

THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PETERLEE
TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL,
PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 19TH MARCH 2007

PRESENT: COUN R KYLE (CHAIR)

Mesdames: A E Laing, J I Measor, M A
Cartwright

Messrs: T Jones, D Coates, R Curtis, R
Jones, H Bennett MBE, W M Jeffrey & C J
Metcalf

**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.**

255. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors G
Calvert, E W Hall, B Scott & M Milsom.

256. POLICE UPDATE

The Chairman welcomed Chief Inspector John Bell along with Sgt
Steve Hawkes to the meeting. Sgt Hawkes gave an update on activity
since the last meeting including details of an intelligence operation
relating to vehicle crime.





Mr Bell said that it was a pleasure to come along to the meeting and praised the excellent community policing team that is based in Peterlee.

He had come to the meeting to answer the issue of continuity, which the Town Clerk had reported. The questions of issues being raised and sometimes then not being reported back on. Chief Insp. Bell assured that he would endeavour to have consistent representation and to have a reporting mechanism which was accountable.

He then went on to talk about neighborhood policing and that the priority was to put the citizen first, and they were trying to do that with local policing forums. Community engagement is very important to the Police and feedback was valued enormously.

The meeting was then opened for a question and answer session.

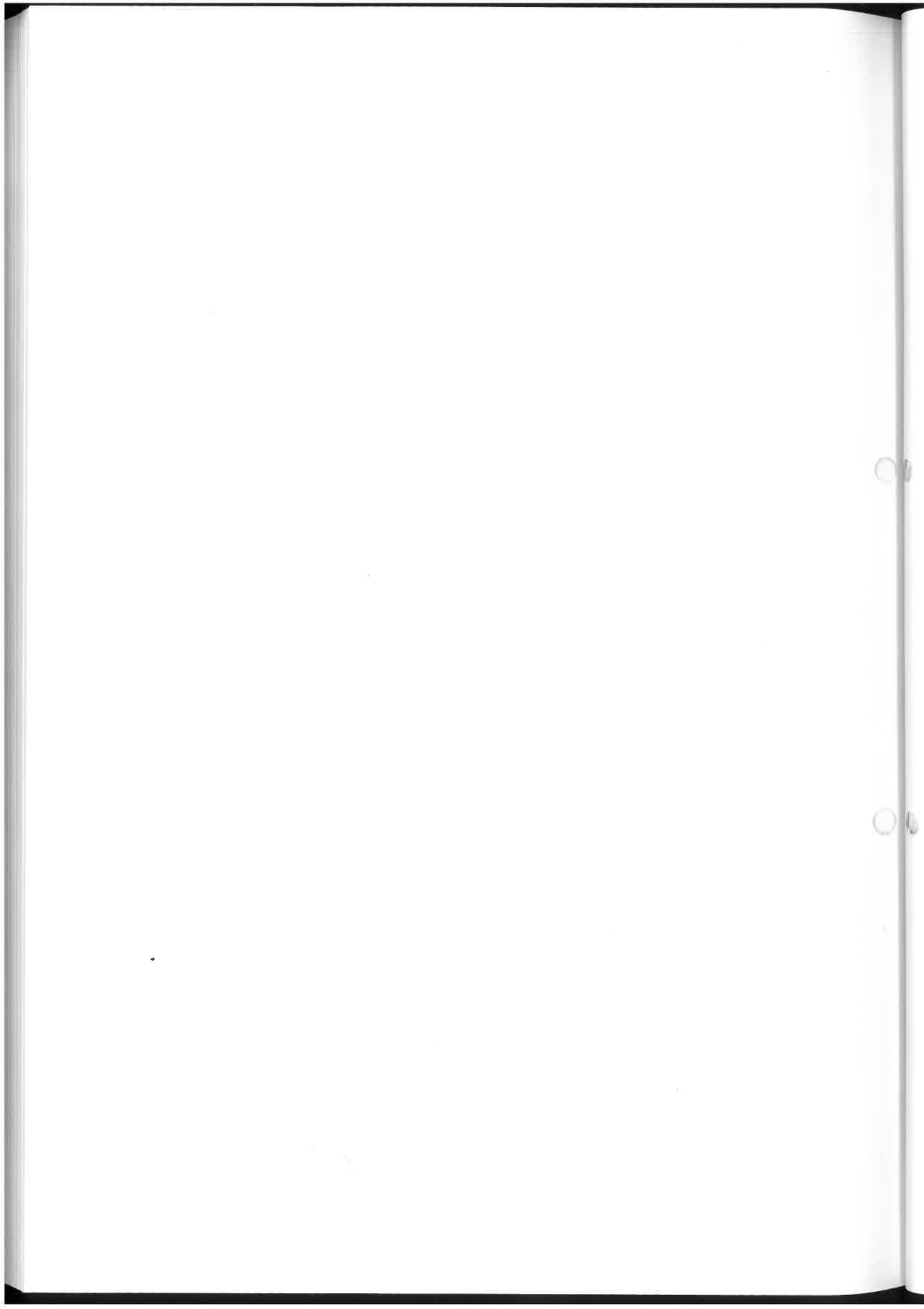
In closing, the Police assured that they would seek continuity and debrief Officers attending the meeting so that feedback could be given. The Chief Inspector asked if he could come along to another meeting in say three or four months time and this was welcomed by Members.

