

Hetton Town Council



Minutes of the meeting of Hetton Town Council held at Rainton Arena on Monday 17 May 2021

Present

Cllrs R Coulson, J Defty, T Dodds, P Dowell, R Elvin, D Geddis (not Item 16), J Green, P Hall, R Heron, K Pearson, S Reilly, K Rowham, I Scott, S Waterston and C Willis.

In attendance

G Keedy, Town Clerk (TC)
3 x Members of Public (MoP)

1) Election of Town Mayor 21-22

Cllr K Pearson presided over this item as outgoing Town Mayor and sought nominations for the position of Town Mayor.

Cllr D Geddis was nominated by Cllr R Elvin, seconded by Cllr S Waterston.

There were no other nominations.

Following a vote, 11 in favour, 3 against, 1 abstention; Cllr D Geddis was elected Town Mayor for 21-22.

2) Declaration of Office

Cllr D Geddis then signed the acceptance of office, which was witnessed and signed by G Keedy, Town Clerk.

3) Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from or on behalf of Cllr D Turner (unwell) and Cllr M Thornton (supporting local business).

Town Council resolved to approve the apology for Cllr D Turner, and record as unapproved that received from Cllr M Thornton.

No apologies for absence had been received from Cllr J Blackburn, Cllr A Liversidge or Cllr D Liversidge. Town Council resolved to record their absences as unapproved.

4) Declarations of Interest

Cllr D Geddis declared an interest in relation to Item 16, in his capacity as a Governor at Hetton Nursery School.

5) Election of Deputy Town Mayor

Cllr K Pearson nominated Cllr R Elvin, seconded by Cllr J Defty. There were no other nominations. Cllr R Elvin was elected as Deputy Town Mayor for 21-22.

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6) Review of Committee structure

TC introduced this item.

Town Council resolved to amalgamate the Management & Policy and Finance Committees.

7) Election to Committees

Town Council resolved to approve nominations to Committees as outlined below:

Management , Policy & Finance:

Cllrs T Dodds, R Elvin, D Geddis, R Heron, K Pearson, S Reilly, I Scott and S Waterston.

Planning and Development:

Cllrs J Blackburn, J Defty, P Dowell, D Geddis, R Heron, K Rowham, I Scott and S Waterston.

Staff Employment and Training:

R Coulson, T Dodds, P Dowell, R Elvin, P Hall, R Heron, K Pearson and M Thornton.

Events and Special Activities:

Cllrs R Coulson, T Dodds, D Geddis, P Hall, M Thornton, D Turner, S Waterston and C Willis.

8) Appointments to outside bodies

Town Council resolved to approve nominations to outside bodies as outlined below:

Co. Durham Association of Local Councils - Cllrs D Geddis, K Pearson and S Waterston.

Larger Councils Forum - Cllr D Geddis

Hetton Town Trust (trustees) - Cllrs K Pearson and K Rowham

Sunderland City Council Standards Committee - Cllrs R Elvin and D Geddis

Sunderland City Council Coalfield Area Committee - Cllr K Rowham

Eppleton Quarry Liaison Committee - Cllr P Dowell

Field House Community Liaison Committee - Cllr R Coulson

9) Annual Town Meeting 2021

Town Council resolved to temporarily postpone the meeting and that TC convene as soon as practicable.

10) Calendar of meetings

TC introduced this item and the previously circulated list of meeting dates.

Town Council resolved to approve the meeting dates for Full Council and that each Committee should determine meetings calendars to meet requirements.

11) Public participation

MoP suggested that Hetton Town Council participate in the Northumbria in Bloom scheme.

Town Council resolved that this suggestion be remitted to a future meeting of Events & Special Activities Committee.

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12) Minutes

- a) Town Council resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of Hetton Town Council held on Monday 26 April 2021.
- b) Town Council resolved to approve the minutes and recommendations of the Events & Special Activities Committee meeting held on 4 May 2021.
Following discussion arising from the minute of Item 7, Town Council resolved that a flag flying policy be considered by the Management, Policy & Finance Committee.

13) Reports from Members

Cllr R Coulson:

Raised concerns re soil drilling exercise undertaken at field located at Corrigan Terrace, East Rainton.

Are SCC aware of this and the reason for the drilling?

Cllr S Reilly:

Request the installation of dog waste bins in Kestrel Drive, Easington Lane.

Requests the installation of bollards at Springwell Terrace / Hollow Dene to prevent vehicular access to track.

Expressed concerns about long wait times being experienced by residents for SCC bulk collection service. Requests action to reduce timescales.

Cllr J Defty:

Requests installation of permanent speed restriction sign at Colliery Lane, following relocation of temporary sign.

Seeks progress with request for the introduction of "residents only parking" permits at Regent Street, Hetton le Hole to alleviate indiscriminate parking issues.

