

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the **COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2017** at **7.15 p.m.**

**PRESENT**                    **Councillor Wendy Hillary** and  
Councillors Eddy Adam, M. Ashcroft, Derek G. Atkinson, Jim Atkinson, P.J. Bergg, Bill Blenkinsopp, Mrs. D. Bowman, Arun M. Chandran, B.A. Clare, J.D. Clare, J. Clark, Mrs. M. Dalton, R.S. Fleming, George C. Gray, I. Gray, Mrs S. Haigh, B. Hall, Dave Hardaker, Mrs. I. Hewitson, Jed Hillary, Kate Hopper, M. Iveson, Mrs S.J. Iveson, Mrs V. Raw, K. Robson, Paul Symons and Sally Symons

**OFFICERS**                Mr A Bailey (Town Clerk)  
Mrs. C. Walton (Corporate and Policy Officer)  
Miss C. Ryder (Senior Admin. Officer)

61.    **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

62.    **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Kathy Beetham.

63.    **MEMBERS' DISPENSATION**

No dispensation requests had been received.

64.    **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Jed Hillary reaffirmed his interest in Agenda Item No. 11 (Notice of Motion re School Parking) as he is a School Governor and he would be leaving the meeting during the discussion on this item.

65.    **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

66.    **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor M. Iveson, seconded by Councillor Dave Hardaker and

**RESOLVED** – that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

67.    **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor had submitted a list of appointments she had attended for the period 20<sup>th</sup> September to the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017.

The Mayor reported that her recent quiz night had raised £258.

The Mayor had attended a plaque unveiling for the 'Aycliffe Angels' at Bowburn. The Council had been personally thanked for the production of Certificates and Badges which are presented to ex-serving 'Angels'.

**RESOLVED** – that the information be received.

68. **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

(a) **Environment Committee**

It was proposed by Councillor M. Ashcroft, seconded by Councillor Mrs. V. Raw and

**RESOLVED** – as follows:

- (i) That the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017 be received, and
- (ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted.

(b) **Recreation Committee**

It was proposed by Councillor B. Hall, seconded by Councillor M. Ashcroft and

**RESOLVED** – as follows:

- (i) That the minutes of the Recreation Committee held on the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017 be received, and
- (ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted.

(c) **Policy and Resources Committee**

It was proposed by Councillor R.S. Fleming, seconded by Councillor M. Iveson and

**RESOLVED** – as follows:-

- (i) That the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee held on the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2017 be received, and
- (ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted.

69. **CODE OF CONDUCT - CHANGES**

The Town Clerk had submitted a report to advise members of recommended changes to the wording of the Code of Conduct and their implications.

**RESOLVED** – as follows:-

- (i) That the report be received.
- (ii) That the amended Code of Conduct as recommended for use for all County Durham Parish and Town Councils by the County Durham Association of Local Councils be adopted.

70. **NOTICE OF MOTION**

The following Notice of Motion had been proposed by Councillor Arun M. Chandran and seconded by Councillor Ken Robson for members consideration in respect of Boundary Commission Changes 2017:-

*‘That in the event of the new Boundary Commission proposals for Parliamentary Constituencies for 2017 being approved by Parliament, we would want the name of the Constituency changed from Billingham and Sedgfield to Aycliffe and Billingham. This would more adequately reflect on the importance of Aycliffe in the new constituency, politically, industrially and geographically. Demographically and historically Aycliffe has more importance than Sedgfield in the Constituency name. That we write to the Boundary Commission now to inform them of this, to be included now and in any future changes.’*

**RESOLVED** – as follows:-

- (i) That the Notice of Motion be agreed.
- (ii) That a suitable letter be forwarded to the Boundary Commission.

**Councillor Mrs. I. Hewitson left the meeting at this point.**

71. **NOTICE OF MOTION**

**Councillor Jed Hillary (as a School Governor) and Councillor John Clare (as a member of D.C.C.) left the meeting during the discussion and decision on this item.**

The following Notice of Motion had been proposed by Councillor Arun M. Chandran and seconded by Councillor Ken Robson for members consideration in respect of Car Parking at Schools:-

*‘That with the rebuilding taking place at Vane Road School, and the surplus land fenced off at St. Josephs RC School, we write to Durham County Council to have these areas build in access for car parking on that land so as to alleviate congestion and car parking issues on the neighbouring roads at school drop off and collection times. Likewise we ask Durham County Council to look at other land that might be made available at other schools where cars can drive in off load and leave rather than double park all over the school neighbourhoods.’*

**RESOLVED** – as follows:-

- (i) That the Notice of Motion be received.
- (ii) That a suitable letter be forwarded to Durham County Council.

72. **OUTSIDE BODIES**

Verbal reports were given by representatives on the undermentioned Outside Bodies:-

- (a) Youth Council  
Councillor D. Atkinson gave an update on the New Youth Council.

- (b) County Durham Association of Local Councils  
Councillor R.S. Fleming gave an update on the A.G.M.
- (c) Aycliffe Village Community Association  
Councillor W.M. Blenkinsopp gave an update on the activities of the Community Association.
- (d) Woodham Village Community Association  
Councillor B.A. Clare had attended the meeting and gave an update.
- (e) Great Aycliffe and Middridge Local Council's Committee  
There had been no meetings.
- (f) Larger Local Councils' Forum  
There had been no meetings.
- (g) Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society  
Councillor I. Gray gave an update on activities to date.
- (h) Friends of Byerley Park Local Nature Reserve  
Councillor I. Gray updated on the activities of the group.
- (i) Friends of Stockton and Darlington Railway  
Councillor Dave Hardaker gave members an update on the meeting he had attended.

**RESOLVED** – that the information be received.

**CHAIRMAN.**