

**MINUTES OF THE HETTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 18th APRIL, 2016 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
THE HETTON CENTRE AT 7.00 p.m.**

Present: Councillor Mrs. Juliana Heron, Mayor in the Chair

Councillors: Mrs. Adamson, Mrs Alcock, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs Campbell, Coates, Costello, Elvin, Coulson, Geddis, Hepple, R. Heron, Holt, Mrs. Sinnott, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. G. Wallace. (16).

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.'

She also explained that as per information issued to all Councillors, the Council were operating under the 'Purdah' Guidelines, as several Town Councillors were standing as candidates in the Sunderland City Council Election in May 2016.

7.00 p.m. Public Participation

Mr. Matthews highlighted the acute parking issues and traffic flow in the town, he asked if reports could be made to highlight the urgent need to repaint all traffic markings and yellow lines which are all faded and worn in order to re-enforce the restrictions for motorists and pedestrians.

Mrs. Watson expressed her concern that as feared it appeared that Sunderland City Council were not to undertake the planting of spring flowers or plants in flower tubs.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been submitted in advance of the meeting from Cllrs Alcock, Blackburn, Cummings, Defty and D. Wallace. (5)

2 To receive, accept and approve the Minutes of the last Meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday 15th March, 2016

The Minutes having been distributed to Members it was highlighted that the following must be amended:

In Item 5 Cllr Wallace had attended the P.A.C.T. Meeting at Hetton Workingmen's Club.

Cllr Coates had referred to the damage to grass area at Hetton Lyons Country Park was done by cyclists not motor cyclists.

Cllr Mrs. Campbell stated that her comments had been omitted referring to Financial Information and telephone allowance payments as noted by the Finance and Resources Committee, she asked that details had been requested but not provided.

This having been noted, it was MOVED by Councillor Mrs. Anderson and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Adamson and RESOLVED that they be accepted as a true and correct record.

3 To consider matters arising from the Minutes

Cllr D. Elvin asked again if matters were in hand to renovate and repaint the seats adjacent to Moorsley Hut.

the Clerk replied that he believed this work was in hand.

Cllr Holt again referred to the hours of opening of Hetton Library and others in the City.

The Clerk replied that in 2013 Sunderland City Council had undertaken a Library Review and Public Consultation and that HTC made comment. He would ensure all Councillors received a copy.

Cllr Campbell in making reference to her previous comments she reiterated that she and her Independent colleagues were not being provided with adequate information for them to make considered decisions on matters.

Cllr Holt highlighted at East Rainton on the village City of Sunderland/Co. Durham boundary just off A690 where the traffic restrictions imposed and controlled by Sunderland were not the same in the immediate Co. Durham entry. He asked if Durham County Council could be contacted to highlight this traffic problem, with a view to resolving such.

Cllr Geddes highlighted again the problem of acute and ongoing fly tipping at the rear of Fox and Hounds and public foot path adjacent to Hetton School.

The Clerk advised that Sunderland City Council Officers were undertaking work and efforts to find culprits and take appropriate action.

He also referred to the lack of flower and summer planting in the town.

The Clerk reported that he was to have a meeting with relevant City Council Officers within the week.

Cllr Coulson referred to the acute potholes on entrance road to East Rainton adjacent to the A690 entrance which were becoming a major problem.. He also congratulated the Mayor on the success of her charity fundraising dinner on 15th April, 2016.

Cllr Wallace advised Members that the Northumbria Police C.S.O. was working with both reception classes and Year 6 age group on several community educational issues.

Cllr Campbell referred to the ongoing North Road speeding problems and asked if Sunderland City Council traffic officers had made any formal report as yet.

Similarly a survey/and comments was awaited for the drainage issues at Rectory Road.

she also referred to the ongoing problem of fly tipping at the Fox and Hounds and the fact that she had visited the premises owner to discuss and try and resolve issues.

Cllr Coates advised Members that he had visited and viewed the Cycle Cross and races held at Hetton Lyons Country Park weekend 16th April and stated it was very well organised and stewarded. An excellent Event, however, he still expressed concern at the damage to grass surfaces by cycle tracks in picnic areas etc.

He also referred to excessive fly tipping at rear of Store Terrace, Easington Lane.

He advised the Council that the recent highway maintenance works has been concluded and have greatly alleviated the parking problem issues in the area.

Cllr Holt questioned whether any further progress had been made at the unoccupied All-Trac Waste Disposal Site. Is there a timescale for clearance?

Cllr Elvin reported on behalf of resident of Elemore Lane and High Street that the problem of off street motor bikes speeding on highway and recreational areas.

He also reported that during a recent incident a police car was present in High Street but didn't make any movement to apprehend the culprit.

He highlighted the increase of dog fouling on footpaths in areas of Lyons Avenue. He asked if City Council Environment Enforcement Officers could be deployed in the area.

Similarly he enquired if any progress on enforcement was ongoing regarding the derelict former butcher's shop, 16 High Street, as it was becoming more unsightly and an acute problem.

4. To Record Declarations of Interest from Members for any items on the Agenda

None were recorded.

5. To Receive and Accept the Minutes of the Finance and Resources Committee held 4th April, 2016

The Minutes of the Meeting had been sent to Members and Cllr R. Heron, Chairman of the Committee, gave a verbal report on all matters of the meeting and reasons for decision by the Committee.

It was subsequently moved by Cllr Elvin and seconded by Cllr Green that the minutes be accepted and agreed RESOLVED.

Signed
Councillor Mrs. J. Heron
Mayor