

**MINUTES OF THE HETTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
ON TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2016 IN THE COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS, THE HETTON CENTRE AT 7.00 p.m.**

Present: Councillor Mrs. Juliana Heron, Mayor in the Chair

Councillors: Mrs. Adamson, Mrs. Alcock, Blackburn, Mrs Campbell, Coates, Costello, Coulson, Cummings, Defty, Elvin, Geddis, Green, R. Heron, Hepple, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Wallace, D. Wallace. (18).

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting the mayor made the following statement:-

*'To advise both Members of the Council and members of the public that the Meeting may be recorded by both audio and video and photographs may also be taken. Indeed the Town Council are recording the Meeting, in accordance with their adopted policy. Any objections to this should be stated before the commencement of the Meeting.'*

**7.00 p.m. Public Participation**

The Mayor announced that there was to be a period of 15 minutes to allow any members of the public to address the meeting on matters which are on the Agenda. Each member of the public may speak on one matter for a maximum of 3 minutes.

Mrs. Waterson asked if there had been any progress on the 'Hetton Heritage Sculpture for hetton' funding project since the last meeting. The Town Clerk responded by stating the Town Council wrote to the Group Committee Chairman immediately following the meeting, however, had no further contact.

**1. To receive, accept and approve Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were approved from Councillors Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Sinnott, Holt (3).

**2 To receive, accept and approve the Minutes of the last Meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2015**

It was noted that the Minutes in recording the vote taken in Item 7, Councillors Campbell and Geddes had not formally abstained from the vote, but had objected to a vote being taken.

Cllr. Elvin noted the heading in Item 5 Ward matters had been omitted.

Those matters noted it was moved by Cllr Heron and seconded by Cllr Hepple and RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record.

**3 To consider matters arising from the Minutes**

Cllr Mrs Campbell referred to previous discussion and the ongoing youth disorder problems in Hetton Town Centre and suggested that the Community Police Team be invited to meet with Town Councillors to examine issues, she further stated that Hetton Mini Park gates are not locked on an evening and how so this should be enforced to prevent problems.

Cllr Elvin again referred to the issue of the Colliery Lane Football Field and stressed that this should be brought back to use (possibly in partnership with Hetton Lyons Cricket Club) and asked for further information and the matter to be included on a future Agenda. Cllr Coulson, in support of this highlighted persons from East Rainton who could help and become involved.

#### **4 To Record Declarations of Interest from Members for any items on the Agenda**

Cllr. Mrs. Turner made a declaration in respect of Part II Financial Requests for Assistance as a member of U.S.C.

#### **5. Reports from Members – Ward Matters to be investigated**

Cllr. Mrs. Heron in referring to the recent flooding problems experienced by residents of Hetton Downs, she asked that a letter of gratitude be sent to the Manager and Area Response Team of the Sunderland City Council for their tireless work and assistance.

Cllr. Mrs. Adamson referred to ongoing issues of housing development site traffic using Lyons Avenue by speeding and leaving mud and debris on the highway. She was aware Sunderland City Council Planning Enforcement Team were working with residents and contractors.

Cllr. Coulson highlighted the footpath at Summerhouse Farm and the needed maintenance and gritting in freezing weather, however he was unsure whether this area was maintained by East Rainton Residents Association.

Cllr. Campbell with support from Cllr. Green, referred to problems occurring due to lack of gritting by the City Council during inclement weather at areas such as Welfare Road, Park Estate and several major routes. It was suggested a published gritting programme should be available to residents.

Cllr. D. Wallace expressed concern at the lack of formal road clearing of construction vehicle debris being carried out by Gleasons Contractors at Hetton Downs development.

Cllr. Campbell stated that despite discussions and correspondence the big problem each evening of double parking of vehicles outside Hetton Swimming Pool was causing immense traffic problems and dangerous congestion.

Cllr. Defty also referred to the dangerous parking by parents each day outside Hetton Primary School on Moorsley Road, which surely need the provision of yellow lines to prevent this.

Cllr. Elvin made reference to Council Agendas and to items added which should really be held over to a subsequent meeting, or at least discussed and get general agreement from Members. He particularly referred to the former issue of Cllr. Anderson's absence which required a vote on the matter.

In response Cllr. R. Heron stated that in that case it was a time limited issue – and needed immediate attention of the Council Members, other matters placed on an addendum were information only items for Members.

Cllr. Coates stated that common sense should be applied and at times matters should be dealt with as quickly as possible and not just deferred.

**6 City of Sunderland Traffic Order, Robin Lane, East Rainton**

Information examined, noted and received.

**7 C.D.A.L.C. – Royal Garden Party Nominations**

Members examined the details and it was moved by Cllr. Hepple and seconded by Cllr. Heron that the Deputy Mayor, Cllr. David Wallace and Deputy Mayoress, Cllr. Glynis Wallace be nominated from H.T.C.

**8 Freedom of Information Request – BBC North East and Cumbria**

The Town Clerk advised Members of the Council Publication Scheme and all agreed to the request.

**9 Information: a) The Clerk Magazine – Flygrazing Powers  
b) Councils Direct – Notice Boards**

Information Noted.

## **PART II**

### **Local Government Access to Information (Variation Order 2006)**

**The reports contained in the meeting Agenda are not for publication as the Town Council is likely to exclude the public during consideration thereof as they contain information relating to an individual, the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including HTC authority) and information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings. (Paragraphs 1, 3 and 5 of Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)**

**The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.**

#### **10 To arrange a Meeting of the Finance and Resources Sub-Committee to examine Budget and Precept arrangements 2016/17**

A notice of the meeting be issued to take place on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2016 at 5.00 p.m. when all will be considered.

#### **11. To consider Applications for Financial Assistance**

- a. U. St. C.
- b. Durham Cathedral

#### **12. Annual Insurance Renewal Zurich Insurance – to examine renewal**

Signed  
Councillor Mrs. J. Heron  
Mayor