

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Shildon Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 19th March 2018.

Present: Councillor S Quinn in the Chair
Councillors A Walker, H Nicholson, P Walton, A Farlow, D Childs, M P Johnson, J G Huntington, L Cockfield, D Reynolds, S Townsend, D A Anderson, D L Mather, L Deakin and P Quinn.

TC 111/17 Notice of Meeting

The Notice convening the Meeting was taken as read.

TC 112/17 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 113/17 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors J Miller and L Butterworth.

TC 114/17 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 115/17 Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 12th February 2018 be approved.

TC 116/17 Committees

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

a) Service & Amenities - 12th February 2018

b) Resources - 12th February 2018

TC 117/17 Police Report

The Chair welcomed Neighbourhood Inspector Sarah Honeyman and Sergeant Alex Clarke to the meeting.

Inspector Sarah Honeyman presented details of the crime statistics for the month of February 2018 which had previously been circulated to Members.

Inspector Sarah Honeyman informed Members of a decision taken by the Neighbourhood Command Team to reduce the ratio of Sergeants across the Newton Aycliffe/Sedgefield and Shildon area. The decision involves the amalgamation of the Shildon and Sedgefield divisions resulting in one Sergeant to supervise both areas. The rationale of the

decision was explained to Members in terms of looking at the ratio of Sergeants to officers/PCSOs and demand across the force area. As a result, Sergeant Andy Boyd would be leaving the Shildon Neighbourhood Policing Team on 1st April 2018 and be replaced by Sergeant Alex Clarke who would be the Officer responsible for both areas. Sergeant Clarke informed Members of his intention to carry out his duties equally between Sedgefield and Shildon and reassured Members that this would not have a negative impact on the policing of the Shildon area.

Inspector Sarah Honeyman updated Members on the Time Limited Project taking place in Shildon and a question and answer session followed.

Resolved that:

- a. the report be received.
- b. the Town Council write to the Durham Police Crime and Victims' Commissioner, Mr Ron Hogg and Chief Constable, Mr Michael Barton objecting to the decision taken by Durham Constabulary to amalgamate the two areas resulting in one Sergeant supervising both areas and the concern of the Town Council on the impact this will have on the level of crime in Shildon
- c. the Durham Police Crime and Victims' Commissioner, Mr Ron Hogg and Chief Constable, Mr Michael Barton be asked to attend a Meeting of the Town Council to discuss the concerns of the Town Council.
- d. a letter be sent to Helen Goodman MP advising of the decision taken by Durham Constabulary and to request support in objecting to this decision which would have a detrimental effect on the residents of Shildon.

TC 118/17 Corporate Risk Report and Action Plan

The Town Clerk reported on the revised corporate risk report and updated action plan.

Recommended that the risk report and action plan for 2018/19 be approved.

TC 119/17 Appreciations and Congratulations

The Town Clerk reminded Members that the 'Remember When' afternoon, which was previously cancelled due to adverse weather conditions, would now be taking place on 28th March 2018 to which Members of the Town Council were invited.

Councillor S Quinn informed Members of her Charity Quiz Night to be held on 12th April 2018 at the Shildon Civic Hall.

Resolved that the schedule of mayoral engagements and announcements by the Town Mayor be received.