

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Shildon Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 16th October 2017.

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

TC 58/17 Notice of Meeting

The Notice convening the Meeting was taken as read.

TC 59/17 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 60/17 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor J Miller.

TC 61/17 Declarations of Interest

Councillor D Childs declared an interest in Item 9 – Health Express CIO : Hackworth Park Rest House in his capacity as a public representative on the Bishop Auckland and Shildon Area Action Partnership Board.

TC 62/17 Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 11th September 2017 be approved.

TC 63/17 Committees

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

- a) Service & Amenities - 11th September 2017
- b) Resources - 11th September 2017

TC 64/17 Police Report

Inspector Sarah Honeyman presented details of the crime statistics for the month of September 2017 along with information on the policing structure of the Shildon Neighbourhood Team. Members were informed that PCSO Lewis Peart was leaving the Shildon Neighbourhood Policing Team and that measures were currently in place to appoint a replacement.

.A question and answer session on policing matters followed the verbal report. A copy of the crime statistics report is attached to these Minutes.

Resolved that:

- a. the report be received.

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- b. a letter of appreciation be sent to PCSO Lewis Peart in recognition of his commitment and dedication during his service within the Shildon Neighbourhood Policing Team.

TC 65/17 Shildon Arches

This item was placed on the agenda at the request of Councillor G Huntington.

Members were provided with an update by County Councillor H Nicholson on the restoration and future maintenance of the Shildon Arches which involved immediate works to the Arches, regular inspections to be carried out consisting of a visual inspection every two years by a structural engineer, and a principal inspection involving close up touching and testing of components, every six years along with other works still to be completed within the town centre.

Following detailed consideration of the structural repair work undertaken on the Shildon Arches by Durham County Council it was **resolved** that:

- a. the verbal discussion be noted.
- b. confirmation be sought from Durham County Council that all electrical cables were covered and had been isolated.
- c. Durham County Council be asked to confirm, in writing, their commitment to carrying out future inspections of the structures and any resulting maintenance.

TC 66/17 Health Express CIO : Hackworth Park Rest House

The Town Clerk informed Members of the intention of Health Express CIO to share occupation of Hackworth Park Rest House with the Bishop Auckland and Shildon Area Action Partnership.

As Clause 19 of the lease permits Health Express to 'share' occupation of the property with any other organisation, group or individuals provided that it advances the permitted use, there would be no requirement to amend the lease. The Bishop Auckland and Shildon Area Action Partnership would occupy the building as a licensee and would not obtain any form of security of tenure.

Resolved that:

- a. the Town Council receive the report for information purposes.
- b. a request be made to Health Express for Members to visit Hackworth Park Rest House once the renovation works have been completed and receive an update on Health Express and future projects to take place within the building.

TC 67/17 Introduction of the General Data Protection Regulation

The Town Clerk informed Members about the introduction of the General Data Protection Regulation which takes effect from 25th May 2018.

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In order to prepare for the GDPR, the County Training Partnership has organised a training session for local councils to find out the effects of GDPR and the impact it will have on councils.

Resolved that:

- a) the report be received.
- b) a further report be submitted to Committee following further guidance on the new Regulation.

TC 68/17 Appreciations and Congratulations

Councillor S Quinn thanked everyone who had supported her Mayoral fund raising events and also highlighted the following groups and individuals for good work carried out by them within the town:

- a. Eden Grange Fishery which provides a fantastic facility in Shildon for anglers.
- b. Spectrum Roller Skating Club on their recent success at competitions
- c. Shildon AFC for their high standard of football and the start of upgrading the seated stadium
- d. Paula Nelson (Shildon Alive – A St. John’s Church Project) for her work with young people and their involvement in the community garden projects
- e. All the children and young people nominated for the SCYPAN Awards
- f. Derrick Robinson for his work with the youth theatre groups on the town and the excellent performances by the talented young people who take part.

Resolved that:

- a. the Town Council send a letter of congratulations to Reverend David Tomlinson on his appointment of Canon.
- b. that the schedule of mayoral engagements and announcements by the Town Mayor be received.

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