

**MINUTES OF THE HETTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON MONDAY 15th DECEMBER, 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, Blackburn, Glover, Mrs. J. Heron, R. Heron, Hepple, Robinson, Robson, Mrs. Storey, Tate, Todd, Mrs. Turner, Wallace. (15).

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.'

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were formally submitted, recorded and APPROVED by Members:-

Cllr. Mrs. J. Blackburn – illness. J. Cummings – work commitments.

Cllr. A. Maddison – illness. C. Nairns – personal commitment

Cllr Mrs. E. Richardson – personal commitment (5)

2 To receive and approve the Minutes of the last Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 2011th November, 2014

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

3 To consider matters arising from Minutes

None were raised.

4 To Record Declarations of Interest from Members

None made.

5 Reports from Members – Ward matters to be investigated:-

Cllr Tate reported the ongoing problem of riders of Quad bikes riding on highway and off road in the area of Coalbank Square – this causing great nuisance to residents, perhaps Gentoo should be advised to investigate.

Cllr Mrs Heron asked if an Officer from Co. Durham Community Foundation could be invited to meet with members to brief them on funding opportunities.

Cllr R. Heron also highlighted similar Quad bike nuisance problems in the Hetton Downs area. He also suggested that the Northumbria Police Community Inspector be invited to meet with HTC.

Cllr Wallace reported that he had attended the recent P.A.C.T. meeting at Hetton Workingmen's Club, where only he had attended and had received the following statistics gathered by Northumbria Police for the recent summer months in Hetton area:-

3 shop thefts 1 burglary 3 bike thefts 1 car theft 4 various
And 22 reports of youth disorder which were down from 29 in previous reported quarter.

Cllr Todd reported, again, issue of increase of dog fouling on highway and verges. He asked if the City Council Environment Officer could post advisory notices and enforcement in the area.

Cllr Glover reported a blocked gully at rear of 23/25 Houghton Road which caused recent flooding problems on the highway.

6 Reports from Northumbrian Water

Following site meetings concerning Hetton Burn, the Quay issues. Members noted and accepted the report.

7 Post Office – Notification regarding consultation regarding change of operation and opening times at Easington Lane Post Office

Members noted and accepted the proposals

8 Friends of Hetton Lyons Country Park – Information and Notice of next meeting – 21st January, 2015

Members noted contents and it was hoped that representation from HTC would attend the meeting.

9 Grants for War Memorials

The Town Clerk gave a report and information which may be available to renew/rebuild/fund local memorials

10 To adjourn the Meeting to allow Public Participation

Miss K Pearson asked if the Town Council Website was regularly updated, as it was seemed to not be fully complete with information.

Mrs. A. Campbell stated she was to ask the HTC to respond in writing as to why the authority has both a Leader and Mayor – is this necessary?

PART II

Local Government Access to Information (Variation Order 2006)

The reports contained in the meeting 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.

Therefore the Mayor asked the members of the public to leave the Council Chambers.

11 The Town Clerk Report

The Town Clerk gave a report to Members following the issue of Government Funding being made available (as advised by C.D.A.L.C. at AGM) and correspondence sent to Sunderland City Council regarding this issue.

Members asked that this is further investigated and reported back to Members.

Signed
Councillor A. Wilkinson
Mayor