

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Shildon Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 13th March 2017.

Present: Councillor P A Pemberton in the Chair
Councillors A Walker, H Nicholson, J G Huntington, L Cockfield, L Iddon, P Quinn and S Quinn.

TC 123/16 Notice of Meeting

The Notice convening the Meeting was taken as read.

TC 124/16 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 125/16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Gordon, B Stoker, B Bates, L Deakin and J Gash.

TC 126/16 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 127/16 Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 13th February 2017 be approved, subject to the addition of Apologies for Absence from Councillor B Stoker.

TC 128/16 Committees

Resolved that the minutes of the following Committees be approved and adopted, subject to the addition of Apologies for Absence from Councillor B Stoker:-

- a) Service & Amenities - 13th February 2017
- b) Resources - 13th February 2017

TC 129/16 Police Report

APS M Plumb presented details of the crime statistics for the month of January 2017 and February 2017. A copy of the report is attached to these Minutes.

Members were informed that a new PCSO would be starting on 1st May and a permanent Sergeant vacancy had been advertised on 10th March.

Resolved that the report be received.

Signed
Chairman.....

TC 130/16 County and Parish Council Elections : Counting of Votes

The Town Clerk informed Members of arrangements to count the votes cast in the County and Parish Council elections to take place on 4th May 2017.

The counting of the votes, both County and Parish, will take place at a single venue, Spennymoor Leisure Centre. The County elections will be counted on the Friday, commencing at 11.00am and the contested Parish elections will be counted on the Saturday.

Recommended that the report be received.

TC 131/16 Shildon Alive Review 2016

The Town Clerk provided Members with details of the Shildon Alive Review 2016 which provides a background to Shildon Alive – A St. John’s Church Project and the aims and achievements in 2016.

Recommended that the Shildon Alive Review 2016 be received.

TC 132/16 Durham County Council : Shildon Masterplan Update

The Town Clerk provided Members with details of the Durham County Council Shildon Masterplan Update which highlighted Shildon’s three decorative arches which will remain and be refurbished by Durham County Council as part of the continued improvements to the town centre.

Recommended that the report be received.

TC 133/16 Corporate Risk Report and Action Plan

The Town Clerk informed Members of the revised corporate risk report and updated action plan.

Recommended that the risk report and action plan for 2017/18 be approved.

TC 134/16 Appreciations and Congratulations

Resolved that the schedule of mayoral engagements be received.

TC 135/16 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 136/16 Draft Lease : Hackworth Park Rest House to Health Express

A report and draft lease was presented to Members for consideration.

Signed
Chairman.....

Resolved:

- a. that the recommendations made by the Town Council's legal representative be approved.
- b. that the Town Clerk be duly authorised to seal the lease subject to the approval by Health Express CIO to the recommendations referred to above.
- c. that the comments contained in the report of the Town Clerk regarding legal costs be approved.

Signed
Chairman.....