

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Shildon Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 8th February 2016.

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

In attendance: Richard Brown – Neighbourhood Protection Coordinator (south)

TC 109/15 Notice of Meeting

The Notice convening the Meeting was taken as read.

TC 110/15 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 111/15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M P Burdless and B Stoker.

TC 112/15 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 113/15 Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 18th January 2016 be approved.

TC 114/15 Committees

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

- a) Service & Amenities - 18th January 2016
- b) Resources - 18th January 2016

TC 115/15 Police Report

In the absence of Acting Sergeant D Littlefair, the Chair presented details of the crime statistics for the month of January 2016. A copy of the report is attached to these Minutes.

Following an anti-social behaviour incident at the Civic Hall, the Town Clerk informed Members that a meeting with Police was to be held in order to implement a banning order from the Civic Hall on the young people involved in the incident.

Concerns were raised regarding the policing levels and crime statistics in Shildon.

Signed
Chairman.....

Councillor P Quinn indicated that these issues would be addressed with Ron Hogg, Police and Crime Commissioner at a forthcoming meeting.

Resolved that the report be noted.

TC 116/15 Neighbourhood Protection Coordinator (south)

The Chair welcomed Richard Brown to the meeting who outlined the duties and responsibilities of the Neighbourhood Protection Team.

Members expressed concern that separate statistical information for Shildon was no longer produced in the Monthly Performance Reports. Richard Brown explained to the Meeting that due to a lack of resources unfortunately this information could not be processed but assured Members that Neighbourhood Wardens were operating within Shildon.

Resolved that:

- a. thanks be extended to Richard Brown for attending the meeting.
- b. a letter be forwarded to Ian Hout, Neighbourhood Protection Manager, Durham County Council, expressing the concerns of the Town Council that specific statistical information detailing tasks and actions dealt with by Neighbourhood Wardens in Shildon was not produced separately within the monthly Performance Report .

TC 117/15 Consultation on Proposal to Remove Street Lights

The Town Clerk provided Members with information received from Durham County Council on the proposal to remove street lights from road C35 Middridge Lane. In particular, Members attention was drawn to the removal of 17 columns C35 Middridge Lane from a point west of The Meadows junction midpoint, heading in a westerly direction for 735m which falls within the Parish of Shildon.

Durham County Council had asked for further information which may inform the risk assessments. The Town Clerk referred to Report No. 49 and the need for pedestrians to cross the carriageway walking between Shildon and Middridge.

Resolved that:

- a. lighting columns LC1841 – LC1843 be retained in order for pedestrians to cross the carriageway between Shildon and Middridge safely and to reduce the risk of an accident.
- b. the current road markings be improved to include the use of reflective studs or reflective carriageway surfacing for drivers.

TC 118/15 Appreciations and Congratulations

Resolved that the schedule of mayoral engagements be noted.

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Chairman.....