

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Shildon Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

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

TC 92/19 Notice of Meeting

The Notice convening the Meeting was taken as read.

TC 93/19 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 94/19 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors M Johnson, J Graham, L Deakin and H M Hanratty.

TC 95/19 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 96/19 Minutes

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 be approved.

TC 97/19 Committees

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

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- a) Service & Amenities - 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019
- b) Resources - 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019

TC 98/19 Police Report

The Town Clerk presented details of the crime statistics for the month of November 2019. A discussion took place regarding the abandonment rate of 101 calls which was above the national agreed rate.

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

**Resolved** that:

- a. the report be received.
- b. a letter be sent to Durham Constabulary concerning the abandonment rate of 101 calls and seeking information on any improvement plans to be

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introduced by Durham Constabulary in order for 101 calls to be handled within a reasonable time period.

TC 99/19 Shildon Town Council Offices: Christmas Closure

The Town Clerk advised Members of the period of closure of the Council Offices during the Christmas and New Year holidays.

**Resolved** that the closure of the Town Council Offices on 24<sup>th</sup> December 2019 until 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 be noted.

TC 100/19 Notes of a Meeting of the V E Day 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Working Party held on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019

The notes and following recommendations from the meeting of the VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Working Party held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were submitted for consideration: -

1. the seat to be donated by D J Camp Ltd for the VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations be gratefully received and that a letter of thanks be sent on behalf of the Town Council.
2. D J Camp be contacted to enquire if a second seat could be designed to depict the three military services and costs associated in the manufacture of the seat.
3. a legacy wildflower meadow be created on Middleton Road Fields and a funding bid be submitted for seeds, plants and session costs to support the involvement of the community.
4. the community project be explored further, and funding opportunities be investigated to cover the cost of the Artist, workshops, materials and installation.
5. in principle, a 'mini proms' family picnic be agreed subject to funding being sought and staff and volunteers being able to project manage the event.

**Resolved** that the notes and recommendations from the VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Working Party held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 be agreed.

TC 101/19 Outside Bodies

Reports were received from representatives on the following outside bodies: -

- a. Shildon Children and Young People's Action Network

Councillor S Townsend gave an update.

- b. County Durham Association of Local Councils

No meeting held.

- c. Jubilee Fields Community Association

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No meeting held.

d. Larger Local Councils Forum

Councillor P Quinn to give an update at the January meeting.

e. Bishop Auckland and Shildon Area Action Partnership

No meeting held.

f. Shildon Chamber of Trade

Councillor S Townsend gave an update.

g. Friends of the Stockton and Darlington Railway

Councillor D Reynolds gave an update.

**Resolved** that the reports given by representatives on outside bodies be received.

TC 102/19 Announcements

Councillor P Quinn welcomed Councillor N Hanratty to the meeting.

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

TC 103/19 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.

TC 104/19 Request to Purchase Town Council Land

The Town Clerk submitted a report to advise Members of an inquiry received from Durham County Council to purchase a parcel of land in the ownership of the Town Council.

Following a discussion, it was put to the vote and it was

**Resolved unanimously** that:

- a. the report be received.
- b. Durham County Council be notified that the Town Council determined against the disposal of land.

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