

**MINUTES OF THE HETTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON MONDAY 17th SEPTEMBER, 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, W. L. Glover, Mrs. J. Herron, G.W.K. Hepple, A. Maddison, Mrs. R. Meadows, Mrs. E. M. Metcalfe, C.R. Nairns, Mrs. E. A. Rankin, J. Steel, Mrs. D. Storey, Mrs. M. A. Summerill, R. D. Tate (13).

At 7.00 p.m. Public participation was available, followed by a Presentation to the Council made by Lindsay Nicholson from Durham Rural Community Council in respect of initiation, preparation and benefits of producing a Parish Plan.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. F. Anderson, J. Blackburn, Mrs. J. Blackburn, S. Blackburn, R. Heron, Mrs. E. Richardson, W.. S.. Robinson, R. D. Tate (8)

2 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 3rd September, 2007

The Minutes having been circulated to Members it was noted on Item No. 2Coun Steel & Nairns corrections be made to names.

It was moved by Coun Glover and seconded by Coun Mrs Metcalfe it was RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted as a true record.

3 Matters Arising

Members in support of Councillor Mrs. Adamson expressed concern at the ongoing great problems being experienced by the volume of traffic parking and causing congestion at school entry and collection times at Hetton Lyons Primary School and the adjacent streets within Peat Carr and Moorhouse Gardens.

Councillor Nairns asked that Ward Reports be included as an item on the next Agenda.

4 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Steel declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 9B.

5 a. To approve Financial Payments, '3G'

It was moved by Councillor Glover and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Meadows and RESOLVED that the payments be approved and authorised.

b. Accounting and Audit arrangements for Council Financial Management Controls

Members received a Report from P. Purdham, Chartered Accountant who provides existing accounting services to the Council. However the details contained therein outlined proposals for future controls and advice.

Members noted content and in principal agreed to the process, Councillor Mrs. Rankin, Chair of the Finance Committee, stated that controls were appropriate, however members asked that an estimate of Annual Charges be obtained by the Town Clerk.

6 Hetton Town Courier

The Town Clerk gave a verbal report of proposed content, including items included from other groups such as police, schools and churches.

Councillor Rankin suggested details relating to the Wearside Credit Union be included.

Councillor Storey advised Members of the project undertaken by Great Aycliffe Town Council to recognise 'Aycliffe Angels' – people who worked in the Aycliffe Ammunition Factories during World War II years.

It was noted that many Hetton residents were transported daily to work in Aycliffe for many years. Those who worked in the factories, or their descendants, are entitled to a Certificate and Badge from Aycliffe Town Council.

This is to be included in Town Courier.

7 C.C.T.V. Project - update

The Town Clerk distributed copies of previous Reports and correspondence relating to the situation, applications and proposed partnerships.

Members expressed concern at the situation and were anxious to progress appropriately with this matter.

The Town Clerk was asked to convene a special meeting with the Town Council and B. Blakett, City Regeneration Officer who leads on the project and S. Eagling, City Security Officer who can provide the technical details.

8 Christmas Illuminations

The Town Clerk gave Members an update of the projects. Councillor Mrs. Meadows suggested that the budget saved by not holding a Firework Display should be transferred towards extra Town Centre illuminated pieces

9. Requests for Financial Assistance

*Hetton Fellowship of Churches * Hetton Methodist Church * Eppleton Banner Group*

Members considered letters of applications from those above and although in principal wished to support the organisations, the Town Clerk was asked to forward the appropriate Grant Application Form, requesting the groups current balance of accounts before a decision is made.

10 Ward Surgeries

Members referred to the Presentation made by D.R.C.C. relating to the formation of a Parish Plan and the need to hold public meetings and consultation sessions in appropriate venues throughout the district.

Therefore it was agreed to proceed with Parish Plan Meetings which will possibly incorporate Ward Surgeries with Members.

11 Planning Consultations

Report of Site Meetings held at 128 Elemore Lane, Easington Lane and Radar Station, High Moorsley Farm, Hetton-le-Hole.

Following both meetings held with City Planning Officers Members recorded no observations or objections.

07/03902/LAP

Community Hall, Brickgarth, Easington Lane
Demolition of existing Community Hall and erection of 4 Business Units
And 1 service unit with associated service roads and parking (amended)

No formal objections to planning, but Members concerned at loss of Community Hall and facilities for user groups. The Clerk to write to E.L.A.P.

07/03395/FUL

Land south of High Moorsley Farm, Moorsley Road, Hetton-le-Hole
Erection of radar and compound area

07/03935/FUL

6 Byer Street, Hetton-le-Hole

Replacement of existing single storey side extension
07/03371/FUL
4 Rectory Road, Hetton-le-Hole
Erection of first floor bedroom extension to rear

No objections/observations made to applications.

12. Matters raised by Councillors

Councillor Nairns highlighted ongoing problems caused by youths congregating at St. Nicholas Church yard.

Councillor Nairns asked that an update on progress relating to the Hetton Bypass Scheme. In support Councillor Glover expressed concern at the traffic calming measures on the B1284 which seemed inadequate and unfinished.

Signed Councillor A. R. Wilkinson
Town Mayor