

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Shildon Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021.

Present: Councillor D L Mather in the Chair  
Councillors D Reynolds, L Deakin, F Langley, A Farlow, R A Nicholson, M Johnson, S Quinn, P Quinn, J Graham, K Ambrosini and S Townsend.

In attendance: Joy Allen, Durham Police and Crime Commissioner  
Chief Inspector Andy Reeves

Before the meeting commenced a one minute silence was observed in memory of Councillor David Fleming who sadly passed away.

TC 27/21 Notice of Meeting

The Notice convening the Meeting was taken as read.

TC 28/21 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 29/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors D Childs, D Bell, N Hanratty and H M Hanratty.

TC 30/21 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 31/21 Minutes

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021 be approved.

TC 32/21 Committee Minutes

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

- a) Service & Amenities - 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021
- b) Resources - 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021

TC 33/21 Durham Police and Crime Commissioner

PCC Joy Allen and Chief Inspector Andy Reeves joined the meeting and a discussion took place on various policing issues including anti-social behaviour, 101 response rates, off road motor vehicles and unauthorised encampments.

**Resolved** that thanks be extended to Joy Allen and Chief Inspector Andy Reeves for joining the meeting.

**Signed**  
**Chairman** .....

TC 34/21 Police Report

No crime statistics had been received for the month of May.

TC 35/21 Annual Return 2020/21

It was proposed by Councillor P Quinn and seconded by Councillor D L Mather that the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2020/21 be approved.

**Resolved** that:

- a) the Annual Governance Statement detailed in Section 1 of the Annual Return be approved.
- b) the Accounting Statements detailed in Section 2 of the Annual Return be approved.
- c) the Chairman be authorised to sign Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return.
- d) the statement of earmarked reserves as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 be approved.
- e) the Asset Register as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 be approved.

TC 36/21 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

- a. County Durham Association of Local Councils

Councillor P Quinn gave an update.

**Resolved** that the report given by the representative be received.

TC 37/21 Announcements

There were no announcements by the Town Mayor.

TC 38/21 Levelling up Fund

With the prior permission of the Chairman, Councillor S Townsend presented a letter to Members regarding the rerouting of the Toft Hill A68 bypass and highlighted concerns regarding the proposed routing, especially the omission of a West Auckland bypass.

**Resolved** that a letter be sent to Durham County Council recommending that the current proposal be reviewed and West Auckland be considered for inclusion through the consultation process.

**Signed**  
**Chairman** .....