

**MINUTES OF THE HETTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON MONDAY 21st MAY, 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. A. Adamson, Mrs. F. Anderson, Mrs. J. Blackburn, J. Blackburn, S. Blackburn, W. L. Glover, Mrs. J. Heron, R. Heron, G.W.K. Hepple, A. Maddison, Mrs. R. Meadows, Mrs. E. Metcalfe, C.R.Nairns, Mrs. E. A. Rankin, Mrs. E. Richardson, W.S. Robinson, J. Steel, Mrs. D. Storey, Mrs. M. A. Summerill, D. Tate. (21)

Prior to the Meeting, Peter Harrison, from Sunderland Housing Group made a presentation to Members regarding proposed housing regeneration at Barrington Court/St. Cuthbert's area and also the Broomhill Estate.

Members were invited to visit and view the new development at Chilton Moor, Houghton-le-Spring, a date to be arranged in the near future.

1. **Apologies for absence** – none were received.
2. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th May, 2007**, it was highlighted that initials of Councils Mrs. E. Richardson and M. A. Adamson were incorrect, this having been noted it was moved by Council W. Robson and seconded by Council W. Glover and RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted as a true record.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor D. Tate recorded a personal and prejudicial interest in the forthcoming Planning Application Item 8 as a Member of Sunderland City Council Planning Committee.

4. **Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 14th May, 2007**

Councillor Mrs. J. Heron noted that her Christian Name was incorrectly spelt. It was moved by Council J. Steel and seconded by Council Glover and RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting 14th May, 2007 be accepted as a true record.

5. **Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 14th May, 2007**

It was noted that Council J. Blackburn had been omitted from the attendance list, that having been noted it was moved by Council Mrs. D. Storey and seconded by Council Mrs. E. A. Rankin, and RESOLVED that the Minutes of the 2007 Parish Meeting be accepted as a true record.

6 **Financial Position**

Members received and discussed Reports as scheduled and it was moved by Counc. Mrs. J, Heron and seconded by Counc. C. Nairns that Items

6a Report and comment from Financial Meeting previously held

6b Report and comment from Meeting held 16th May, 2007 with Barclays Investments Ltd

6c Payment procedure of Invoices.

6d Reporting of Financial matters to Full Council.

6e Confirmation of signatories on Council cheques.

Be accepted as reported RESOLVED that all matters be approved.

In addition it was proposed by Councillor W. Glover and seconded by Counc. J. Steel that Counc. Mrs. E. A. Rankin be nominated for the position of Chairman of the Town Council's Finance Committee for the forthcoming year until March 31st, 2008. This was unanimously agreed.

7 **Draft Proposals Town Council Aims and Mission Statement**

Members were issued with a draft report and it was agreed to defer approval in order for Members to fully read the proposals and make comments.

8 **Planning Consultations**

Application 07/02118/Ful
New Inn Public House
Construction of a deck and parasol awning
no objections or observations were made

9 Counc W. Glover asked if any further response had been received from Go Ahead Transport regarding suggested Public Bus Service improvements. The Town Clerk was asked to pursue this issue.

10 Councillor A. Maddison highlighted the immediate problem at the newly constructed Easington Lane Primary School, whereby it was found not to be able to accommodate the necessary

number of local children, this he feels is even before the construction of many new homes in Easington Lane. The Town Clerk was asked to contact the City Council Education Portfolio holder for a formal response.

Signed
A. R. Wilkinson
Town Mayor