Cllr S Waterston:

Seeks reasons for granting of A3 permission to 11 Front Street Hetton le Hole, when previous application had been rejected.

Cllr R Elvin:

Seeks explanation for omission of notification to HTC of the granting of A3 permission to 11 Front Street, Hetton le Hole.

Cllrs K Pearson and T Dodds:

Reported repeated problems with youths congregating in Hetton Lyons Country Park, setting fires, leaving litter and debris. Items are being cleared after reporting, but Members seek action to tackle root cause of the problems

14) Sunderland City Councillor(s) - Hetton and Copt Hill wards

TC reported that City Councillors representing the Hetton and Copt Hill wards had been invited to the meeting. There were no City Councillors present.

TC alerted Members to an email he had received (and circulated) on 17 May from Elaine Waugh, Assistant Director of Law and Governance at SCC relating to this topic.

Town Council resolved that TC establish the legal position.

15) Update from Town Clerk

TC reported that an issue raised at April meeting re problems with central heating had been referred to Gentoo for attention and the tenant had been contacted.

TC advised that granting of a licence by SCC to install a replacement bench seat outside of The Hetton Centre remained outstanding.

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15) Update from Town Clerk cont ...

TC reported that a planning application in West Rainton which impacted on the HTC area had been approved by Durham County Council earlier in 2021. He was querying with DCC why no consultation had taken place with HTC.

16) Proposed discontinuation of Hetton Nursery School

Cllr D Geddis left the meeting for the duration of this item.

Town Council resolved that Cllr R Elvin be nominated to speak on behalf of HTC at the School Organisation Committee of Cabinet meeting of SCC on 20 May 2021.

17) Financial report

Town Council resolved to approve the financial report and expenditure outlined below.

Income:	Nil
Staffing expenditure:	
Town Clerk net salary (April 21)	£1053.56
HMRC (Combined employer/employee liabilities)	£458.16
NEST Pension (Combined employer/employee contributions)	DD £66.40
	Sub-total: £1578.12
Town Clerk expenditure:	
Zoom Video Communications (charge for Standard Pro monthly subscription)	£14.39
	Sub-total: £14.39
Other expenditure:	
EE (invoice 4 May 21)	DD £18.22
Co Durham Association of Local Councils (Annual subscription charge for 21-22)	£2050.68
	Sub-total: £2068.90
	Total: £3661.41
Barclays Current account balance @ 14 May 21:	£79,305.68
Anticipated current account balance if all paid:	£75,644.27
Barclays Reserve account balance @ 14 May 21:	£28,402.67
Town Mayor fund:	
Income:	£1750.00
Expenditure: Nil	
Co-op Bank balance @ 14 May 21:	£1750.00

18) Planning matters

Town Council considered the following planning applications and resolved to take action as indicated below:

21/00934/DEM

Head teacher Hetton Primary School Moorsley Road Hetton-le-Hole

Houghton-le-Spring DH5 9ND

Proposal: Demolition of caretakers house.

Applicant: Sunderland City Council

No comments or objections.

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18) Planning matters cont ...

21/00878/FU4

Unit 8 Mercantile Road Rainton Bridge Industrial Estate Houghton-le-Spring DH4 5PH

Proposal: Installation of cladding to gable wall.

Applicant: Knight Frank

No comments or objections.

21/00603/FUL

Land East Of North Road Hetton-le-Hole Houghton-le-Spring

Proposal: Construction of 275 dwellings (use class C3).

Applicant: Persimmon Homes (Durham)

Submit objection.

21/01034/FUL

Former Alltrack Waste Recycling Centre and Corus Engineering

Steels Limited Hetton Lyons Industrial Estate Hetton-le-Hole

Houghton-le-Spring DH5 0RD

Proposal: Erection of portal frame industrial building for pallet storage.

Applicant: James Jones & Sons (Pallets & Packaging) Ltd

Submit objection.

19) General correspondence

Town Council resolved to take action as detailed below:

Co. Durham Association of Local Councils:

Star Councils Awards **(Circulate)**

Neighbourhood planning - MHCLG Funding **(Circulate)**

Larger Councils Forum meeting **(Noted)**

Chairmanship information **(Noted)**

Training course update **(Circulate)**

Sunderland City Council:

Casual Vacancy for a Councillor in the East Rainton and Moorsley Ward including query re requirement for poll cards. **(Noted and poll cards agreed)**

Coalfield VCS Network notes (circulated 17 May 21) **Noted**

Hargreaves Surface Mining:

Community Liaison Committee update **(Circulate)**

L&D Marketing:

Pitch to produce community magazine **(Circulate)**

The Pensions Regulator:

Re legal duties **(Noted)**

20) Date and time of next meeting

19.15 hrs on Monday 21 June 2021 at a venue in line with prevailing Government guidance re Covid -19.

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