The Chairman thanked the Officers for their attendance.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted

257. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.
258. THE REPORT OF THE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE OF THE 19TH FEBRUARY 2007, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.
259. REPORT OF THE SHOW AND SPECIAL SHOW MEETINGS OF THE 22ND FEBRUARY & 5TH MARCH 2007 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.





Members were requested to support the event by attending the monthly meetings whenever possible.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

260. THE REPORT OF THE BEST VALUE REVIEW TEAM TO REVIEW THE LEISURE GARDENS SERVICE OF THE 26TH FEBRUARY 2007 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed. Reference was made to the evidence gathered as part of the review which lead to the conclusion that the Town Council provide a good Leisure Gardens Service.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

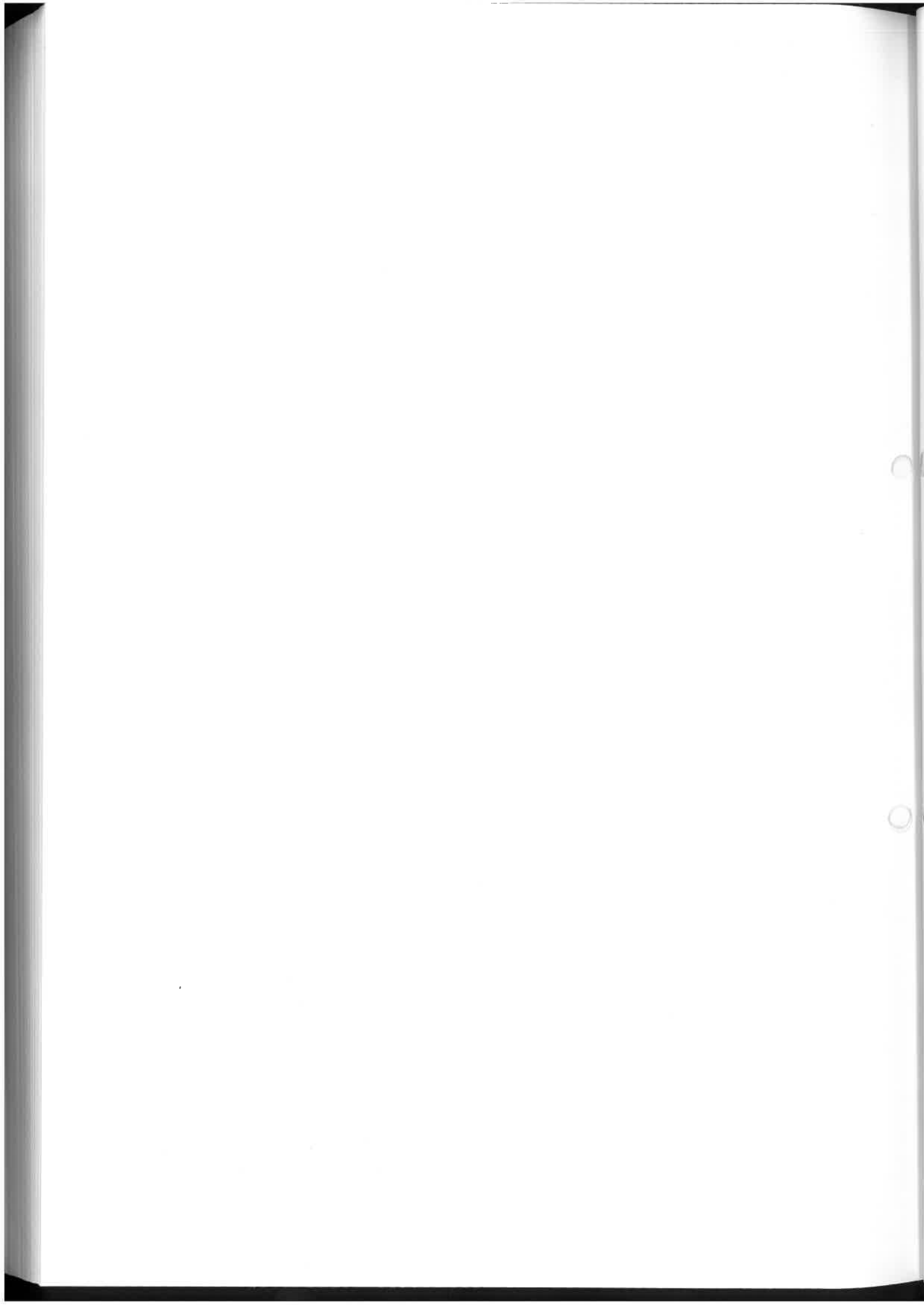
261. THE REPORT OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF 5TH MARCH 2007, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed

