

**MINUTES OF THE HETTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON MONDAY 1st FEBRUARY, 2010 IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, THE HETTON CENTRE AT 7.15 p.m.**

Present: Councillor Mrs. D. Storey, in the Chair

Present: Councillors: G.W.K. Hepple, Mrs. Metcalfe, Nairns, Mrs. Richardson, Robinson, Robson, J. Steel. (8)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. Adamson, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. J. Blackburn, J. Blackburn, S. Blackburn, Glover, Mrs. Heron, R. Heron, Maddison, Mrs. Meadows, Mrs. Rankin, Tate, Wilkinson. (13).

Members were advised that there was Councillors present to meet the quorum of a meeting to be held

2 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18th January, 2010

The Minutes having been distributed to Members it was **MOVED** by Councillor Robson, seconded by Councillor Robinson and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes be received and accepted as a true and correct record.

3 Matters Arising

None received

4 Declarations of Interest

None received.

5 To adjourn the Meeting to allow public participation

6 Ward Matters – Reports from Members

Councillor Robson asked if Planning permission had been sought for Councillor Robson once again it was reported the street lighting columns at St. Cuthbert's Close were still not operational despite previous reports and discussions with Gentoo.

change of use at the allotment gardens, rear of Kenton House, Lee Terrace.

Councillor Nairns reported that gangs of about 50 youths from Hetton School had been snowball fighting in the Bog Row area, across the B182 causing traffic safety concerns.

7 Planning Consultations

a. Application No. 10/00191/SUB

Land north of All Saints Church, Church Road, Hetton-le-Hole
Resubmission erection of 10 bed residential care unit, access and
parking

No Observations/Objections

b. Notice of Appeal Result, Town & Country Planning Act 1990

The Town Clerk referred to a letter from Sunderland City Council referring
Land adjacent to Avondale, Houghton Road
Refusal decision from Secretary of State for the Environment against
planning permission for dwelling.

The reasons for the authority's refusal were as follows:

The proposal, by reason of substandard spacing, would appear obtrusive and overbearing, resulting in a significant loss of outlook for the occupiers of neighbouring Edgewood contrary to policy B2 of the UDP, Section 2.7 of the SPG and Section 10C of the SPD.

The proposed dwelling would, by reason of its size, scale and massing, represent an overdevelopment of the site that would appear out of keeping with the established character of the area to the detriment of the residential and visual amenities of the area and as such is contrary to policies B2 and H4 of the adopted Unitary Development Plan.

8 Report of Finance Committee 25th January, 2010 and Schedule of Payments made No. 09/010/012

The above Report was deferred for consideration until next meeting, however, the Schedule of Payments 09/010/012 was approved.

9a Swimming Baths

Councillor Robinson related Members to his experiences visiting the new baths and commended the staff for assistance and advice given.

B The meeting scheduled to take place at this meeting with NEXUS Officials had been re-arranged to take place at 3.30 p.m. Thursday, 11th February, 2010 and similarly re-arranged meeting with City Council Parks Services staff re: Northumbria in Bloom to 3.00 p.m. Friday, 26th February, 2010.

Signed Councillor Mrs. D. Storey
Past Chairman