

**MINUTES OF THE HETTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON MONDAY 19th MAY, 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, J. Blackburn, Cummings, Mrs. J. Heron, R. Heron, Hepple, Maddison, Mrs. Richardson, Steel, Mrs. Storey, Robson, Tate, Todd. (16).

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. J. Blackburn, Glover, Nairns and Robinson. (4)

2 To receive and approve the Minutes of the last Meeting held on Monday, 28th April, 2014

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

3 Matters Arising from Minutes

None raised.

4 Ward Matters raised by Members

None made

5 To Record Declarations of Interest from Membrs

None Made

6 To Adjourn the Meeting to allow Public Participation.

One member of the public was present and no matters were raised

7 Correspondence Received

The Town Clerk referred to the following:

a. C.D.A.L.C. Training Session on various organisation and procedures which should be followed – refresher training for members.

It was moved and agreed that the following Members to attend the session to be held at Sedgefield Town Council on Tuesday, 15th July, 9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. and finance be agreed for the training.

Cllrs Mrs. Richardson, Todd, Mrs. Storey and Mrs. Turner – and the Town Clerk.

- b. A letter from Durham Cathedral, Diocese Manager, referring to possible development of land at Markle Grove, East Rainton was read for members information.
- c. Information date reminders:
Wednesday, 4th June, 2014 at 7.00 p.m. meeting with Vera Baird NPCC
Monday, 16th June, 2014 at 6.45 p.m. meeting with City Council, Area Response Officer, Mrs. Hall
- d. Letter from Mr. R. regarding Public Information Card details, matters noted Town Clerk to follow up.

8 Minutes of the Finance & Resources Sub-Committee Meeting held 14th May, 2014

The Town Clerk gave the Report in the absence of the Finance Sub-Committee Chairman and it was moved by Cllr Todd and seconded by Cllr Cummings that the Minutes and Recommendations be Approved and RESOLVED by Council.

9 Report of Town Clerk, Disqualification of Town Councillor

The Town Clerk presented a Report and information Guidelines from N.A.L.C., detailing the position when a Councillor fails to attend a meeting of the Town Council or any sub-committee meeting thereof for a period of six consecutive meetings (months) and no Apologies submitted or absence approved. Therefore the person ceases to be eligible to be a serving Member of the Council.

Subsequently, Town Council attendance records show that Mrs. R. Meadows last attended a meeting recorded in September 2013 and therefore six meetings have been missed, without any apologies being submitted.

Hence a disqualification of office will apply and Mrs. Meadows can no longer continue in the office of Town Councillor.

The Report being noted and understood, it was moved by Cllr Hepple and seconded by Cllr Mrs Storey that the Report and subsequent disqualification be noted.

Signed
Councillor A. Wilkinson
Mayor