

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Shildon Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 14th November 2022.

Present: Councillor D L Mather in the Chair
Councillors K Ambrosini, D Reynolds, J Graham, A Farlow, D Childs, F Langley, S Townsend, D Bell, and P Quinn.

TC 86/22 Notice of Meeting

The Notice convening the Meeting was taken as read.

TC 87/22 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 88/22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors M Johnson, S Quinn, G Mather, H M Hanratty, N Hanratty and R A Nicholson.

TC 89/22 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 90/22 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 17th October 2022 be approved.

TC 91/22 Committee Minutes

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

- a) Service & Amenities - 17th October 2022
- b) Resources - 17th October 2022

TC 92/22 Police Report

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

Resolved that:

- a. the report be received.
- b. Shildon Neighbourhood Police Sergeant be approached to request the possibility of identifying the number of 101 calls made from Shildon parish for the information of members.

Signed
Chairman

TC 93/22 Christmas Closure

The Town Clerk advised Members of the period of closure of the Council Offices during the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Resolved that the closure of the Town Council Offices on Friday, 23rd December 2022 until Tuesday, 3rd January 2023 be noted.

TC 94/22 Working Party – The Coronation of King Charles III

Councillor A Farlow requested that a working party be set up to consider events for the Coronation of King Charles III. The Town Clerk reminded Members that any financial impact would have to be considered as part of the budget meeting to be held in December.

Resolved that a date be arranged to hold a Working Party to discuss the Coronation of King Charles III.

TC 95/22 Clerks Report

Seat Memorial Plaque – Hackworth Park

The Town Clerk advised Members of a request received from a resident requesting Members to consider allowing a memorial plaque to be placed on a seat within Hackworth Park.

Resolved that:-

- a. the Town Council grant permission for a seat memorial plaque.
- b. the cost of the memorial plaque be borne by the resident
- c. the Town Council accept no responsibility for damage to the plaque by a third party.

St John's War Memorial – Update and Valuation

The Town Clerk updated Members on the damage and repair of St John's War Memorial and asked Members to consider an insurance valuation cost for the War Memorial.

Resolved unanimously not to move ahead with an insurance valuation.

Local Government Pay Claim 2022/23 : Update

The Town Clerk informed Members that an agreement had been reached for employees covered by the National Agreement and that the pay award would now be implemented.

Resolved that the report be received.

Signed
Chairman

TC 96/22 Citizens Advice County Durham

The Town Clerk provided Members with advice activity information from January 2022 to September 2022, provided by Citizens Advice County Durham, during their outreach service in Shildon. The advice activity detailed the nature of the issues and advice provided to Shildon residents.

Recommended that:

- a. the report be noted.
- b. Citizens Advice be asked to provide the number of clients attending each Shildon outreach session.

TC 97/22 Durham County Councillor Updates

Councillor S Townsend provided Members with various updates concerning the parish of Shildon and provided an update on issues arising from the Cabinet Meeting held on 12th October 2022 and the Meeting of Durham County Council held on 19th October 2022.

Resolved that:

- a. the verbal report be noted.
- b. an update be provided on the proposals for Shildon Sunnydale Leisure Centre.

TC 98/22 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

The Town Clerk provided an update to Members of the meeting held on 2nd November 2022.

- b. County Durham Association of Local Councils

No meeting held.

- c. Jubilee Fields Community Association

No meeting held.

- d. Larger Local Councils Forum

No meeting held.

- e. Bishop Auckland and Shildon Area Action Partnership

Signed
Chairman

Members were informed that the next meeting was to be held on 17th November 2022.

f. Shildon Town Team

Councillor D L Mather provided an update to Members on the Halloween window decoration competition. The next meeting was to be held on 25th November 2022.

g. Friends of the Stockton and Darlington Railway

Councillor D Reynolds provided an update to Members of the meeting held on 22nd October 2022.

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

TC 99/22 Announcements

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

Signed
Chairman