

**MINUTES OF THE HETTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
ON MONDAY 18th JANUARY, 2010 IN THE COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS, THE HETTON CENTRE AT 7.15 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillor Mrs. R. Meadows, Deputy Mayor, in the Chair

**Present:** Councillors: W.L. Glover, Mrs. J. Heron, R. Heron, G.W.K. Hepple, Mrs. Metcalfe, Nairns, Mrs. Richardson, Robson, J. Steel, Mrs. D. Storey, Tate, A. Wilkinson. (13).

Members received a Presentation from Audrey Bewick, Barnardos, regarding the closure of the project at Moorsley and Peat Carr.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Adamson, Mrs. J. Blackburn, J. Blackburn, S. Blackburn, Maddison, Mrs. Rankin, Robinson. (8).

N.B. Councillor Robinson was absent due to being in attendance as Town Council Representative at a Northumbria Police Forum.

**2 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2010**

The Minutes having been distributed to Members it was MOVED by Councillor Glover, 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**

Councillors R. Heron and Mrs. J. Heron declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 10 Planning Consultation.

**5 To adjourn the Meeting to allow public participation**

**6 Ward Matters – Reports from Members**

Councillor Robson – reported the appearance of a large pot-hole at the junction of Church Road/Regent Street.

Councillor Wilkinson – asked if repairs had been undertaken at the Front Street, Public Clock.

The Town Clerk reported that the Clock was to be repaired, once the snow on the path had dissolved and a high-mac machine could be used.

Councillor Glover – again referred to the van parked on the path in Houghton Road near to The Rectory. It was noted disabled electric wheelchair users could not get past and need to drive on main A182 road.

Councillor Glover – whilst commending and welcoming the excellent new facilities at Hetton Swimming Pool, he stated that many new users had reported to him, that they were concerned at the clear glass window at the length of the pool, allowing pedestrians and non users staring inside, this obviously also raised child protection issues.

Also users were parking their cars immediately outside the new entrance on both sides of the road causing traffic congestion and road safety issues for children entering the pool.

Councillor Richardson – advised Members that unfortunately, elderly residents in the town had been subject to bogus callers, who have burgled property, therefore all should be warned to be vigilant.

The Town Clerk stated both Northumbria Police and Age Concern were promoting awareness campaign.

## **7 Financial Matters**

a. To approve Schedule of Payments 09/010/011. It was Moved by Councillor Hepple, seconded by Councillor Glover that the payments be approved.

b. Applications for Financial Assistance. The following were considered:

### ***Eppleton Scouts and Brownies***

It was moved by Councillor Glover and seconded by Councillor Robson that a grant of £250 cash be awarded towards the camping visit to Hamsterly Forest.

### ***Age Concern, Hetton Office***

It was moved by Councillor Mrs. Heron and seconded by Councillor Robson that £100 cash be awarded towards The International Day for the Elderly.

## **8 Northumbria in Bloom – Report and Estimate for Projects**

Members asked that a meeting be arranged with the appropriate officers, in order to examine the possible expenditure in detail.

## **9 Licensing Act 2003**

Application for grant of a premises licence to sell alcohol each day. Retail premises, 4A Surrey Street, Park Estate, Hetton-le-Hole.

No objections were made to the application.

## **10. Planning Applications Consultation**

- a. Application No 09/03649/MID  
Hetton Moor Farm Quarry  
Murton Lane, Easington Lane

Members asked that a City Planning Officer be invited to meet with Councillors to give detailed information regarding the application and the resulting effect on the community.

No observations/objections were made to the following:

- b. Application No. 09/04820/FULL  
4A Surrey Street, Hetton-le-Hole  
Change of use from house to shop
- c. Application No. 09/04130/ADV  
E-commerce Building, Rainton Bridge Industrial Estate  
Erection of signage to building
- d. Application 10/00007/FUL  
12 Girven Terrace West, Easington Lane  
Erection of front and rear dormer windows.

## **11. Presentation of a Petition**

The Town Clerk reported that he had received a petition of some 800 signatures requesting:-

Hetton Cemetery that footpaths, roadways, landscape areas, fencing and floral displays are improved and maintained in the cemetery which is in a very poor condition and in comparison to the maintenance at Sunderland Crematorium and Houghton Cemetery is not acceptable.

It was RESOLVED that the petition be received by the Town Council and forwarded at the meeting to Councillor R. D. Tate who would formally present the petition to the next meeting of the Sunderland City Council.

Signed Councillor Mrs. R. Meadows  
Deputy Mayor