

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Shildon Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 11th March 2019.

Present: Councillor L Deakin in the Chair
Councillors A Walker, A Farlow, D Childs, J G Huntington, L Cockfield, S Townsend, D Reynolds, R A Anderson, D L Mather, P Quinn and S Quinn.

Before the meeting commenced, Councillor A Walker spoke of the sad loss on the passing of Councillor Henry Nicholson. Councillor Henry Nicholson served the people of Shildon as a Ward Member for Sunnysdale and was a dedicated and valued member of the Town Council. Tributes were also paid to Councillor Nicholson by the Town Mayor and Town Clerk.

The Town Council stood for one minute's silence as a mark of respect to the memory of Councillor Henry Nicholson.

TC 130/18 Notice of Meeting

The Notice convening the Meeting was taken as read.

TC 131/18 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 132/18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor H M Hanratty.

TC 133/18 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 134/18 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 11th February 2019 be approved.

TC 135/18 Committees

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

- a) Service & Amenities - 11th February 2019
- b) Resources - 11th February 2019

TC 136/18 Police Report

The Chair welcomed Superintendent Allen, Head of Command and Inspector Honeyman, Neighbourhood Policing, to the meeting. Inspector Honeyman presented details of the crime statistics for the month of February 2019.

Signed
Chairman

Superintendent Allen reported on the re-structure in the Neighbourhood Policing Teams and informed Members that the policing level was proportionally staffed relative to Shildon.

A question and answer session took place and Members were reassured that policing coverage in Shildon would not be affected and additional resources would be available from within the Neighbourhood Policing Team when required. Support from Special Police Officers would also be provided.

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

Resolved that the report be received.

TC 137/18 Durham County Council : Review of Statement of Licensing Policy

Resolved that the Review of Statement of Licensing Policy be deferred to the next Town Council meeting.

TC 138/18 Resignation of Councillor Paul Walton

The Town Clerk advised Members of a vacancy in the Sunnydale Ward of Shildon Town Council following the resignation of Paul Walton. A Notice of Vacancy had been published and if a request for an election was not made in writing to the Returning Officer by ten electors for the Parish (Ward) by 12th March, the vacancy would be filled by co-option.

Resolved that the report be noted.

TC 139/18 Corporate Risk Report and Action Plan

The Town Clerk reported on the revised corporate risk report and updated action plan.

Resolved that the Corporate Risk Report and Action Plan for 2019/20 be approved.

TC 140/18 Appreciations and Congratulations

Resolved that:

- a. the schedule of mayoral engagements and announcements by the Town Mayor be received.
- b. the letter of appreciation received from St John's Church be noted.
- c. a letter of congratulations be sent to Reverend Canon David Tomlinson in his new role as Senior Resourcing Church Leader.
- d. a letter of congratulations be sent to Neil and Diane Wood on a successful Hackworth Parkrun 6th Birthday Celebration.

Signed
Chairman