

**MINUTES OF THE HETTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
ON MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JULY, 2007 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
THE HETTON CENTRE AT 7.15 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillor A. R. Wilkinson in the Chair

**Present:** Councillors: Mrs. M. Adamson, Mrs. J. Blackburn, J. Blackburn, S. Blackburn, Mrs. J. Heron, G.W.K. Hepple, A. Maddison, Mrs. R. Meadows, Mrs. E. M. Metcalfe, C.R. Nairns, Mrs. E. A. Rankin, Mrs. E. Richardson, W.S. Robinson, J. Steel, Mrs. D. Storey, Mrs. M. A. Summerill, R. D. Tate (18).

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. F. Anderson, W. G. Glover, R. Heron. (3).

Prior to the commencement of the formal Meeting, Catherine Auld of Sunderland City Council, gave information to Members relating to possibilities and opportunities for Town Twinning and reasons how funding and plans can be put in place for such.

The Town Clerk would provide information to Members supplied by the City Council

**2 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2007**

The Minutes having been circulated to Members it was moved by Coun W. Robinson and seconded by Coun Mrs M. Adamson it was RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted as a true record.

**3 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Tate declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following Item 8, Planning Applications, as a Member of the City Planning Committee and Item 6, Easington Lane Primary School (as his wife is employed at the school)

Councillor J. Blackburn declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 6 as a Governor of Easington Lane Primary School

**4 Durham Association of Local Councils**

A Quality Counts Seminar, 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2007, the following Members wished to attend the event. Councillors: Mrs. Heron, Mrs. Adamson, Steel Mrs. Rankin would accompany the Town Clerk

B D.A.L.C. Executive Committee Members were advised that at present Councillor J. Steel served on the executive committee, it

was moved by Councillor Mrs. J. Heron and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Summerill, that he be nominated to serve on the executive committee in the forthcoming year.

C AGM 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2007 it was confirmed that Councillors Hepple, Nairns, Steel and the Town Clerk will attend

## **5 Northumbria Police – Illegal Parking Issues at Four Lane Ends**

Members received a response from Inspector P. Dent, Northumbria Police outlining legal issues relating to this problem.

Councillor J. Blackburn stated he was pursuing this matter with the City Highways Section, who is monitoring the issue and will report back to him.

## **6 Easington Lane Primary School**

City Council response regarding issues raised by the Town Council was distributed and noted.

## **7 No Smoking Legislation**

Members were issued with a City of Sunderland guidelines. It was suggested that signposting notices should be on display indicating how far away from The Hetton Centre smoking is permitted.

## **8. Planning Applications**

**Application No 07/02610/ful**  
Somersfield, Front Street, Hetton-le-Hole  
Installation of ATM Machine

**Application No. 07/02567/Ful**  
5 James Terrace, Easington Lane  
Erection of two storey extension to rear

In respect of the above applications no observations/objections were made

## **9 Ward Reports**

**Councillor Mrs Rankin** reported that several street lights were off at North Road/Brookside.

**Councillor Mrs. Rankin** highlighted that cars were parked across verge/kerbs at Mill Terrace causing traffic congestion and safety hazard. Councillor Nairns in support referred to traffic congestion in this area. Councillor J. Blackburn reported that this matter had been looked into by the City Council.

**Councillor Mrs. Meadows** similarly, traffic parking congestion was a major hazard at the junction of Market Street. Caroline Street/Eppleton Row with persons using the gym premises and fast food outlets. This congestion each evening was having a detrimental effect on the area.

**Councillor Hepple** referred to similar problems at rear of Regent Street, from persons using the Hetton Health Centre.

The Town Clerk was asked to pursue these traffic matters with the relevant City Council Departments

**Councillor Hepple** again referred to the ongoing problem evident at Derek Moss Funeral Services, Front Street.

The Town Clerk advised Members that letters had been sent to City Council Planning and Environmental Health Sections to try and resolve this issue.

**Councillor Nairns** referred to noise pollution from Hetton Lyons Industrial Estate where a 24 hour operation was evident during the evening and extractor noise could be heard.

**Councillor Nairns** reported the need for a drain gully on the B1284 North Road where flooding was occurring in the area of Nos 24/25 North Road

Signed Councillor A. R. Wilkinson  
Town Mayor