

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Shildon Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 15th October 2018.

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

TC 67/18 Notice of Meeting

The Notice convening the Meeting was taken as read.

TC 68/18 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 69/18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors D Reynolds, L Mather and P Walton.

TC 70/18 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 71/18 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the following Meetings be approved:-

- a) Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council - 10th September 2018
- b) Special Meeting of the Town Council - 24th September 2018

TC 72/18 Committees

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

- a) Service & Amenities - 10th September 2018
- b) Resources - 10th September 2018

TC 73/18 Police Report

Inspector Sarah Honeyman and Sergeant Alex Clarke presented details of crime statistics for April – September 2018 compared to the same six month period in 2017.

A question and answer session on policing matters took place on the crime statistics presented, together with action that was being taken to combat anti-social behaviour identified within the town centre. Discussions also took place on the amalgamation of the Sergeant for Shildon and Sedgefield divisions and the impact on the level of crime in Shildon.

Signed
Chairman

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

Resolved that the report be received.

TC 74/18 Town Councillor Vacancy, Thickley Ward, Shildon – Co-option

The Town Clerk advised Members of a vacancy in the Thickley Ward of Shildon Town Council following the resignation of Jeffrey Miller and informed Members that Durham County Council did not receive the requisite number of signatories to call an election for the vacancy. The vacancy could now be filled by co-option.

It was proposed by Councillor A Walker and seconded by Councillor H Nicholson that Hannah Margaret Hanratty be co-opted onto Shildon Town Council.

Resolved that Hannah Margaret Hanratty be co-opted as a Councillor for Thickley Ward, Shildon.

TC 75/18 Review of Standing Orders

The Town Clerk informed Members that Standing Orders had been reviewed and revised to incorporate or reference new legislation where necessary, to align with the current National Association of Local Council's Model Standing Orders.

Resolved the revised Standing Orders be approved and adopted.

TC 76/18 Final Determination on Proposal to Remove Street Lights, Lambton Street, Shildon

The Town Clerk informed Members about the final determination on the proposal to remove street lights at Lambton Street (junction with A6072), Shildon and advised that following feedback, and taking into account a road safety risk assessment and the current Street Lighting Policy, it had been determined it would be safe to remove the street lights. The Town Council had asked Durham County Council to consider retaining either LC1369 or LC1370 for the benefit of residents using footpath No. 50, however it was concluded by Durham County Council that a route to the junction on the north side of Lambton Street that connects to the A6072 junction will remain street lit, therefore, there would be no road safety reason to retain the lighting columns.

Resolved that the report be noted.

TC 77/18 Exclusion of Press and Public

That in accordance with the provisions of Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council now excludes the press and public on the grounds of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted since publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest.

TC 78/18 General Data Protection Regulation

Signed
Chairman

The Town Clerk presented a GDPR Gap Analysis report to Members and provided an update on progress in ensuring that the Town Council were complying with the General Data Protection Regulation which came into effect on 25th May 2018.

Resolved that the report be noted.

TC 79/18 Appreciations and Congratulations

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

Signed
Chairman