

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Shildon Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 10th December 2018.

Present: Councillor L Deakin in the Chair
Councillors A Walker, A Farlow, L Cockfield, S Townsend, D Reynolds, D L Mather and H M Hanratty.

TC 91/18 Notice of Meeting

The Notice convening the Meeting was taken as read.

TC 92/18 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 93/18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors D Childs, P Quinn, S Quinn, P Walton, D A Anderson, R A Anderson, J G Huntington, H Nicholson and L Butterworth.

TC 94/18 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 95/18 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 12th November 2018 be approved.

TC 96/18 Committees

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

- a) Service & Amenities - 12th November 2018
- b) Resources - 12th November 2018

TC 97/18 Police Report

In the absence of a police representative, the Town Clerk presented details of the crime statistics for the month of November 2018.

The Town Clerk provided an update to a question posed at a previous meeting regarding the use of police sirens and connection times to 101 non emergency calls.

A copy of the crime statistics report is attached to these Minutes.

Resolved that the report be received.

Signed
Chairman

TC 98/18 Royal Garden Party 2019

The Town Clerk informed Members that the County Durham Association of Local Councils was expected to receive confirmation of the allocation of four places for the Royal Garden Party in 2019.

Previously the Town Council had nominated the outgoing Town Mayor to be the nominee.

Resolved that the Town Mayor, Councillor L Deakin be entered into the draw for a place at the Royal Garden Party 2019.

TC 99/18 Draft County Durham Speed Management Strategy

The Town Clerk provided Members with information contained within the draft County Durham Speed Management Strategy.

The Speed Management Strategy had been developed by Durham County Council in partnership with Durham Constabulary and sets out how speed limits would be determined for public roads and how the County Council would address speeding issues within County Durham.

Resolved that Members receive the draft County Durham Speed Management Strategy.

TC 100/18 Shildon Town Council Opening Hours

The Town Clerk advised Members of the period of closure of the Council Offices during the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Members were asked to consider a proposal to revise the opening and closing hours of the Council Offices to the public due to residents visiting the Council Offices prior to opening hours and low activity at the end of the day.

Resolved that:

- a. the closure of the Town Council Offices on 21st December until 2nd January 2019 be noted.
- b. the revised opening and closing hours to the public Monday – Thursday 8.30am – 4.30pm and Friday 8.30am – 4.00pm as from 2nd January 2019 be approved.

TC 101/18 Re-Scheduling of January 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting

The Town Clerk advised Members that a Special Meeting of the Resources Committee was to be held on 3rd January 2019 to consider a draft budget and precept requirement for 2019/20 and for members to consider re-scheduling the Ordinary meeting of the Town Council due to be held on 14th January to 21st January 2019 in order to provide a period of time for budget adjustments.

Signed
Chairman

Resolved that the January meeting be re-scheduled to 21st January 2019 in order to provide a period of time for any budget adjustments and financial reports to be prepared.

TC 102/18 Public Consultation on Proposals to Change 7-Day Access to Primary Care Service across Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield

The Town Clerk provided information to Members on the public consultation on proposals to change 7-Day Access to Primary Care Service across Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield.

Resolved that the report be noted.

TC 103/18 Appreciations and Congratulations

Resolved that the schedule of mayoral engagements and announcements by the Town Mayor be received.

Signed
Chairman