

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Shildon Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 11th June 2018.

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

TC 23/18 Notice of Meeting

The Notice convening the Meeting was taken as read.

TC 24/18 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 25/18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor L Butterworth.

TC 26/18 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 27/18 Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on 14th May 2018 be approved.

TC 28/18 Committees

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

- a) Service & Amenities - 14th May 2018
- b) Resources - 14th May 2018

TC 29/18 Presentation

Intrahealth extended their apologies and could not attend the Meeting.

TC 30/18 Annual Return 2017/18

Resolved that:-

- a) the Annual Governance Statement detailed in Section 1 of the Annual Return be approved.
- b) the Accounting Statements detailed in Section 2 of the Annual Return be approved.

- c) the Town Mayor be authorised to sign Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return.
- d) the Asset Register as at 31st March 2018 be approved.

TC 31/18 Brusselton Nature Reserve

The Town Clerk advised Members that a request had been received from the New Shildon Angling Club to enter into a formal lease of the Brusselton Nature Reserve for angling activities. Members were also provided with background knowledge regarding the purchase of the land and occupation by the New Shildon Angling Club.

Recommended that:

- a. the Town Council enters into a formal lease, prepared by the Town Council's Solicitor, with the New Shildon Angling Club.
- b. the period of lease be for a lesser term following discussion with the Town Council's Solicitor
- c. public access to the Brusselton Nature Reserve be included within the lease terms
- d. the Town Council meet 50% of the lease cost subject to a maximum £375.00.
- e. the draft lease be presented back to Committee for consideration and any amendments.

TC 32/18 To appoint Members to serve on the Planning Sub-Committee for 2018/19

It was **resolved** that the membership of the Planning Sub-Committee be as follows:

Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Service and Amenities Committee plus one Member from each ward being Councillor L Mather (Byerley), Councillor S Quinn (Thickley) and Councillor P Walton (Sunnydale).

TC 33/18 To appoint representatives on the Bishop Auckland and Shildon Local Councils Committee

It was **resolved** that the representatives on the Bishop Auckland and Shildon Local Councils Committee be as follows:-

Councillor H Nicholson, Councillor A Walker, Councillor P Quinn and Town Clerk.

TC 34/18 Annual Report 2017 and Performance Plan 2018

Resolved that the Annual Report 2017 and Performance Plan 2018 be approved and adopted.

TC 35/18 Police Report

In the absence of a police representative, the Town Clerk presented details of the crime statistics for the month of May 2018 which had previously been circulated to Members.

The Town Clerk updated Members on the Time Limited Project taking place in the New Shildon and Byerley Road area aimed at reducing dwelling burglary around empty homes, increase community confidence and reassurance, bring long term properties back into use, promote and increase membership to the private landlord accreditation scheme together with 'Operation Spruce Up' to revive the area. Members were advised that the Town Council was part of the Shildon multi-agency project.

A discussion took place about Albion Avenue, Shildon and the ongoing issues reported in the press and social media. Members were informed that a Time Limited Project had taken place in this area and was still under review.

Resolved that:-

- a. a police representative be requested to attend the July meeting.
- b. the report be received.

TC 36/18 Appreciations and Congratulations

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