

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Shildon Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

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

TC 139/21 Notice of Meeting

The Notice convening the Meeting was taken as read.

TC 140/21 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 141/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors S Quinn, M Johnson and N Hanratty.

TC 142/21 Planning Application – Association Street, Shildon

The Chair welcomed a resident to the meeting who expressed concern regarding the planned installation of 6 new parking spaces at Association Street, Shildon.

**Resolved** that enquiries be made with Durham County Council Assets Team to determine issues associated with land ownership and the provision of extra car parking spaces.

TC 143/21 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 144/21 Minutes

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 be approved.

TC 145/21 Committee Minutes

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

a) Service & Amenities - 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022

b) Resources - 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022

TC 146/21 Minutes of the Town Plan Task and Finish Meeting

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Town Plan Task and Finish Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 be approved.

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

TC 147/21 Police Report

The Town Clerk presented details of the crime statistics for the month of February 2022.

**Resolved** that the report be received.

TC 148/21 Greenfields School (Sunnydale Site)

Councillor D Reynolds provided a verbal report and informed Members that a Zoom meeting had been arranged with Paul Rickeard, Diocese Director of Education on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022 to discuss options regarding secondary education provision in Shildon.

**Resolved** that:

- a. the minutes of the Greenfields School (Sunnydale Site) Working Party Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 be approved.
- b. a further working party meeting be arranged following the meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

TC 149/21 Corporate Risk Report and Action Plan

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

**Resolved that** the Corporate Risk Report and Action Plan for 2022/23 be approved.

TC 150/21 Durham County Councillor Updates

Councillor S Townsend provided Members with various updates concerning the parish of Shildon.

Members were informed that Durham County Council had hosted their Foster Care Star Awards which recognised the outstanding achievements of foster carers and their families.

The government had announced a £150 council tax rebate for households in bands A to D to help with the cost of living.

**Resolved** that the Durham County Councillor updates be noted.

TC 151/21 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Reports were received from representatives on the following outside bodies: -

- a. Shildon Children and Young People's Action Network

Councillor S Townsend provided an update from the meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 and informed Members that a presentation was given by Darlington Learning and Skills, an education provider offering a wide range of learning opportunities for all ages.

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

- b. County Durham Association of Local Councils

No meeting held.

- c. Jubilee Fields Community Association

Councillor P Quinn provided an update and informed Members of various events which were taking place and that plans were in progress for the Big Spring Clean and the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

- d. Larger Local Councils Forum

Councillor P Quinn was unable to attend the meeting.

- e. Bishop Auckland and Shildon Area Action Partnership

Councillor S Townsend provided an update and informed Members that the Board of the Bishop Auckland and Shildon Area Action Partnership had supported the funding application for a replacement cemetery building.

- f. Shildon Chamber of Trade

Councillor L Deakin provided an update and informed Members that the new title for the Chamber of Trade was now Shildon Town Team.

- g. Friends of the Stockton and Darlington Railway

Councillor D Reynolds provided an update from the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 and informed Members that plans were in progress to install historic sculptures along the S&DR line.

**Resolved** that the reports given by representatives on outside bodies be received.

TC 152/21 Announcements

Councillor L Mather informed Members that Inspector Sarah Honeyman had conveyed her thanks regarding the good feedback they had received from the PCCO after their meeting at the Town Council.

Members were reminded that the Mayor's Charity Evening was to take place on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

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

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