



PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PETERLEE
TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL,
PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 24TH APRIL 2006

PRESENT: COUN R CURTIS (CHAIR)

Mesdames: A Lowden, A E Laing,

Messrs: T Jones, G Cowie, A Geldard,
B Scott, G Calvert, W M Jeffrey, C J
Metcalf, E W Hall, R Huitson, D
Milsom, R Kyle & D Coates

**PRIOR TO THE START OF THE MEETING, MEMBERS WERE
REMINDED OF THE NEED TO DISCLOSE ANY INTEREST,
PREJUDICIAL OR PERSONAL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
CODE OF CONDUCT.**

PRIOR TO THE START OF THE MEETING THE CHAIRMAN
ASKED FOR A MINUTES SILENCE TO BE GIVEN FOR THE LATE
GEORGE RACE WHO HAD SERVED AS A TOWN COUNCILLOR.

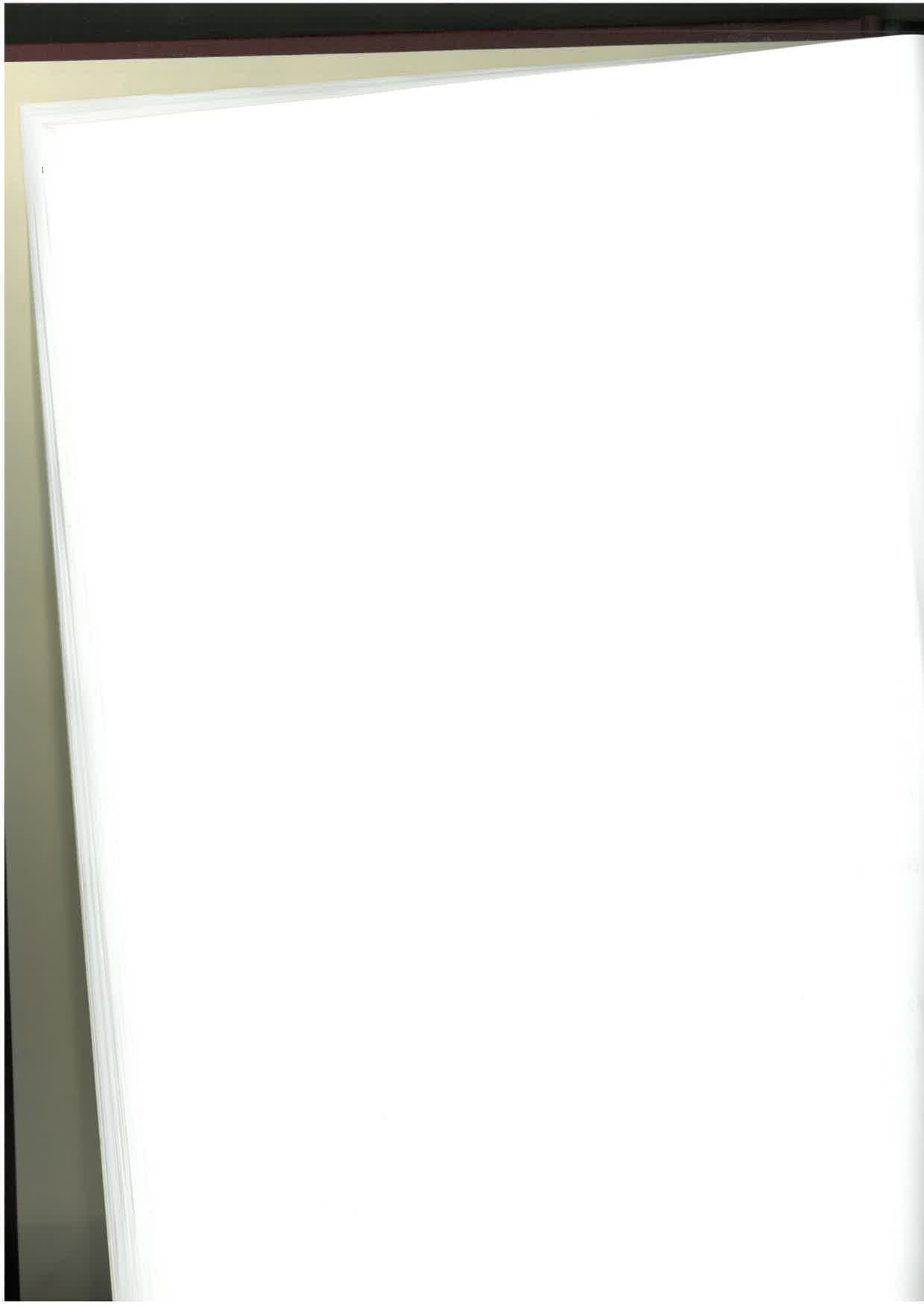
261. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors C J
Robbins, M Milsom, R Jones, M A Cartwright.

