

Minutes of the meeting of the Resources Committee held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 13th March 2017.

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

R 47/16 Apologies for Absence

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

R 48/16 Declarations of Interest

Councillor P Quinn declared an interest in item 4 – Grant Aid application ‘Jubilee Fields Community Association’.

R 49/16 Budgetary Control Statement for February 2017

The Town Clerk advised that the budgetary control statement for the month of February indicated an overall underspend of £27.5k. Whilst a number of adjustments and accruals will need to be provided for at the year end, there is every indication that an overall underspend will be achieved for the year.

Recommended that the report of the Town Clerk be received.

R 50/16 Grant Aid

Recommended that the following grant be approved under the Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012 introduced by Sections 1-8 of the Localism Act 2011:-

Jubilee Fields Community Association	£50.00
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R 51/16 Accounts

Recommended that the accounts awaiting payment and accounts paid in advance for the month of February in the sum of £19,459.35 be approved.

R 52/16 Durham Miners’ 133rd Gala Souvenir Brochure – Advertisement

The Town Clerk informed Members of a request from Durham Miners Association to place an advertisement in the Souvenir Brochure for the Gala to be held on 8th July 2017.

Recommended that the Town Council place a message of support in the 2017 brochure at a cost of £45.00.

R 53/16 Insurance Renewal

The Town Clerk reported on the three insurance renewal options provided by Zurich Municipal.

Recommended that a three year agreement in the sum of £28,258.99 be entered into with Zurich Municipal and as a consequence Standing Order No. 30 be waived.

Signed
Chairman.....

R 54/16 Hackworth Park Tree Survey

The Town Clerk reported on a recent Tree Survey for Hackworth Park commissioned by the Town Council and provided Members with quotations for tree work to be carried out within Hackworth Park, Shildon. Members were informed of the recommendations contained within the tree survey report to establish acceptable levels of safety for the site which identified a requirement to fell trees.

Prior to the consideration of the report of the Town Clerk, a request was made for a second survey to be carried out on certain specific trees identified for felling within the original survey. On being put to the vote, 6 Members voted against a second tree survey, 2 for, and it was, therefore, recommended that a second tree survey be not undertaken.

On consideration of the report of the Town Clerk it was **recommended** that:

- a. the quote submitted by Company C to carry out tree work in the sum of £1,390.00 excl. VAT be agreed and financed out of the 2016/17 Parks and Open Spaces budget.
- b. surplus manageable pieces of wood be disposed of by the Town Council on a first come, first served basis at a cost of £25 per 'builder' bag and any money raised from the sale be used to purchase new trees for the park area.
- c. the surplus wood be advertised for sale locally.

Signed
Chairman.....