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Clerk: Karen Wakefield

The Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Full Council held on Wednesday, 19th October 2016 at 7.30pm in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, Sherwood Drive, New Ollerton.

PRESENT: Cllrs M Pringle (Chair), R Allwood, D Batey, E Bentley, M Chapman, R Murray, L Shilling, R Shilling, T Spratley, M Staley, C Ward and B Wells

Mrs K Wakefield – Clerk, Mrs J Fletcher – Deputy Clerk

APOLOGIES: None.

DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS:

None

DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTENTIONS TO RECORD THE MEETING:

None

16/120 The Minutes of the ordinary Meeting of the Full Council held on Wednesday 7th September 2016, having previously been circulated, were signed as a true and correct record.

16/121 **Casual Vacancy – Ollerton South Ward**

1. To receive and discuss any applications for co-option

The Clerk reported that she was in receipt of one written application from an elector wishing to be considered as a member of the Town Council.

Resolved: that Standing Orders be suspended to allow individual discussion with the prospective candidate followed by a short question and answer session addressed to the candidate.

- i) Mrs Paula Hancock, a local resident, then gave a short presentation on her background and reasons for wanting to serve as a town councillor.

Resolved: that Standing Orders be resumed

The candidate was asked to leave the room to allow for further discussion.

2. To approve any agreed co-option

Following further discussion it was:

Resolved: that Mrs Paula Hancock be co-opted as a member for Ollerton South Ward.

It was further **Resolved:**

that the Declaration of Acceptance of Office would be duly signed in the presence of the Town Clerk at an agreed date and time when an induction would also take place.

Mrs Hancock was invited to remain in the meeting as an observer.

16/122 Standing Orders were suspended to allow for:

- a) Discussions with any District or County Councillors in attendance on matters of common interest

None.

- b) Questions or Statements from Members of the Public

Mr T Bell, a representative of the Royal British Legion, extended the invitation to the Mayor and Councillors to the Remembrance Parade on 13th November 2016 and provided a copy of the parade schedule. On behalf of the Council, Cllr R Shilling thanked Mr Bell for all his work over the years. The Clerk confirmed that the Town Hall would be open from 9.45am.

16/123 To resume Standing Orders

Standing orders were resumed.

16/124 To receive any resolutions to Council

None

16/125 To receive any Questions to Council from Members

None.

16/126 To review Councillor support for the forthcoming Christmas Lights Event

On behalf of Cllr T Spratley, the Clerk gave a report on the previous year's event. Cllr Spratley felt that there were issues with health and safety due to the limited numbers of staff. There was no room for any member of the team to be off or unavailable. Support is required from 8.00am until 9.00pm.

Following discussion, Cllr M Pringle asked all members to inform the Town Hall of their availability a week prior to the event including the times and the Clerk was instructed to provide a grid mapping out the time timeslots required and also a contingency plan was to be made available.

16/127 To receive any updates regarding the proposed Colliery Memorial

Cllr D Batey informed members that the lease had been signed and the base plan and design ideas had been discussed. The Clerk reported that the local brick supplier had confirmed that they would be providing the bricks as previously agreed.

16/128 To receive any updates regarding Walesby Lane Sports Ground

No further updates.

16/129 To receive any updates regarding the Skatepark & phase two of Central Park

The Chairman of Special Projects gave an update and the Clerk reported that the recent Graffiti Art Project had been a huge success.

A recent Planning Application for a residential development adjacent to the site was still being considered by NSDC.

16/130 To receive any updates regarding the extension of local rail links

Cllr M Pringle reported that he had received favourable news regarding the rail link in his capacity as County Councillor.

16/131 Finance & Audit

1. To receive the schedule of accounts for payment

The Clerk tabled a revised schedule which was noted, approved and signed.

2. To note the receipt of the Notice of Conclusion of Audit for 2015/16

Cllr D Batey reported that it had been a very good audit and thanked the Clerk and staff for their hard work.

3. To agree and sign the bank reconciliation and bank statements for Month 6 of 2016/17

The Clerk tabled the bank reconciliation and bank statements for Month 6 of 2016/17 which were duly approved and signed by the Chair.

4. To consider the Local Government Finance Settlement Technical Consultation

Following discussion it was

Resolved: that the Town Council oppose the recommendations to introduce capping on Town & Parish Councils and that Cllrs Batey and Ward would formulate a response to be sent for submission by the Clerk.

5. To consider HM Treasury consultation on Shale Wealth Fund

No resolution passed.

6. To consider a request from the Church Warden of St. Paulinus to provide a Christmas tree for the annual Tree of Memories service

Following discussion it was:

Resolved: that the Town Council would supply and pay for the tree for St Paulinus annual Tree of Memories service at a cost of £45.

7. To consider a Grant Funding request from Lifespring Church

Following discussion it was:

Resolved: that request for the sum of £500 be granted.

8. Roundabout Community Newspaper – Request to increase annual grant funding from 2017

Following discussion it was:

Resolved: that this item be referred to the Finance and Audit committee for further consideration.

Proposed: Cllr D Batey

Seconded: Cllr B Wells

Decision: Unanimous

16/132 Committees and Outside Bodies:

1. To appoint members to fill current vacancies due to recent resignations.

Following discussion it was:

Resolved: that the following amendments be made:

- Special Projects Committee – members remain as is
- Finance and Audit – members remain as is
- Events Working Party – Cllrs P Hancock and C Ward to become members of the working party
- Cemetery Working Party – Cllr E Bentley to become a member of the working party

16/133 To note and agree the draft minutes of the following committees and working parties:

Resolved: that the following minutes be received and the decisions noted

1. Special Projects Committee – Wednesday 21st September 2016 - noted
2. Planning Committee – Tuesday 27th September 2016 - noted
3. Finance and Audit Committee – Wednesday 5th October 2016 - noted
4. Colliery Memorial Working Party – Monday 10th October 2016 - noted

16/134 Correspondence:

None.

16/135 Publications

1. LCR – Autumn Issue - noted
2. Local Councils Update – October issue - noted
3. ICCM – Financial Statement Summary year end 31/3/16 and AGM notes - noted

16/136 Date & Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday 30th November 2016 – 7.30pm

SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT - 19th October 2016 Full Council (Amended)	

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