

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Shildon Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 13th July 2015.

Present: Councillor M P Burdess in the Chair
Councillors A Walker, H Nicholson, P Quinn, M Stott
P A Pemberton, G Huntington, B Bates, L Iddon,
S Bird and B Stoker

Before the meeting commenced a one minute silence was observed in memory of the Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Muriel Gordon, who sadly passed away.

TC 39/15 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 40/15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Miller, S Quinn and D Gordon.

TC 41/15 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 42/15 Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 8th June 2015 be approved.

The Town Clerk reported that the external auditor had issued an unqualified opinion on the accounts for year ended 31st March, 2015.

TC 43/15 Committees

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

- a) Service & Amenities - 8th June 2015
- b) Resources - 8th June 2015

TC 44/15 Police Report

PC D Littlefair presented details of the crime statistics for the month of June 2015. A copy of the report is attached to these Minutes. An update was provided on local issues for the information of Members.

Resolved that the report be noted.

TC 45/15 Appointment of Deputy Town Mayor

Councillor A Walker proposed and Councillor H Nicholson seconded a nomination

for Councillor P A Pemberton to be elected Deputy Town Mayor for the remainder of 2015/16. There being no further nominations, Councillor P A Pemberton was duly elected Deputy Town Mayor for 2015/16.

TC 46/15 Vacancy in Byerley Ward – Co-option

Following the resignation of Gareth Howe, the Town Clerk advised Members that Durham County Council did not receive the requisite number of signatories to call an election for the vacancy. Therefore, the vacancy was to be filled by co-option.

It was proposed that Leonard Cockfield be co-opted onto Shildon Town Council. There being no other nominations it was:

Resolved that Mr Leonard Cockfield be co-opted as a Councillor for Byerley Ward.

TC 47/15 Consultation Draft of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan for County Durham 2015-18

The Town Clerk informed Members of the draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP)3.

Resolved that the report be noted.

TC 48/15 Report from Representatives on Outside Bodies

There were no reports from representatives on outside bodies.

TC 49/15 Appreciations and Congratulations

Resolved:

- a. that the schedule of mayoral engagements be noted.
- b. that a letter of appreciation be sent to Harry March following the donation of 100 pints of blood to the National Blood Transfusion Service.