

**MINUTES OF THE HETTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON MONDAY 18th JUNE, 2007 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
THE HETTON CENTRE AT 7.15 p.m.**

Present: Councillor A. R. Wilkinson Town Mayor

Present: Councillors: Mrs. M. Adamson, Mrs. J. Blackburn, S. Blackburn, W. L. Glover, Mrs. J. Heron, RG.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. M. A. Summerill (16).

Prior to the meeting Members received two separate Presentations from:

1 E.On

Relating to the progress of the Great Eppleton Windfarm Development and the opportunity for a Community Fund input annually which could be managed by the Town Council.

2 Entrus, NWL and the Environment Agency

They gave a joint Presentation relating to proposals to erect a Radar Weather Reading Station at High Moorsley Reservoir.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. F. Anderson, J. Blackburn, R. Heron, Mrs. D. Storey, R. D. Tate (5).

2 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 4th June, 2007

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

3 Matters Arising

No matters were raised

4 Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made

5 Elemore Colliery Banner Group

Members were advised of an invitation to join the marching Banner Group and assemble at Easington Lane to proceed to Durham Miners' Gala on 14th July, 2007.

The Town Mayor, J. Blackburn and A. Maddison will be attending.

Councillors Hepple and Mrs. Heron advised the Meeting they would be joining the Eppleton Banner March on the day.

6 Planning Consultations

The following applications were considered when no objections or observations were made.

A – Application 07/02541/Full

North View Bungalow, Houghton Road
Erection of extension to side and rear of property

B – Application 07/02624/Full

15 Alexander Drive, Hetton-le-Hole
Erection of extension to rear

C – Application 07/02613/Ful

Kvarner, Houghton Road
Erection of first floor extension to property

However in respect of the following application

D – 07/02777/Sub

The Cottage, Park View, Hetton-le-Hole
Partial demolition and construction of new access and 4 new dwellings

Members referred to the previous application and site meeting, held on 13th March, 2007 when formal objections were made regarding access issues, traffic safety and congestion in Park View adjacent to the Traffic Lights.

It was agreed that the similar concerns be formally submitted to the City Development Control Section, in regard to this application and further details are required prior to making a formal comment.

7 Sunderland C.U.S.

Members received and noted the information.

8 DEFRA Quality Council Status Report

Members received and noted the information

9. 1st Eppleton Scout Group

A letter was considered by Members requesting Financial Assistance towards funding a camping weekend in the Lake District. It was moved by

Councillor Mrs. J. Heron and seconded by Councillor Mrs. A. Rankin that a grant of £200.00 be awarded.

10 Hetton Town Football Club

Members considered a request submitted requesting Financial Assistance towards ongoing running costs. It was moved by Councillor Mrs. E. Richardson and seconded by Councillor J. Steel that a grant of £200.00 be awarded.

11 Ward Councillors Report

Councillor Glover reported that a large overhanging tree on the Highway at 33 Claypath was causing a traffic hazard.

Councillor Glover asked that traffic issues be examined in respect of sight problems for traffic leaving Dunelm Drive onto North Road.

Councillor Glover again highlighted the ongoing complaints by residents and neighbouring business premises relating to Derek Moss Funeral Parlour operating adjacent to premises.

Councillor Nairns referred to the 24 hour, 7 days per week noise levels emanating from the furnishing company on the Hetton Lyons Industrial Estate.

Councillor Mrs. Richardson in respect of traditional Remembrance Services highlighted that this year, 11th November was a Sunday, therefore there would be two services (Easington Lane and Hetton) needing to take place on the same day.

The Clerk was asked to liaise with the Hetton Council of Churches to try and resolve this issue.

Signed Councillor A. R. Wilkinson
Town Mayor