262. POLICE UPDATE

The Police representatives gave an update on crime in the Town.
They gave detail of high visibility patrols being carried out in the
Town and reported on progress on items discussed at previous
meetings. The Police confirmed that they had paid a visit to the

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Peterlee Lodge regarding parking to their frontage, and it was hoped that relining of parking bays would be carried out within the renovation plans. A visit had also been made to Buckingham Bingo regarding parking and traffic congestion. Members asked that a visit be made to the Methodist Church regarding indiscriminate parking outside their premises.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted,

263. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

Matters Arising

Minute Number 233 & 244(ii) – Denehouse School, it was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk forward the dates when Mr Cummings MP would be available to meet with the Director of Education, Councillor Neil Forster, the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Town Councillors about this matter.

264. THE REPORT OF THE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE HELD ON 20TH MARCH 2006, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

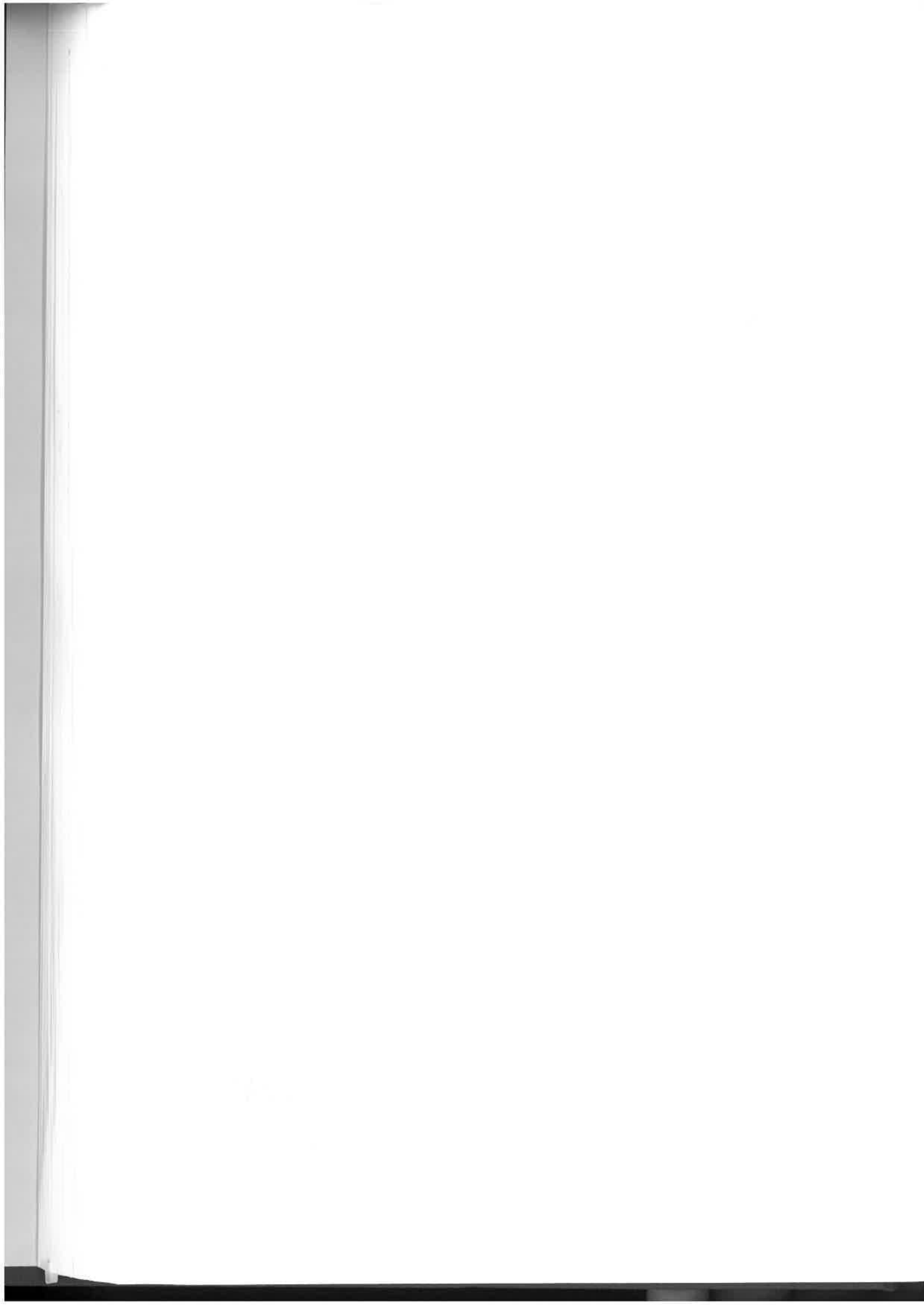
265. THE REPORT OF THE TWINNING SUB COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE 27TH MARCH 2006, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