262. THE REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE 5TH MARCH 2007 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

263. THE REPORT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE OF THE 5TH MARCH 2007 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

264. THE REPORT OF THE CLERK'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE 12TH MARCH 2007 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.
Matters Arising





Minute Number 71 (ii) Dick Graham (Schools for Gambia) in conjunction with the Rotary Club, Friday 23rd March 2007 the Clerk asked for endorsement of action taken by him in granting free use for this event.

RESOLVED that the action taken by the Town Clerk in agreeing free use for this event, be endorsed.

265. THE REPORT OF THE INFORMATION CENTRE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE 12TH MARCH 2007 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

266. THE REPORT OF THE PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE OF THE 12TH MARCH 2007 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

267. STOCKTAKE SUMMARY SHEETS, SHOTTON HALL BANQUETING SUITES – 27TH FEBRUARY 2007

Consideration was given to the Stocktaker's Report for the period up to and including 27th February 2007.

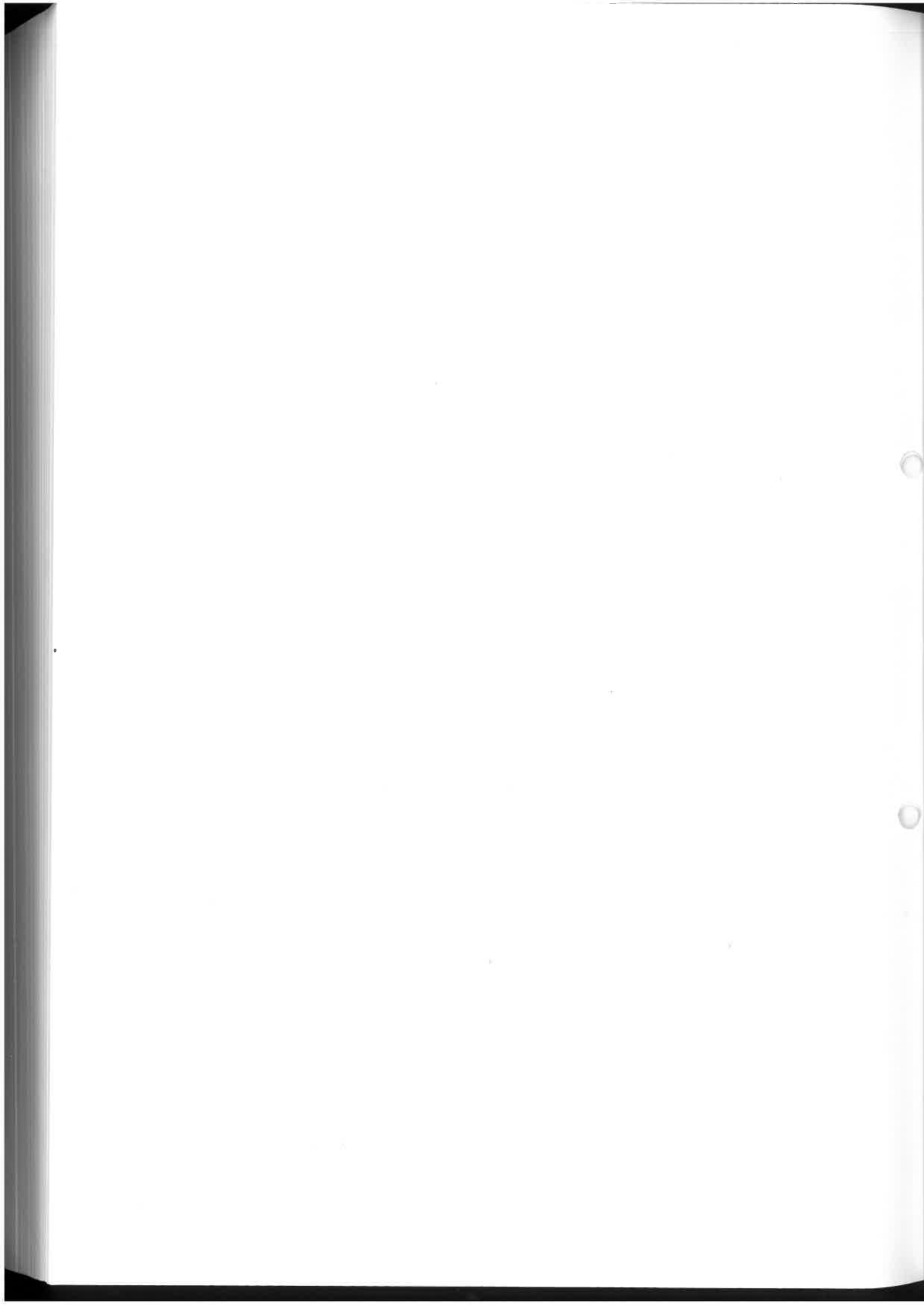
RESOLVED that the Stocktaker's Report be received.

268. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Details of the planning applications relating to Peterlee were circulated as follows:-

Proposal	Garden Room Extension
At	8 Naworth Court
For	Mr J Bygroves





Proposal Pitched Roof
At 53 Christchurch Place
For Mr & Mrs J Cuthbertson

Proposed Detached Garage
At 11 The Village Old Shotton
For Mr S Barker

Proposed Shop Fascia & projecting Sign
At 21 Yoden Way
For Gamestation

RESOLVED that no objections be submitted on these applications.

269. HELDFORD ROAD REBUILD AND MULTI USE GAMES AREA –

(a) Vat Position

The Town Clerk gave Members details in this regard and advice that he had obtained from Price Waterhouse. In considering the options given the Town Clerk asked for authority to “opt to tax” those areas of Helford Road site which would be built on.

RESOLVED that approval be given for the Town Clerk to opt to tax these areas.

(b) New Plans

A plan showing the revised scheme was displayed for Member’s approval. It was suggested that a meeting of the Helford Road Working Party be convened to consider these more fully.

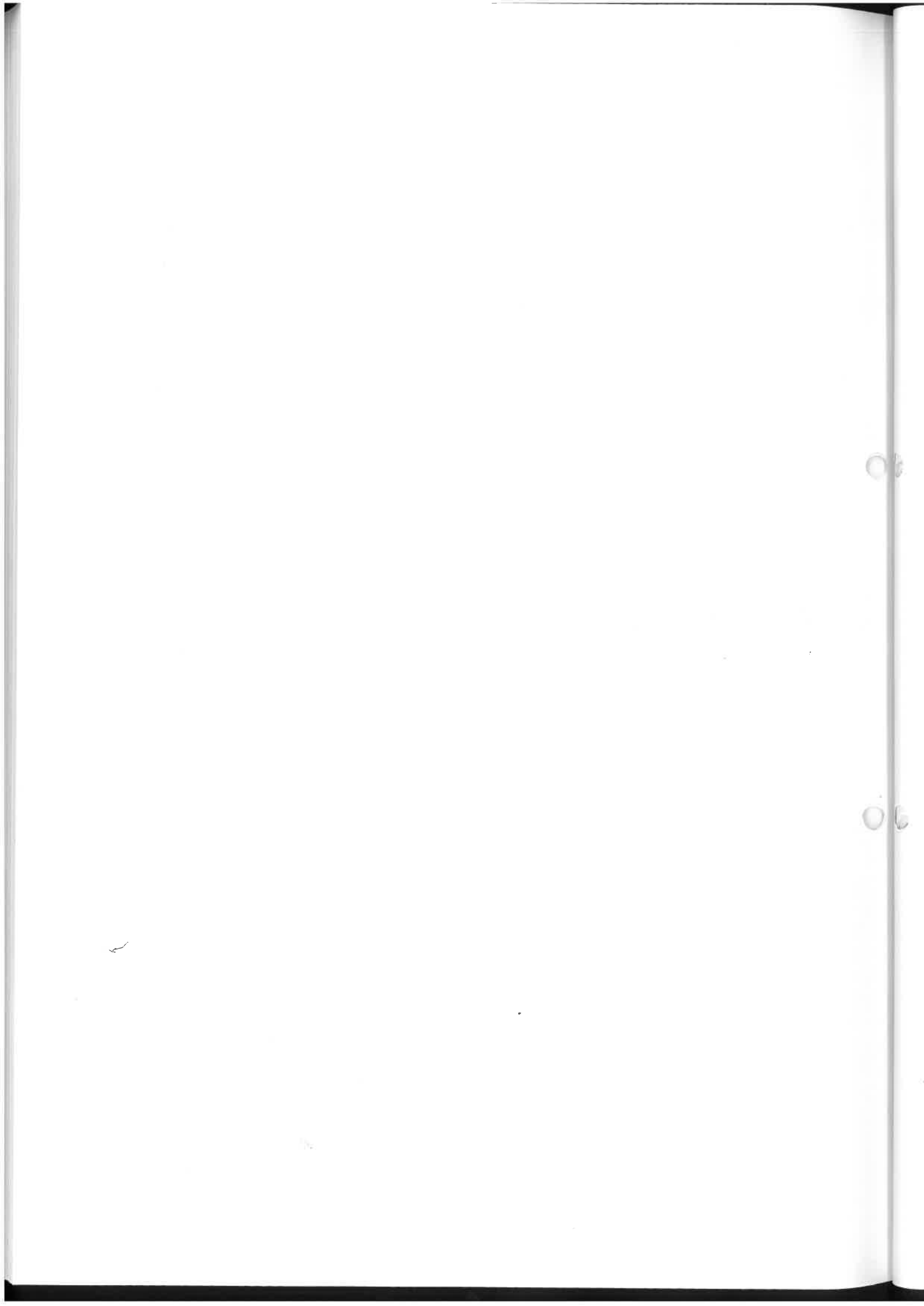
RESOLVED that a Helford Road Working Party be convened to consider these revised plans.

