

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Shildon Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

Present: Councillor M P Burdess in the Chair  
Councillors A Walker, B Bates, H Nicholson, L Cockfield,  
P Quinn, S Quinn, J G Huntington, D M Hancock and B Stoker

TC 95/15 Notice of Meeting

The Notice convening the Meeting was taken as read.

TC 96/15 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 97/15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Gordon, L Iddon, M Stott, J Miller and P A Pemberton.

TC 98/15 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 99/15 Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015 be approved.

TC 100/15 Committees

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

- a) Service & Amenities - 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015
- b) Resources - 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015

TC 101/15 Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Resources Committee

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Resources Committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2015 be approved.

TC 102/15 Police Report

Acting Sergeant D Littlefair presented details of the crime statistics for the month of December 2015. A copy of the report is attached to these Minutes.

A discussion took place regarding a recent activity of anti-social behaviour involving young people at the Shildon Civic Hall and an update on this incident was provided by the Police for the information of Members.

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**Resolved** that the report be noted.

TC 103/15 Budget and Precept Requirement 2016/17

**Resolved:**

- a) that the revised budget for 2016/17 be approved.
- b) that activity and service details provided by the Shildon Community Safety Group, Citizens Advice Bureau and Jubilee Fields Community Association be noted.
- c) that the report submitted on quotes for Electrical Installation Condition Report Inspections at the Shildon Civic Hall and Direct Works Depot be noted and the quote provided by Company B be approved.
- d) that a precept requirement of £541,510 for 2016/17 be approved and the Town Mayor and Town Clerk be duly authorised to sign the relevant precept request form.

TC 104/15 Royal Garden Party 2016

The Town Clerk informed Members that the County Durham Association of Local Councils had been allocated four places for the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016 and of the request for nominations.

Traditionally the Town Council had nominated the Town Mayor and Consort and the Town Clerk recommended that this practice be continued.

**Resolved**

- a) that the Town Mayor and Consort be nominated to attend.
- b) that in the event of the Town Mayor being unable to attend, the Deputy Mayor and consort be nominated.

TC 105/15 Appreciations and Congratulations

**Resolved** that the schedule of mayoral engagements be noted.

TC 106/15 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 107/15 Land at Middleton Road, Shildon

The Town Clerk informed Members of a request to purchase a parcel of land at Middleton Road, Shildon in the ownership of Shildon Town Council. Members were informed of

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the requirements to comply with the relevant legislation regarding disposal of 'Open Space Land'.

**Resolved** that the parcel of land at Middleton Road, Shildon in the ownership of the Town Council, be determined to be not surplus to requirements and be retained for the use of, and enjoyment by, the public.

TC 108/15     Hackworth Park Bowling Green Pavilion

The Town Clerk provided information and options to be considered by Members on the future of the Bowling Green Pavilion.

**Resolved:**

- a) that costs be sought for a full structural survey and associated repairs schedule to be carried out on the Bowling Green Pavilion and a further report be then presented to Council
- b) that the provision of toilet facilities be continued.
- c) that the Town Clerk arrange a meeting with Shildon Bowling Club to discuss the future of the Bowling Green Pavilion.

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