

**MINUTES OF THE HETTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
ON MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2009 IN THE COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS, THE HETTON CENTRE AT 7.15 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillor Mrs. J. Heron, Mayor, in the Chair

**Present:** Councillors: Mrs. Adamson, Mrs F. Anderson, G.W.K. Hepple, R. Heron, Mrs. R. Meadows, Mrs. E. Metcalfe, C Nairns, Mrs. A. Rankin, Mrs. Richardson, W. Robinson, A. Robson, J. Steel, Mrs. D. Storey, D. Tate, A. Wilkinson. (16).

7.00 p.m.      Time was allowed for Public Participation

Messrs T. Hughes, J. Usher and V. Hills, Senior Managers from NEXUS were present to discuss all public transport issues in the district and new publicity information relating to special services.

**1.      To receive Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. J. Blackburn, S. Blackburn, J. Blackburn, Glover, A. Maddison. (5).

**2      To receive and approve the Minutes of the last Council Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2009.**

The Minutes having been circulated to Members it was moved by Coun Wilkinson and seconded by Coun Robson and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record and signed accordingly.

**3      To consider Matters Arising from the Minutes**

None raised

**4      To record Declarations of Interest from Members**

Declarations of Interest were received from Councillors R. Heron and R. D. Tate in respect of Item 9 Planning Consultations, who declared personal and prejudicial interests, both are members of the City Council Development Control Committee.

**5      The Mayor adjourned the Meeting to allow time for public participation**

**6      To receive and accept recommendations arising from the meeting of the Finance Committee Meeting and Reports dated 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2009.**

A. Annual Budget 2009/2010

B. Report of the Town Clerk- Precept Revenue Budget 2009/2010

C Report of the Sunderland City Treasurer, 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2009 – Calculation of Council Tax Base 2009/2010

D Approval of Financial payments Schedule No. 08/09/11

E Approval of Finance Committee Meeting Minutes dated 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2009. Members considered the report as presented, outlining all details and recommendations made for financial budget 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2009 – 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2010 that the Council expenditure budget to be increased by a 3% gross and that precept increases set out as in report.

The Reports acceptance was moved by Coun Wilkinson, seconded by Coun Robson and RESOLVED that they be accepted.

The Town Clerk was asked to ensure that in future Item 6 on the Agenda of Full council Meetings should be Ward Matters, Members Report.

## **7 Calendar of Town Council Meetings**

The calendar for the remainder of the Civic Year was distributed for information to Members.

## **8 To receive items for information only**

Correspondence re: Sycamore Lodge Meeting  
E.mail correspondence from S. Cudlip  
Draft information item, sample Durham County Council – Charter with Parish Councils

Members noted and received the information.

## **9 Planning Consultation**

### **a. Application 08/04718/ADV**

The Lyons Tavern Public House, Hetton-le-Hole  
Erection of 1 no. Internally Illuminator sign

### **b. Application No. 09/00004/FUL**

24 Brookside, Rainton Bridge  
Erection of two storey extension to side and single storey to rear and garden room

No observations/objections were made to the applications.

## **10. Ward matters – Councillors Reports**

a. Councillor Mrs. Adamson reported the ongoing problem of fly tipping, rear of the derelict Hetton Lyons Youth Centre.

- b. Councillor Mrs. Adamson also highlighted residents concerns of the poor road surfaces at both Queen Elizabeth Drive and Lyons Avenue, Easington Lane.
- c. Councillor Nairns referred to correspondence dated July/August 2008 from the City Council Head of Planning in relation to the long standing issues of Burn Lane, linear park which has been sold to residents. Councillor Nairns expressed concern that this matter again had not been pursued and resolved, he referred to reports and correspondence dating back to 1985.

The Town Clerk was asked to pursue these issues.

- d. Members were reminded of a meeting between Town Councillors with City Council Officers to discuss issues relating to Louvain Terrace/Hetton Park will be held at 3.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> January.

Signed  
COUNCILLOR Mrs. J. HERON  
Mayor