(c) Fees for the Quantity Surveyors

The Town Clerk gave details of the fee proposal from Lumsden Wood Partnership to carry out pre and post contract quantity surveying services for the proposed multi use games area, at Helford Road, Peterlee.

RESOLVED that approval be given to these works being carried out by Lumsden Wood Partnership.

270. CONSULTATION REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF A DOG



CONTROL ORDER FOR THE DISTRICT OF EASINGTON

Members were circulated with a copy of consultation received from the District of Easington regarding the adoption of the Dog Control Order which was to be discussed. The Town Clerk explained that the Council had areas where no dogs were allowed and when dogs were allowed on a lead. The Town Clerk also asked for views of dogs on watched sports pitches and surrounding areas. He suggested that these views should be collated and be used as a basis to form a report regarding areas under the Town Council's control.

RESOLVED that a further report be awaited.

271. LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION UNIT, GOOD PRACTICE SEMINAR, 8TH MARCH 2007 - DELEGATE'S REPORT

A copy of the delegate's report following their attendance at this Seminar was circulated to each Member for their information.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

272. RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE – ASSESSMENTS

The Town Clerk circulated to Members a Mission Statement for the management of risk by the Town Council along with each Manager's initial assessment of risks within their sphere of work. This was to be a "living document" that would be added to and would change within the passage of time.

RESOLVED that the report be accepted.

273. LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader had no additional items to report on; matters had been raised and discussed earlier in the meeting.





274. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC

IN VIEW OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED THE COMMITTEE PASSED THE FORMAL RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS & PUBLIC FROM THE MEETING, PURSUANT TO THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSIONS TO MEETINGS) ACT 1961 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION), ACT 1985.

275. SUPPLY OF BEERS & LAGERS, SHOTTON HALL BANQUETING SUITES

Consideration was given to the report prepared following tenders being sought for the supply of beers and lagers for Shotton Hall Banqueting Suites.

RESOLVED:-

- (a) the Council accept the lowest overall tender submitted by Firm F, Inbev UK Ltd of Tinsley, South Yorkshire, and**
- (b) the Facilities Manager go back to all of the tenderers to see if they wished to submit a price to supply a guest lager.**

276. GIFT OF AN OIL PAINTING AND NUMBERED LITHOGRAPH BY LOCAL ARTIST JOHN LUKE

Members were advised of a donation made by Anne Robertson of Elsdon Close to the Town Council of an oil painting and a numbered lithograph by the local artist John Luke in memory of her three relatives who were also Peterlee residents.

RESOLVED that a letter of thanks be forwarded to Ms Robertson for her kind donation.

277. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AT EASTER

Members were asked to agree the schedule of meetings over the



Easter period.

RESOLVED that the meetings of the Clerk's Advisory and Parks & Cemetery Committee be held on Tuesday 10th April 2007.

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