Matters Arising

(i) Minute Number 27(i) Youth Participation it was **RESOLVED** that this matter be re-considered at the next meeting, with the Council considering their policy on where the Council's liabilities lie not only for this visit but on subsequent visits to and from Nordenham.

(ii) Minute Number 29 – Policy on the Mode of Transport for Officials on Twinning Visits it was **RESOLVED** that if the visit was a Twinning Trip arranged in conjunction with the PNFA then the Officials travel with the Twinning Party; if it was an official invitation from Nordenham to the Council, then the policy be to fly. As this short 4 day trip was part of the 25th Anniversary Visit, if the two seats could be filled, then the two Councillors who had requested to do so, be allowed to fly to

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Germany with the Leader and Town Clerk continuing to travel by coach.

266. THE REPORT OF THE BEST VALUE SERVICE REVIEW COMMITTEE – OFFICE ACCOMMODATION – OF THE 27TH MARCH 2006, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

267. THE REPORT OF THE SHOW COMMITTEE OF THE 30TH MARCH 2006, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

268. THE REPORT OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF 3RD APRIL 2006, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

Matters Arising

(i) Minute Number 207 – Youth Council Events and Concessionary Use of Shotton Hall Banqueting Suites it was **RESOLVED** that this request be refused.

(ii) Minute Number 189 & 212 – Enquiry for land at Shotton Hall it was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk be given authority to open discussions on this matter.

269. THE REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 3RD APRIL 2006, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

270. THE REPORT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 3RD APRIL 2006, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

Matters Arising

Minute Number 87 – Length of Service Award it was **RESOLVED** that the request made by Mr W Davies to donate his £100.00 Length of Service Award to the Peterlee & Nordenham Friendship Association to purchase a plaque to commemorate the 25th Twinning Anniversary and Councillor Bill Horsfield's involvement.

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FURTHER RESOLVED that in future if an employee wished to donate their length of service award it must be to a charity based in the Town.

271. THE REPORT OF THE CLERK'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 10TH APRIL 2006, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

Matters Arising

In connection with Minute No.99(c) Request for Financial Assistance – Easington District Communicare further details on the application were given for consideration.

RESOLVED that a donation of £100.00 be granted to this organisation.

272. THE REPORT OF THE INFORMATION CENTRE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE 10TH APRIL 2006, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

273. THE REPORT OF THE PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE HELD ON 10TH APRIL 2006, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM COUNCILLOR MILSOM DECLARED AN INTEREST AND TOOK NO PART IN THE DISCUSSION WHICH ENSUED.

Matters Arising

(i) Minute Number 87(c) & 100 - NVQ Work Placement it was **RESOLVED** that it be agreed that Miss L Wilson be employed on a full time basis from 24th July to 1st September 2006 as a Clerical Officer on Scale 1, to assist with Parks & Cemetery administration work, it being noted in future a full business plan must be put forward for any additional staffing requirements.

(ii) Minute Number 103 – Cemetery of the Year it was **RESOLVED** that permission be given to purchase an information board for the Cemetery from CNC Signs at Seaham at a cost of £2,300.

