

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Shildon Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 16th January 2017.

Present: Councillor P A Pemberton in the Chair
Councillors A Walker, H Nicholson, L Cockfield, L Iddon, B Bates, L Deakin, P Quinn and S Quinn.

TC 101/16 Notice of Meeting

The Notice convening the Meeting was taken as read.

TC 102/16 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 103/16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Gordon, B Stoker, J Miller, J G Huntington and J Gash.

TC 104/16 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 105/16 Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 12th December 2016 be approved.

TC 106/16 Committees

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

- a) Service & Amenities - 12th December 2016
- b) Resources - 12th December 2016
- b) Special Resources - 5th January 2017

TC 107/16 Police Report

The Chair welcomed Acting Sergeant Matthew Plumb to the meeting. A/Sgt Plumb informed Members that he would be covering the Shildon Neighbourhood Policing Team until a permanent replacement was found.

A/Sgt M Plumb presented details of the crime statistics for the month of December 2016. A copy of the report is attached to these Minutes.

Resolved that the report be received.

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Chairman.....

TC 108/16 New Shildon War Memorial, Redworth Road, Shildon, County Durham – Listed Building Status

The Town Clerk informed Members on the outcome of the assessment of the new Shildon War Memorial for Listed Building Status. Historic England had now completed the assessment of the memorial and the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport decided to add New Shildon War Memorial to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest.

Resolved that the report be received.

TC 109/16 Royal Garden Party 2017

The Town Clerk informed Members that the County Durham Association of Local Councils had been allocated four places for the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on 23rd May 2017 and nominations had been requested from Parish and Town Councils.

Traditionally the Town Council had nominated the Town Mayor and Consort and the Town Clerk recommended that this practice be continued.

Resolved that the Town Mayor, Councillor P A Pemberton and Consort be nominated for attendance at the Royal Garden Party.

TC 110/16 NALC Larger Local Councils' Committee Good Practice Visit 2017

The Town Clerk updated Members on the National Association of Local Councils Good Practice Visit 2017. The purpose of visits was to see how larger councils in different areas of the country deliver services and manage assets and then promote and share knowledge back to the sector.

At a meeting of the NALC Larger Councils Committee it was recommended that the 2017 Larger Local Councils' Committee good practice visit be hosted overall by Great Aycliffe Town Council and to include a short visit to Shildon.

The Town Clerk thanked Councillor P Quinn, as a member of the NALC Larger Councils' Committee, for his involvement in promoting larger councils in the North of England to host the visit.

Resolved that the agreement, in principle, to host a bus tour to Shildon as part of the NALC Larger Councils' Committee good practice visit in July 2017, be confirmed and approved.

TC 111/16 Budget and Precept Requirement 2017/18

The Town Clerk submitted the budget and precept requirement report seeking approval for the setting of the Council's 2017/18 precept.

Resolved:

- a) that the 2017/18 council precept requirement of £572,890 be approved

Signed
Chairman.....

- b) that the Town Mayor and Town Clerk be duly authorised to sign the relevant precept request form.

TC 112/16 Appreciations and Congratulations

Resolved that the schedule of mayoral engagements be received.

The Town Mayor provided details of the Civic Valentine's Ball to be held on Saturday, 18th February, 2017 raising funds for the NSPCC and also the care challenge which the Town Mayor was taking part in. The challenge consists of living off a care leavers budget for two weeks which will promote awareness of the difficulties care leavers face.

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