

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Shildon Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

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, D A Anderson, S Townsend, D L Mather and L Butterworth.

TC 36/17 Notice of Meeting

The Notice convening the Meeting was taken as read.

TC 37/17 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 38/17 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors P Quinn and S Quinn, who were representing the Town Council at the NALC Larger Local Councils Committee Good Practice Visit.

TC 39/17 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 40/17 Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017 be approved.

TC 41/17 Committees

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

- a) Service & Amenities - 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017
- b) Resources - 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017

TC 42/17 Police Report

Sgt Andy Boyd reported to the Meeting that Superintendent Sarah Honeyman was unable to attend and conveyed her apologies. Details of the crime statistics for the month of June 2017 were presented to the meeting along with information on the policing structure of the Shildon Neighbourhood Team. 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 the report be received and that Superintendent Sarah Honeyman be invited to a future meeting of the Town Council.

**Signed**  
**Chairman.....**

TC 43/17      Shildon Town Council Social Media Policy

The Town Clerk presented the draft Social Media Policy for determination by the Town Council, following the deferral of the draft policy at the meeting of the Town Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

**Resolved** that the draft Social Media Policy be amended to incorporate changes identified by Members and submitted for approval to the meeting of the Town Council in September 2017.

TC 44/17      Nominations for CDALC Executive Committee

The Town Clerk advised Members that a request had been received from the County Durham Association of Local Councils to consider nominations for positions for the Executive Committee which are elected at the Annual General Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2017.

Members were requested to consider submitting nominations or to nominate existing post-holders to the CDALC Executive Committee positions.

**Resolved** that no nominations be submitted for positions to the CDALC Executive Committee.

TC 45/17      Durham Local Councils Charter

The Town Clerk informed Members that the County Durham Association of Local Councils had asked Member Councils for feedback on the draft of a revised Charter between Durham County Council and local councils in County Durham. A draft copy of the revised Charter was presented to Members.

**Resolved** that:

- a. the wording 'parish plan' remain within the Charter as these plans were still being produced by local councils.
- b. the underpinning Durham County Council policies outlined within the Charter be attached as an annex to the Charter for the information of local councils.

TC 45/17      Appreciations and Congratulations

The Chair presented to Members a message from the Town Mayor. (Copy attached to the Minutes)

**Resolved** that the schedule of mayoral engagements and message from the Town Mayor be received.

**Signed**  
**Chairman.....**