

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

Present: Councillor L Deakin in the Chair
Councillors A Walker, H Nicholson, P Walton, D Childs, L Cockfield, D Reynolds, S Townsend, D A Anderson, D L Mather and P Quinn.

TC 49/18 Notice of Meeting

The Notice convening the Meeting was taken as read.

TC 50/18 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 51/18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors L Butterworth, S Quinn, A Farlow and J G Huntington.

TC 52/18 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 53/18 Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 16th July 2018 be approved.

TC 54/18 Committees

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

a) Service & Amenities - 16th July 2018

b) Resources - 16th July 2018

TC 55/18 Police Report

Sergeant Alex Clarke presented details of the crime statistics for the month of August 2018 and informed Members that Special Police Officers would be engaged in the Shildon area in order to try to reduce the level of crime and anti social behaviour and provide an increased police presence.

A question and answer session on policing matters and, in particular, youth anti-social behaviour and the issue of anti-social behaviour orders took place followed by a verbal update report. A copy of the crime statistics report is attached to these Minutes.

Resolved that the report be received.

Signed
Chairman

TC 56/18 Town Councillor Vacancy, Sunnydale Ward, Shildon – Co-option

The Town Clerk advised Members of a vacancy in the Sunnydale Ward of Shildon Town Council following the resignation of Matt Johnson 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 advertised and filled by co-option.

It was proposed and seconded that Rachael Ann Anderson be co-opted onto Shildon Town Council.

Resolved that:

- a. the vacancy not be advertised.
- b. Rachael Ann Anderson be co-opted as a Councillor for Sunnydale Ward, Shildon.

TC 57/18 Consultation on Proposal to Remove Street Lights : Lambton Street (Junction with A6072) Shildon Bypass

The Town Clerk informed Members of a consultation on the proposal to remove street lights at Lambton Street (junction with A6072), Shildon.

Resolved that

- a. the retention of lighting columns LC1365, LC1366, and LC1367 be noted.
- b. Durham County Council be requested to retain either lighting column LC1369 or LC1370, whichever is the closest to the public footpath, to illuminate public right of way no. 50 which is frequently used by residents.

TC 58/18 Nomination : National Association of Local Councils Larger Councils Committee

The Town Clerk informed Members that following a request from the National Association of Local Councils to re-nominate Councillor P Quinn for a councillor vacancy on the Larger Local Councils Committee for 2019/20, Councillor P Quinn had been re-nominated for a vacancy on the Committee and the nomination had been submitted to NALC.

Resolved that the action of the Town Clerk in re-nominating Councillor P Quinn for a vacancy on the NALC Larger Local Councils for 2019/20 Committee be endorsed.

TC 59/18 Appreciations and Congratulations

Councillor L Deakin informed Members that the Fun4All event held on 4th August 2018 had been a huge success and the Town Clerk thanked everyone involved in delivering the event.

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

Signed
Chairman

TC 60/18 Audited Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2018

The Town Clerk informed Members that the external auditor had issued an unqualified opinion on the accounts and had not raised any issues arising from the audit.

Resolved that the Town Council approves and accepts the audited Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2018.

Councillor L Deakin relinquished the chair at this point and Councillor P Quinn took the Chair for item 13 – Code of Conduct Complaint.

TC 61/18 Code of Conduct Complaint

The Town Clerk advised Members that a Code of Conduct complaint had been made against a Member of the Council and of the Code of Conduct investigation by Durham County Council Governance Solicitor which had now been completed. A Decision Notice had been issued (a copy of which had been circulated to members). The Town Clerk provided Members with a verbal update.

Resolved that the report be received.

Signed
Chairman