

**MINUTES OF THE HETTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON MONDAY 15th SEPTEMBER, 2014 IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, THE HETTON CENTRE AT 7.15 p.m.**

Present: Councillor A. Wilkinson, Mayor in the Chair

Councillors: Mrs. Adamson, Mrs. Anderson, J. Blackburn, Cummings, Glover, Mrs. J. Heron, R. Heron, Hepple, Nairns, Mrs. Richardson, Robinson, Steel, Mrs. Storey, Tate, Todd, Mrs. Turner, Wallace. (19).

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted and accepted from Councillors Mrs. Blackburn, (1)

2 To receive and approve the Minutes of the last Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 21st July, 2014

The Minutes having been distributed to Members it was MOVED by Councillor Glover and seconded by Councillor Hepple and RESOLVED that they be accepted as a true and correct record.

3 To consider matters arising from Minutes

None raised.

4 To Record Declarations of Interest from Members

Councillors Mrs. Storey, Cummings, Tate, Glover and Wilkinson, declared an interest in Item 7a, Finance Sub Committee Minutes as Governors of Hetton School

Councillor Mrs. E. Richardson made a Declaration in Item 7a as a Committee Member at Hetton and Eppleton Community Hall.

5 To Adjourn the Meeting to allow Public Participation.

No matters were raised by the public

6 Reports from Members

Councillor Mrs. J. Heron made comment on the press report that Sunderland City Council had allocated funds for major highway road surface improvements at Fairy Street and Edward Street, Hetton-le-Hole.

This is a project HTC had campaigned tirelessly for many years.

Councillor Glover referred to the ongoing daily problem of cars parking at Welfare Road, double parking at entrance to Baths facility and on pavement at this area. This problem had now been exacerbated as there is very little car parking for the customers of supermarkets Tesco and Herons.

Councillor Wallace reported that when travelling to the City Waste disposal site in Beech Street, Sunderland, he had been advised that it was to close on Saturday. However, once again this stressed the need to provide a site in the Coalfield Area.

Councillor Wilkinson referred to the trees from Hetton Cemetery that now have extensive branches hanging over the main A182 highway, possible causing a hazard to traffic.

7a To accept Minutes of the Finance Sub Committee held on 7th August, 2014.

b. To Receive and consider Applications for Financial Assistance E.R.C.C.

a. The Minutes were noted and recommendations unanimously agreed by the meeting.

b. in respect of the application on behalf of E.R.C.C., members felt appropriate to make a decision at this point to make a Grant Award contribution of £200 towards the project outlined in the application.

8 Planning Consultation issues:-

a. Previously considered Application No. 14/01704/LP4, Hetton School – demolition of existing and construction of new facility

Members expressed delight at the construction of this facility

b. Application No. 14/00808/FUL, Sweets n Things, 9 The Crescent, change of use from hairdressers to one bedroom dwelling

Objection due to traffic/parking issues

c. Correspondence and information regarding former Bog Row School to Appart Hotel

Noted

d. Copy Guidelines from ‘the Clerk’ publication on Planning Issues

Noted

9. Northumbria in Bloom Awards Ceremony, Tuesday 16th September, 2014 – attendance requested

Confirmed Cllr Wilkinson, Mayor and Cllr Storey to attend.

10. Openness of Local Government 2014 – The following information noted and appropriate policy to be adopted.

- a. Legal Topic note and Guidelines regarding Standing Orders.
- b. Guidelines issued by NALC regarding Public Liability

The information documents and instructions have previously been distributed to members for discussion and examination (1st September, 2014). It is suggested that the Council Management and policy Sub Committee meet to take forward understanding policy and adoption of such and then seek final approval of the Town Council.

11. Projects and Christmas Illumination Project 2014/15. It is suggested that a meeting of the Town Council Leisure and Community Activities Sub Committee be arranged to further plan and progress issues.

It was noted and meeting arranged to be held Wednesday, 24th September, 2014.

12. Village Green Application issues – Stobley Farm, East Rainton.

Noted support

13 Report from Town Council Leader regarding A. C. correspondence and meeting.

14 Correspondence and matters for information - Noted

- a. XL Sunderland Youth Facilities at Hetton Lyons Country Park
- b. Moorsley Residents August Newsletter
- c. Hetton Village Atlas – Launch Event Friday, 7th and Saturday 8th November, 2014. Report of Event Planning.
- d. Press Cuttings and letters from ‘The Clerk’ Publication

Signed
Councillor A. Wilkinson
Mayor