approved by Cabinet in November 2012 which facilitated the removal of street lights.

The proposed locations for the removal of street lighting under this package at Road No. B6282 (8 lighting columns), Road A6072 (31 lighting columns) and Road A6072 (11 lighting columns) were provided to Members who were requested to provide any local knowledge regarding the use of the highways/footways which could further inform the necessary risk assessments.

**Resolved** that:

- a. the report be noted
- b. concern be expressed to Durham County Council on the proposed removal of street lighting at Busty Terrace (Road B6282). The key issue being personal safety, and the perception of personal safety, when using the footway which is frequently used by a significant number of the general public as a walking/cycling route to and from work at the South Church Enterprise Park also as a route to Eldon and Bishop Auckland.
- c. concern also be expressed on the proposed removal of lighting columns on the Shildon By-Pass (Road A6072) as this is a footpath used by members of the public and particularly the Shildon Running and Athletic Club who use the footway as part of their training regime. The removal of street lighting would be a personal safety matter to users.

TC 100/16      Appreciations and Congratulations

**Resolved** that:-

- a. the schedule of mayoral engagements be received.

**Signed**  
**Chairman**.....

- b. thanks be extended, on behalf of the Mayor, to the Civic Hall and Town Council staff for their involvement in the Mayor's Charity Event on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016 and all the organisations who were involved with the Civic Carol Service on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

**Signed**  
**Chairman.....**