

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> September 2015.

Present: Councillor M P Burdess in the Chair  
Councillors A Walker, H Nicholson, M Stott  
P A Pemberton, J G Huntington, D Hancock,  
B Bates, L Iddon, J Miller and B Stoker

TC 50/15 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 51/15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L Cockfield, P Quinn, S Quinn, D Gordon and S Bird.

**Resolved** that a dispensation due to a recent bereavement be granted Councillor David Gordon for a period of six months from the date of this meeting and reviewed thereafter.

TC 52/15 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 53/15 Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2015 be approved.

TC 54/15 Committees

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

- a) Service & Amenities - 13<sup>th</sup> July 2015
- b) Resources - 13<sup>th</sup> July 2015

TC 55/15 Police Report

In the absence of a police representative, the Chair provided an update on local issues for the information of Members. A copy of the report for July and August was circulated prior to the meeting.

**Resolved** that the report be noted.

TC 56/15 Presentation – Shildon Town Square Update

The Chair welcomed Jackie Donnelly, Community Economic Development Officer, to the meeting who gave a presentation on proposals to improve the Town Centre following feedback received from a consultation carried out in 2014.

**Resolved that:**

- a) the presentation be welcomed and thanks be extended to Jackie Donnelly for attending the meeting.
- b) a report be submitted to the Town Council identifying costs associated with the Town Centre improvement programme and associated costs should the Town Council wish to pursue options provided by the Economic Development Team in terms of adoption of seating on the Town Square and small scale maintenance work.

TC 57/15      Proposed Closure of Morrisons Store, Shildon

The Town Clerk provided an update received from the Public Affairs Advisor for Wm Morrison Supermarkets plc on the proposed closure of the Shildon store. Morrison Supermarkets had confirmed that Shildon was one of the 11 proposed supermarket closures due to the store unable to be turned around and cannot be made viable.

**Resolved** that a letter be sent to the Chief Executive, Morrison Supermarkets plc expressing the Town Council's concern on the proposed closure of the Shildon Store and the detrimental effect this would have on residents of the town.

TC 58/15      Vacancy in Sunnydale Ward

Following the death of Muriel Gordon, the Town Clerk advised Members that Durham County Council did not receive the requisite number of signatories to call an election for the vacancy. Therefore, the vacancy was to be filled by co-option.

It was proposed that Joseph Gash be co-opted onto Shildon Town Council. There being no other nominations it was:

**Resolved** that Mr Joseph Gash be co-opted as a Councillor for Sunnydale Ward.

TC 59/15      Audited Annual Return for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015

**Resolved that:-**

- a) The Town Council approves and accepts the audited Annual Return for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015
- b) The Town Council confirms that in future the relevant minute number will be provided in Section 1 of the Return

TC 60/15      Public Contracts Regulations 2015

The Town Clerk informed members that the Public Contracts Regulations 2006/05 had been repealed by the 2015 Regulations and as a consequence require changes to be made to the Standing Orders adopted by the Town Council on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

**Resolved** that amended Standing Orders 30.2 and 30.5 are adopted with immediate effect.

TC 61/15      Report from Representatives on Outside Bodies

- a)      Durham Association News, newsletter September 2015 – **resolved** that the newsletter be received.

Councillor Nicholson requested that further information be sought with regards to any funding packages available to clean and refurbish the Shildon War Memorial situated at St. John's Church.

TC 62/15      Appreciations and Congratulations

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

TC 63/15      County Durham Association of Local Councils – Request for Nominations for Positions of Office

The Town Clerk informed members that the County Durham Association of Local Councils had requested nominations for various positions of office.

No nominations were received from Members.

**Resolved** that the report be noted.