

**MINUTES OF THE HETTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON MONDAY 16th SEPTEMBER, 2013 IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, THE HETTON CENTRE AT 7.15 p.m.**

Present: Councillor Mrs. D. Turner, Mayor in the Chair

Councillors: Mrs. Adamson, Cummings, Glover, Mrs. Heron, Hepple, Hepple, Mrs. Meadows, Nairns, Mrs. Richardson, Robinson, Robson, Steel, Mrs. Storey, Tate, Wilkinson. (16).

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. J. Blackburn, J. Blackburn, Maddison, Todd (5)

2 To receive and approve the Minutes of the last Meeting held on 15th July, 2013

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

3 Matters Arising from Minutes

No matters were raised by members.

4 Declarations of Interest (D.I.P.)

Councillors Mrs. Heron declared an Interest as a Board Member of Gentoo

Councillor R. Heron declared an Interest in Items 5, 7 and 10 as a Member of City of Sunderland Planning Committee and Gentoo.

Councillors Mrs. Storey, Glover and Wilkinson recorded Interests in Item 10 as Governors of Hetton School.

5 To adjourn the meeting to allow public participation

Several members of the public were in attendance.

Mr. Robert Scott on behalf of Hetton Greenwatch Group advised Members that the next Environmental Day following on from this year's successful inaugural event would be held on Friday, 30th May, 2014.

Mrs. Pat Robson advised Members that the North Road Development Lobby Group had written to 'call-in' the Planning Application to the Secretary of State to review the approval given.

She also however, stated that, if the development progressed, a careful watch should be maintained on the 'Government New Homes Bonus' award and that full consultation should ensure residents and the Hetton area derived most benefit from such.

Mrs. K. Rowham, asked if there was progress on the sale of Hetton House in Park Place by the City Council.

The Town Clerk gave advice that the building was in total ownership of Sunderland City Council and HTC was not responsible for any part of the building.

6 Reports from Members – matters to be investigated

Councillor Robson again referred to ongoing traffic congestion at Regent Street and suggested that Traffic Network Engineers could examine possible one way access/egress options.

Councillor Wilkinson in referring to the Annual Remembrance Service on 11th November at Hetton Memorial Park, Front Street. He suggested that a purpose made framework should be constructed to hold the many wreaths laid on the day, as some needed to be laid on the ground. Also an area should be identified, adjacent to the Memorial where individual wooden crosses can be placed.

Councillor Turner again highlighted the ongoing problems being caused by the pallet distribution business being carried out at 31 Station Road, which is creating issues to neighbours.

7(i) Planning Issues

Consultation and comments to be formally recorded and responded in respect of:

- a. Local Plan for Sunderland Core Strategy preferred option and development policies.
- b. Settlement Break Review – consultation

Members had received briefing and copy summary reports regarding above issues, formal response was urgently needed to be made on each of the strategy, locations and proposals.

The Town Clerk and Members had reviewed and examined the Review documents and Members made comments.

Therefore the Town Clerk was instructed to produce a formal response and report outlining Town Council comments.

(ii) Consultation regarding West Rainton, hargreaves Mining Open Cast Proposals – copy of Minutes of West Rainton and Leamside Parish Council and Durham County Council formal response required.

Members had similarly examined and discussed the project and the effect the mining scheme would have on local residents.

The Town Clerk was asked to respond to Durham County Council accordingly.

8 Finance Matters

- a. Applications for Financial Assistance
 - (i) Elemore Senior Citizens Club
 - (ii) Hetton & Eppleton Community Hall
 - (iii) East Rainton Friendship Group
 - (iv) Hetton School (anti-bullying project)

It was agreed the above applications to be deferred to the Town Council Finance and Resources Sub-committee Meeting to be held 3.00 p.m., Friday, 27th September, 2013.

- b. Annual Audit Return Year Ended 31st March, 2013. The Audit has been concluded as per return, the Council needs to formally accept and agree the conclusion of Audit.

The Town Clerk produced the report concluded with comments from the Government Auditor and noted that all audit requirements had been met to a satisfactory standard.

It was moved by Councillor Wilkinson and seconded by Councillor Hepple that the Report and Annual Audit be accepted.

9 To examine renewal and purchase of Town Council Public Information Notice Boards and Signage, Report of the Town Clerk to be considered.

Members had considered the Report of the Town Clerk and further to authority was given to pursue quotations from appropriate providers.

10 Information for Members of projects

- (i) Installation of wooden fencing at Springwell Terrace, Hetton-le-Hole – Gentoo and City Council to install to prevent indiscriminate parking..
- (ii) The Hetton Smithy Project: Limestone Landscape Newsletter and Open Day, 12th September, 2013 – Members expressed their pleasure on the completed project and the protection of this heritage feature in Hetton-le-Hole

11. The Church of England Commissioners – Former St. Nicholas Church, deposit of papers regarding the re-location of nine headstones in the Churchyard.

12. County Durham Association of Local Councils, Notice of Annual General Meeting, 10.30 a.m. Saturday, 26th October, 2013 at Durham County Hall

It was noted that Councillor Hepple, Mrs. Storey, Nairns and the Town Clerk attend the AGM.

13. Northumbria in Bloom, Presentation of the Major Awards. Invitation to Mayor and two guests, Tuesday, 17th September, 2013, 9.30 a.m. at The Stadium of Light, Sunderland

It was agreed that the Mayor, the Leader of the Council and Town Clerk attend the Presentation.

14. Age UK

Invitation to Town Councillors to the Opening of the Metcalfe Centre, Lee Terrace, Hetton. 12 noon, Friday, 20th September, 2013.

15. Replacement of bridge facility at The Quay, Hetton-le-Hole, information for Members.

To note

Signed
Councillor Mrs. D. Turner
Mayor