

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the **COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **THURSDAY, 1st DECEMBER 2011** at 6.15 p.m.

PRESENT **Councillor Mrs V M Raw (Chairman) and**
Councillors S Bambridge, W M Blenkinsopp, T R Bowman,
Mrs B A Clare, J D Clare, V Crosby, P. Ducker, R S
Fleming, I. Gray, B Haigh, B Hall, K Henderson, T Hogan,
M Iveson, Mrs S J Iveson, Mrs A Palmer, and A Warburton

OFFICIALS Mr A Bailey (Town Clerk)
Mrs M J Robinson (Leisure & Environment Assistant)

84. **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

85. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs D Bowman, Mrs M Dalton, Mrs J Gray, Mrs S Haigh, Mrs I Hewitson, Mrs K Hopper, and W Iveson.

86. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

87. **NOTICE OF MOTION**

The Council considered the following Notice of Motion from Councillors R S Fleming and J.D. Clare, which had been circulated to the Council with the agenda.

“Due to further information becoming available in regard to proposed changes to Parliamentary boundaries I submit a Special Motion in regard to the rescinding of the previous resolution made at the Council Meeting on the 2nd November 2011. This will then enable the Council to reconsider its response to the Boundary Commission”.

Councillor Clare gave a presentation explaining the existing and proposed parliamentary boundary changes. He further explained Mr P Wilson, the Member of Parliament’s proposal and the problems associated with it.

Councillor Clare proposed that the Council submit a proposal which would:

- (i) Maintain Aycliffe (N, E, W and Greenfield-Middridge) as a single electoral unit.
- (ii) Support an Aycliffe-Billingham Ward largely as proposed by the MP, but excluding Yarm and including the Greenfield-Middridge area of Great Aycliffe.
- (iii) Put ‘Aycliffe’ or ‘Great Aycliffe’ in the name.

It was further proposed by Councillor T Hogan, seconded by Councillor R S Fleming that the proposal be accepted with the following amendment:

“Put Great Aycliffe in the name”

Voting took place and it was agreed that the amendment to the proposal be accepted.

RESOLVED – as follows:-

- (i) That Aycliffe (N, E, W and Greenfield-Middridge) be maintained as a single electoral unit.
- (ii) That the Council supports an Aycliffe-Billingham Ward largely as proposed by the MP, but excluding Yarm and including the Greenfield-Middridge area of Great Aycliffe.
- (iii) That ‘Great Aycliffe’ be added in the name.

CHAIRMAN.