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274. STOCKTAKE SUMMARY SHEET – SHOTTON HALL – 27th MARCH 2006

Consideration was given to the Stocktaker's Report for the period up to 27th March 2006.

RESOLVED that the Stocktaker's report be received.

275. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Details of the planning applications relating to Peterlee, which had been submitted to the District of Easington, had been circulated to each Member for consideration. Additional applications had been received since compilation of the Agenda and a list had been circulated to each Member.

RESOLVED that no objections be submitted on the applications given.

276. PROPOSED RENAMING OF THE BUNGALOWS, NEVILLE ROAD, PETERLEE TO WESTWICK BUNGALOWS PETERLEE

Members were advised of details relating to the above re-naming

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

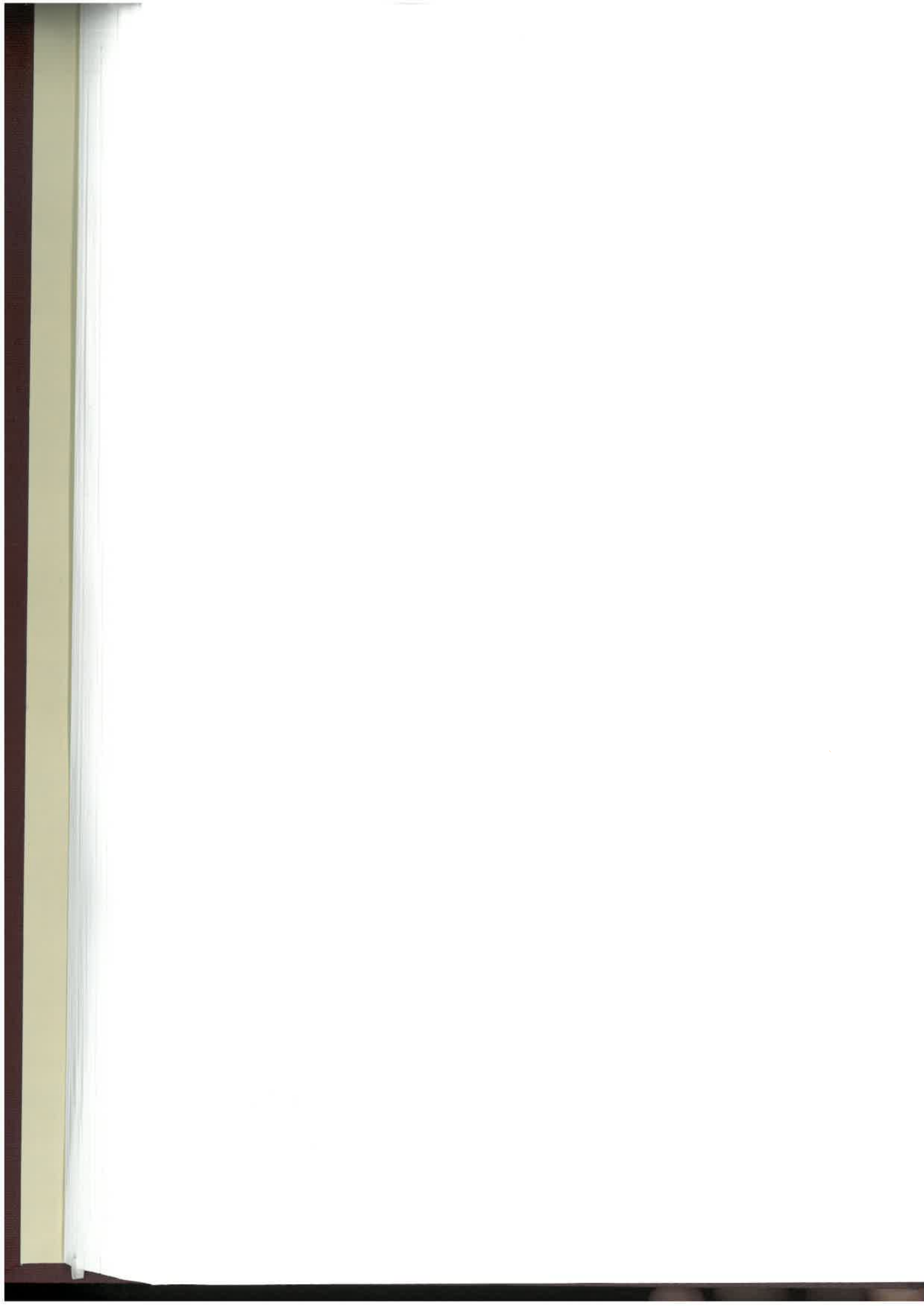
FURTHER RESOLVED that the District of Easington be Asked if the Town Council could be consulted on future naming/renaming of streets in the Town.

277. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS NOMINATIONS FOR LARGER LOCAL COUNCIL MEMBERS 2007

Members were asked to give consideration to nominations for the Larger Local Councils Committee of NALC which closes on the 31st July 2006.

RESOLVED that consideration be given to a nomination

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at the Finance & General Purposes Committee in June 2006.

278. INCREASE IN MEMBER'S ALLOWANCES FOR 2006/2007

Members were advised that the District of Easington had informed the Town Council the RPI Index for Members Allowances increases for 2006/07 is 2.7%.

RESOLVED that the Town Council implement the increase in Member's Allowances of 2.7% for 2006/07.

279. PETERLEE BOWLING CLUB – ANNUAL OPEN PAIRS COMPETITION, 16TH & 23RD JULY 2006

Members were advised of receipt of a request for support from Peterlee Bowling Club towards the costs of the Annual Open Pairs Competition to be held on the 16th & 23rd July 2006.

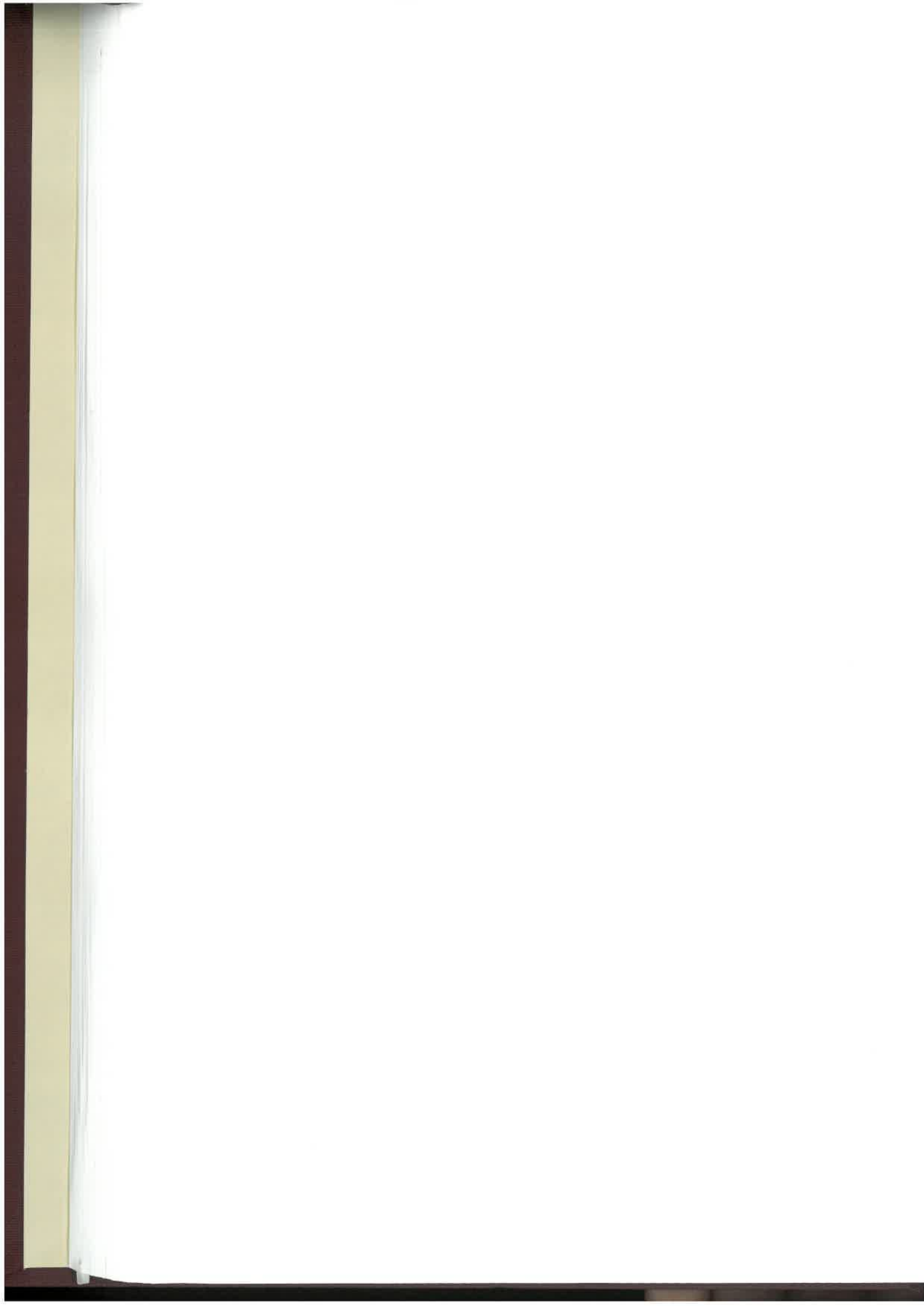
RESOLVED that a donation of £200 be granted to Peterlee Bowling Club towards the costs involved with the Annual Open Pairs Competition.

280. LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader in his report made reference to the following matters:-

- (a) The excellent improvements to the Flats above Fulwell Road Shops
- (b) Recent Cycling Road Race
- (c) The excellent displays on the Flower Beds
- (d) Walkabout – Peterlee Regeneration
- (e) Street Lighting – street lights staying on during day light hours
- (f) The Sure Start extension

The Leader was very concerned at what appeared to be a lack of proper marshalling at a recent road race held on a Sunday morning in the Town, where he had witnessed a near miss accident with a cyclist and a car. He made reference to the stringent requirements implemented by the District of Easington for the appropriate licences for the Grand Parade for the Peterlee Show and asked if



similar conditions had been applied. It was agreed that the Town Clerk investigate this.

The Leader also asked if it would be possible to arrange a visit to see the recently completed extension to the Hill Rigg House and asked if the Town Clerk could arrange this for Members.

RESOLVED that the items contained within the Leader's Report be noted and action as detailed, be taken.

281. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – PRIDE YOUTH FOOTBALL TEAM

Members were asked to give consideration to a request for financial assistance received from Pride Youth Football Team towards the costs of them taking part in a Football Tournament in Sheffield in May 2006.

RESOLVED that a donation of £250.00 be made towards the costs of this trip.

282. CONCESSIONARY USE OF THE BANQUETING SUITES – MAYOR OF PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

The Town Clerk reported that the Mayor had used the six concessionary uses of the Banqueting Suites for various charity functions as per Council Policy. He asked for consideration for a further two free uses for the Easter Craft Fayre held on 9th April 2006 and the Race Night on the 20th April 2006.

RESOLVED that free use be granted to the Mayor for these two Functions.

283. DECEMBER BOOKINGS IN THE BANQUETING SUITES

The Town Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Appeal Director of the Clarke Lister Brain Haemorrhage Foundation regarding payments for the hiring of the Suites in December 2006, 2007, 2008.

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RESOLVED that the Town Clerk speak to the Appeal Director regarding this matter and report back to Members.

284. PETERLEE COMMUNITY ROADSHOW

The Town Clerk gave Members details of an advertising opportunity offered by the District of Easington in conjunction with the Community Roadshow which was a 7 day event from the 19th June 2006.

RESOLVED that this opportunity not be taken up on this occasion.

285. REQUEST FOR A DONATION OF A COMMEMORATIVE SEAT

The Town Clerk advised that he had been approached by St Cuthberts Church asking if the Town Council would consider donating a commemorative seat to the Church to mark it's 50th Anniversary in March 2007.

RESOLVED that the Town Council agree to donate a commemorative seat to St Cuthberts Church, Peterlee.

286. FRANK TURNBULL AWARDS 2006

Members gave consideration to the nominations received for the Frank Turnbull Young Citizen Award and the Frank Turnbull Memorial Award.

RESOLVED that the Frank Turnbull Young Citizen Award be awarded to Mr Lee Drewitt of 40 Amersham Crescent, Peterlee.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Frank Turnbull Award Memorial Award be awarded to Mr C Austin of 26 Sunny Blunts, Peterlee.

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