

Hetton Town Council



Minutes of the meeting of Hetton Town Council held on Monday 24 January 2022 at The Hetton Centre

Note: The meeting was not audio or video recorded.

Present

Councillors R Coulson, J Defty, P Dowell, R Elvin, D Geddis (Town Mayor), L Gibson, J Green, P Hall, W Little, K Pearson, M Pigdon, S Reilly, K Rowham (from Item 7), I Scott (from Item 9), D Thomas, M Thornton (not Item 12), S Waterston and C Willis (from Item 4b).

In attendance

G Keedy, Town Clerk (TC)
Member of Public (MoP) x 1

1) Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received from Cllr T Dodds (health issue).
Town Council resolved to approve the apology for absence received.

No apology for absence had been received from Cllr J Blackburn or Cllr R Heron.
Town Council resolved that their absences be recorded as unapproved.

2) Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3) Public participation

No issue was raised by the MoP in attendance.

4) Minutes

a) Town Council resolved to approve the minutes of the Meeting of Hetton Town Council held on 24 January 2022.

b) Town Council resolved to approve the minutes and recommendations of the meeting of the Management, Policy & Finance Committee held on 17 January 2022.

5) Reports from Members

Cllr R Coulson:

Reports accumulation of mud on road arising from ongoing works at residential development off Quarry House Lane.

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Cllr K Pearson:

Seeks information re nature and purpose of surveying work being undertaken on undeveloped site at rear of field at Blossom Street, Hetton le Hole. Queries any impact on existing allotments site. Note: residential gardens are being measured also.

Cllr D Geddis:

Requests the introduction of traffic calming measures in Easington Lane at Kingfisher Drive and Fir Tree Lane.

Cllr R Elvin:

Requests the introduction of traffic calming measures in Easington Lane at Lyons Avenue.

Cllr W Little:

Request that SCC consider alternatives to speed "humps".

Cllr R Coulson:

Requests the attendance of an officer from SCC Highways at a future meeting.

Cllr K Pearson:

Requests an update on SCC plans for derelict properties at Edward Street, Hetton le Hole.

Cllr R Elvin:

Requests details from SCC of a programme of traffic calming measures for the area.

Cllr K Rowham:

Request for traffic calming measures to be introduced in Easington Lane at Fir Tree Lane and Kingfisher Drive.

Requests that white lines on Hazard Lane are remarked (due to fading) between North Road and East Rainton.

Town Council resolved that TC refer these matters to SCC.

6) Sunderland City Councillor(s) - Hetton and Copt Hill wards:

There were no City Councillors present.

7) Town Clerk update

TC referred to his previous alert re Spam emails purporting to have been sent from Cllr K Pearson, and advised that he had been made aware that similar scams had been reported nationally.

TC advised that he had written on behalf of the Town Council to both the local MP and Minister for Levelling Up to seek support for the resumption of the facility to hold remote meetings, but to date had not received responses.

TC reported that he had sought an explanation from SCC re lack of consultation relating to the closure of Hetton Library. He had been advised that the library was not part of statutory provision and any decision had been taken by Springboard.

TC reported that Inspector N Gjorven had taken up a new role within Northumbria Police and Inspector S Passey had taken over with immediate effect.

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TC referred to the Planning application received for Coal Bank Farm and the historic complexity.

TC advised that the War Memorial in Hetton Mini Park was now illuminated after a fault.

Town Council resolved that:

The Town Clerk's update be noted;

Information be sought from SCC re the agreement made with Springboard for the provision of the library in Hetton;

and

An SCC officer be invited to attend February meeting re Coal Bank Farm planning application.

8) Financial report

Town Council resolved to approve the financial report and expenditure outlined below.

Income: **Nil**

Staffing expenditure:

Town Clerk net salary (includes additional hrs for Dec) £1113.55

HMRC (Combined employer/employee liabilities) £499.32

NEST Pension (Combined employer/employee contributions) DD £72.85

Sub-total: **£1685.72**

Town Clerk expenditure: **Nil**

Other expenditure:

EE (mobile phone - 4 Jan 22) £12.00

DC Services Ltd (annual website and email hosting plus domain registration) £238.56

Balfour Beatty (Festive lighting - East Rainton) £1180.03

Balfour Beatty (Festive lighting - Hetton le Hole) £617.66

Balfour Beatty (Festive lighting - Moorsley) £1180.03

Sunderland City Council (supply of Xmas Trees for East Rainton, Hetton and Moorsley) £6150.00

Community Grant Award - Hetton Methodist Church (Subject to approval of Item 4b) £500.00

Sub-total: **£9878.28**

Total: £11564.00

Barclays Current account balance @ 20 Jan 22: £89523.52

Anticipated current account balance if all paid: **£77959.52**

Barclays Reserve account balance @ 20 Jan 22: £28,404.80

Town Mayor fund:

Income: **Nil**

Expenditure: **Nil**

Co-op Bank balance @ 20 Jan 22: **£1750.00**

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9) Multi Agency Partnership for Hetton and District

TC reported the latest position as notified by SCC.

Details included:

Police staff appointed and working from Hetton Centre.

World Café events arranged with schools and community but postponed following Plan B announcement - looking to rearrange early Feb; Draft Operational Action Plan in development; Draft project names and branding developed for consultation with primary and secondary schools; No date confirmed yet for the formal launch - proposed end of January.

Town Council resolved that TC seek further information as follows:

The name of the Community Engagement Worker, location and contact details;

An explanation for the omission of the Town Council from the Let's Talk consultation publicity; details of the SARA project - in particular its objectives and performance against success criteria.

10) Hetton Town Trust - HTC Trustee

Town Council resolved to defer this item to a future meeting.

11) Former Hetton Lyons Boys Club site

TC introduced the previously circulated report. Following discussion, Town Council resolved that:

The position be noted;

TC maintains dialogue with UK Youth and brings further progress updates to a future meeting(s);

and,

TC seek details of the trustees involved in the decision-making process.

12) Planning matters

Cllr M Thornton left the meeting for the duration of this item.

Town Council considered the following planning application and resolved to take action as indicated below:

21/02922/FUL

1 Markle Grove East Rainton Houghton-le-Spring DH5 9QS

Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension. Applicant: Mr Thomas Bowman

No comments or objections.

13) Welcome Back Fund

TC reported that at the Town Council's request, SCC had agreed to replace and increase the no. of "Shop Local" banners in Front Street in joint consultation.

Town Council resolved to note the proposed action and that TC liaise with Cllr R Elvin, Chairman of Mangt. Policy & Finance Committee re next steps.

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14) General correspondence

Town Council resolved to take action as detailed below:

County Durham Association of Local Councils:

Various – incl. remote meeting petition **Noted**

Training events - incl. AGAR **TC to attend as necessary**

Latest Govt Covid guidance **Noted**

Changes to Public Holidays 22-23 **Noted**

National Association of Local Councils:

Events - Levelling up; Safer Communities. **Noted**

HCR200:

Carnival sub-committee - invitation **Cllr D Thomas nominated**

fixmystreet.com:

BT Exchange, Easington Lane **Noted**

15) Date and time of next meeting

Monday 21 February 2022, commencing 19.15 hrs at The Hetton Centre.