

# SHILDON TOWN COUNCIL

**COUNCIL OFFICES  
CIVIC HALL SQUARE  
SHILDON  
CO. DURHAM**

**7<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

Dear Sir/Madam

An Ordinary Meeting of Shildon Town Council will be held on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020 in the Shildon Civic Hall, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham at 6.30pm and you are summoned to attend.

Yours faithfully



T A Bellas  
Town Clerk

## AGENDA

1. Notice of Meeting

Public Notice of the Meeting has been given in accordance with Schedule 12. Paragraph 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972.

2. Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence.

3. Public Question Time

To take questions from the public, notice of which has been given in accordance with the appropriate standing order.

4. Declarations of Interest

To notify of any items that appear in the agenda in which you may have a disclosable pecuniary interest and/or any other interest.

5. Minutes

To approve the minutes of the Virtual meeting of the Town Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020 – copy attached.

6. Committee Minutes

No committee meetings have been held.

7. Police Report

To receive the police report for the month of August 2020.

8. Code of Conduct Complaint

To receive the report of the Town Clerk – report to follow

9. Bereavement Leave Policy

To consider, approve and adopt a revised Bereavement Policy.

10. Carnival and Monster Trucks Event, Hackworth Park, Shildon: Re-scheduling

To consider the report of the Town Clerk.

11. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

To receive reports from representatives on the following outside bodies:-

- a. Shildon Children and Young People's Action Network
- b. County Durham Association of Local Councils
- c. Jubilee Fields Community Association
- d. Larger Local Councils Forum
- e. Bishop Auckland and Shildon Area Action Partnership
- f. Shildon Chamber of Trade
- g. Friends of the Stockton and Darlington Railway

12. Announcements

To receive the schedule of mayoral engagements and announcements made by the Town Mayor and Town Clerk.

13. Notice of Motion

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J G Huntington:

This Council applauds the close working relationship between Durham County Council and Town and Parish Councils across County Durham.

In recognising this relationship this Council also notes that not all of County Durham is Parished.

Residents in the Shildon Town Council area pay council tax to Durham County Council for services in unparished areas which they also pay to this Council. This situation is often referred to as Double Taxation.

This situation goes against the principles of natural justice and fair taxation.

This Council therefore calls on Durham County Council to bring forward a report with a view to identifying the services and their associated total costs that residents would receive from the County Council if the area were unparished. While also exploring all solutions to the imbalance tax payers of parished and unparished areas face, along with details of any financial implications.

**14. 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.

**15. The Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) Accessibility Regulations 2018**

To consider the report of the Town Clerk.