

**MINUTES OF THE HETTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON MONDAY 3rd MARCH, 2008 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
THE HETTON CENTRE AT 7.15 p.m.**

Present: Councillor A. R. Wilkinson in the Chair

Present: Councillors: Mrs. A. Adamson, Mrs. F. Anderson, J. Blackburn, W.L. Glover, Mrs. J. Heron, G.W.K. Hepple, A. Maddison, Mrs. R. Meadows, Mrs. E. Metcalfe, Mrs. E. A. Rankin, Mrs. E. Richardson, W. Robinson, J. Steel, Mrs. D. Storey, R. D. Tate. (16).

7.00 p.m. – Time was allowed for Public participation

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. J. Blackburn, S. Blackburn, R. Heron, C. R. Nairns, Mrs. M. Summerill. (5)

2 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18th February, 2008

The Minutes having been distributed to Members, it was moved by Councillor Mrs. Rankin, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Storey and RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted as a correct record.

3 Matters Arising

Councillor Mrs. Rankin referred to the ongoing issues of North Road, B1284 traffic concerns and drainage issues and hoped that the City Council would respond in the near future.

Mrs. Rankin had received residents concern about litter in the area of Quarry House Gardens, East Rainton.

4 Declarations of Interest

Councillor R. D. Tate, declared personal and prejudicial interest in Item 6a, as a Governor of Hetton Lyons Primary School and Item 10 as a Member of the City Council Planning Committee.

Councillor Steel declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Items 6 a and b as a Governor of Hetton Lyons Primary School and Member of Eppleton Cricket Club respectively.

Councillor Blackburn declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 6a as a Governor of Hetton Lyons Primary School.

Councillors Mrs. J. Heron and Mrs. M. Anderson declared personal and prejudicial interest in Item 10b, planning application no. rear of Houghton Road.

The Members above left the meeting when respective items were discussed and took no part.

5 Correspondence Received

- a. Sunderland Business Network
- b. G.O.N.E. Spatial Strategy
- c. City of Sunderland Traffic Enforcement
- d. City of Sunderland Licencing Applications

All were received and noted.

6 Applications for Financial Assistance

- a. Hetton Lyons Primary School – Mayday Event, Maypole Celebrations.

It was moved by Councillor Mrs. Rankin and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Heron that a £100.00 grant award be made.

- b. Eppleton Cricket Club – Junior Section – Members discussed application and felt it was worthy of total support, however, it was moved by Councillor Mrs. Meadows, seconded by Councillor Robinson that the application be forwarded to the City of Sunderland Community Chest Applications where assistance may be forthcoming which will be more substantial.
- c. Hetton Town F.C. – It was noted that a previous grant had been made in June 2007, therefore it was agreed to defer this application for re-submission next financial year.

7 Hetton Courier, Issue 3

The Town Clerk gave a verbal report and Members received a distribution report. Councillor Mrs. Anderson reported she had not received her personal copy at home.

8 Market Street Christmas Illuminations – Finance Report

The Town Clerk reported receipt for due payment of invoice from the City Council for the purchase and erection of Illumination pieces, finance as previously agreed by Council, to be obtained from surplus financial balances.

9 Aycliffe Angels

The Town Clerk gave an update that to date 14 persons had received certificates and badges from Great Aycliffe Town Council and more were to be forwarded for recognition in the near future.

10 Planning Consultations

a. The Town Clerk referred to discussion and correspondence with the Head of City Council Planning Services and advised Members that the City Council could not purchase for Town Council use the appropriate projector and screen for Members to view all plans during formal Planning Consultations at Town Council Meetings.

However, the Development Control Section have agreed to forward appropriate plans in support of major applications in the district for consultation and discussion.

b. Consideration of Applications:

1. Application No. 08/00293/Ful

Purvis Skip Hire, Pearsons Ind. Est.

Change of use to waste transfer station and erection of shed

Members considered the plans as submitted and it was moved by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Richardson that a site meeting be required.

2. Applications No 08/00530/Ful and No. 08/00172/Ful

Kenton House

Members were advised that two applications had been submitted in respect of the premises, identifying the following:

Demolition and erection of 8 apartment block

or

Change of use to garage workshop

Members were concerned that both options would create a traffic issue in the area and as no full site details had been submitted, the Council raised an OBJECTION to both applications and suggested an explanatory site visit may be necessary.

3. Application No. 08/00279/Ful

Land rear of 21 Houghton Road, Hetton-le-Hole

Erection of five terraced dwelling houses

4. Application No. 08/00213/Ful

19 Market Street, Hetton-le-Hole

Single storey rear extension

5. Application No. 08/00303/Ful

Land at Richard Street, Pavillion Terrace

Erection of two storey dwelling

6. Application No. 08/00443/Ful

14 Hollowdene, Hetton-le-Hole

Erection of first floor extension to provide bedroom and shower room

7. Application 08/00329/Ful

29 Front Street, Hetton-le-Hole

Shop premises, erection of three storey extension to provide
Kitchen, bakery, two apartments and car parking area

8. Application No. 08/00464/Ful

18A North Street, East Rainton

Change of new elevation, boundary wall and conservatory to rear

9. Application No. 08/00429/Ful

20 Bloomfield Drive, East Rainton

Erection of conservatory

In respect of 10B and 3-9 no observations or objections were recorded.

11. Report of Finance Committee held on Monday, 25th February, 2008

The Minutes were distributed for Members consideration and recommendations therein were examined it was moved by Councillor Mrs. Meadows and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Adamson RESOLVED that the minutes be accepted.

12 Planning Correspondence

Re Applications 07/05522/Mid & 07/005523/Var, Eppleton Quarry

Members expressed concern relating to change of conditions and application and asked Town Clerk to invite a City Planning Officer to meet with the Council at their next Meeting.

13. Receipt of Residents Letter re loss of school crossing patrol at North Road for Hetton School and Hetton Primary School

Members were very concerned at this situation and had received a report from the City Council identifying the problem and was at present recruiting new staff. However, this was delayed due to necessary checks etc.

Members had made approaches to express the dangerous situation on this busy way. The Clerk to write to Mr. Johnson, Head of Highways and Transportation highlighting this issue.

Members however, congratulated the previous school control officer who had done an excellent job and a letter of appreciation should be sent from the Town Council.

**14. Ward based Community Chest Awards
Coalfield Forum Feedback Report
S.I.B. Update Reports
Development of Local Area Plans**

Noted and received

Signed Councillor A. R. Wilkinson
Mayor