

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE 17TH SEPTEMBER 2012

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HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2012

PRESENT: COUN R KYLE (CHAIR)

Mesdames: J Black & J I Measor

Messrs: T A Jones, J Alvey, W M Jeffrey, C
Watkins, G Cowie, C J Metcalfe, C Robbins, R Huitson

MEMBERS WERE REMINDED OF THE NEED TO DISCLOSE ANY INTEREST PREJUDICIAL OR PERSONAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

PRIOR TO THE MEETING, A 15 MINUTE “OPEN SESSION” WAS HELD TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AN OPPORTUNITY TO PUT QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL. THERE WERE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT AT THE MEETING.

71. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been submitted and accepted on behalf of Councillors D & M Milsom, (on holiday), H Bennett MBE (on holiday), J Hardy, ill and L Wood, (ill).

72. POLICE -UPDATE

The Chairman welcomed PCSOs McCombe and Bowman to the meeting. They gave an update on the statistics since the last meeting and gave details of the on going patrols being carried out by the

Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Updates on issues raised at the last meeting were also given. There had been no sign of the grey van on the Howletch Area and it was asked if a registration number could be obtained and passed on to the Police. Vehicles had been targeted and notices placed on cars that had driven over grassed areas. It was stressed that the offence had to be observed for a fixed penalty notice to be issued. Tickets had been issued to motorists speeding in the Acre Rigg Area. Details were also given of a number of burglaries in the Town.

The Town Clerk reported further on incidents at Woodhouse Park, particularly in relation to Town Council personnel; the Police assured they would give as much support as they could to this matter and to the Park.

The Leader reported several items for attention:-

- Concern at the number of calls logged for Woodhouse Park on a report sheet kept by Parks staff and he asked were there any opportunities for partnership working to improve this situation similar to those used in Eden Lane Cemetery;
- Contractors working on Manor Way reversing their vehicles out onto the highway and parking their vehicles causing a blind spot for other motorists.

The Mayor and Chairman thanked Officers for their attendance and for their excellent report.

RESOLVED progress be awaited on the items given for attention.

FURTHER RESOLVED in relation to Woodhouse Park:-

- (i) the toilets only be opened when a member of staff was on duty at the top end of the Park, plenary powers be granted for this action be carried out immediately;
- (ii) the possibility of CCTV cameras be investigated with the Police.

73. THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE 20TH AUGUST 2012 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed, subject to Councillor Kyle's apologies being

recorded as he was in Germany with the Twinning Visit.

74. THE REPORT OF THE SHOW COMMITTEE OF THE 23RD AUGUST 2012 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

RESOLVED that the outside representatives be advised that fortunately former Mayor and Councillor Anne Harvey was alive and well.

75. THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF THE 3RD SEPTEMBER 2012 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed, and the alteration to Minute Number 52 was approved.

76. THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE 3RD SEPTEMBER 2012 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

77. THE MINUTES OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE OF THE 3RD SEPTEMBER 2012 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

78. THE MINUTES OF THE PAVILION MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE 4TH SEPTEMBER 2012 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

Matters Arising

(a) 22(c) Public Bar

RESOLVED that as well as a pool table with wheels, the dart board be re-instated.

(b) 24(a) Football

The County Councillor reported that he had met, along with the Horticultural Supervisor, with the Headteacher of Acre Rigg Primary School to discuss a possible agreement for the use of their football fields.

RESOLVED the results of these discussions be reported fully for

Members consideration to a future meeting. Approaches also be made to other schools in the Town to achieve a similar arrangement.

79. THE MINUTES OF THE PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE OF THE 10TH SEPTEMBER 2012 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

Matters Arising

RESOLVED a full copy of the minutes be circulated with the next Parks & Cemetery Agenda.

FURTHER RESOLVED arrangements be made immediately to install a commemorative plaque on the Jubilee Bell structure in memory of the former Town Clerk, Tommy Hunt. The history of the bell also be placed on a plaque next to it.

80. LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader gave his report covering the following items:-

- (a) recent meetings attended by him on the Town Council's behalf;
- (b) the importance of the newly published County Durham Plan;
- (c) the Parish Council representatives appointed to the new Standards Committee – Councillors T Batson & A J Cook;
- (d) the Parish Paths Partnership 20th Anniversary Event;
- (e) he asked for any items to include in the discussions with the Local MP Grahame Morris and the Town Centre Operators on 19th September 2012;
- (f) progress with the Localism of Council Tax Support.

RESOLVED the information given in the Leader's report, be noted.