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Clerk: Karen Wakefield

The Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Full Council held on Wednesday, 24th February 2016 at 7.30pm in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, Sherwood Drive, New Ollerton.

PRESENT: Cllrs B Wells (Chair), D Batey, E Bentley, M Chapman, C Ford, M Pringle, L Shilling, R Shilling, T Spratley and D Summers

Mrs K Wakefield – Clerk, Mrs J Fletcher – Senior Admin Assistant

APOLOGIES: Cllrs M Staley and C Ward due to work, R Allwood due to illness and A Truswell for personal reasons.

Resolved: that these apologies be accepted

DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS:

None

DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTENTIONS TO RECORD THE MEETING:

None

16/17 The **Minutes of the ordinary Meeting of the Full Council** held on **Wednesday 13th January 2016**, having previously been circulated, were signed as a true and correct record.

Proposed: Cllr D Batey
Decision: Unanimous

Seconded: Cllr T Spratley

16/18 Casual Vacancy – Ollerton South Ward

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

The Clerk reported that she was in receipt of two written applications from electors wishing to be considered as members of the Town Council.

2. **Resolved:** that Standing Orders be suspended to allow individual discussion with the prospective candidates followed by a short question and answer session addressed to each candidate.
 - i) Mr Robert Murray, a local resident, then gave a short presentation on his background and reasons for wanting to serve as a town councillor.
 - ii) Following this Mr Ken Newton, also a local resident, gave a short presentation on his background and reasons for wanting to serve as a town councillor.

3. **Resolved:** that Standing Orders be resumed
4. The candidates were asked to leave the room. Following further discussion a vote took place, the outcome of which that Robert Murray be co-opted as a member for Ollerton South Ward and following approval by members, the Declaration of Acceptance of Office would be duly signed in the presence of the Town Clerk later at an agreed date and time.

R Murray – 6 Votes K Newton – 3 votes
Abstention - 1

16/19 To suspend Standing Orders to allow for:

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

Cllr M Pringle stated that the NCC budget would be set later this week based around vast savings.

- b) Questions or Statements from Members of the Public

None.

16/20 To resume Standing Orders

16/21 To receive any resolutions to Council

None.

16/22 To receive any Questions to Council from Members

None.

16/23 To receive any updates regarding the proposed Colliery Memorial

Cllr M Pringle reported that a meeting had been held with the Councils Solicitor clarifying several legal issues, these should all be dealt with in a matter of weeks.

16/24 To receive any updates regarding Walesby Lane Sports Ground

The Clerk had been in contact with CISWO and there was nothing to report as yet.

16/25 To receive any updates regarding the Skatepark & phase two of Central Park

The Clerk reported that a meeting of the sub-committee had taken place and further feedback will be available after the next Special Projects meeting.

16/26 To receive any updates regarding the extension of local rail links

Cllr M Pringle reported that an NCC Officer had presented a report which had shown figures for the running and repairs of the rail link as being £24million with annual subsidy of £750,000.

Cllr Pringle informed members that he would be speaking at the Transport meeting next week.

1. To receive the schedule of accounts for payment.

The Clerk tabled the invoices for viewing and following discussion the schedule of accounts, having been previously circulated was approved and signed.

The Clerk informed members that the FSA now instruct banks to check the identity of signatories every 3 years for Local Authorities and Schools. This is not a full credit check.

2. To receive a funding request from St Georges Day Celebration Group

Following discussion it was proposed that the request be accepted and it was

Resolved: that Grant Funding of £600.00 be given to St Georges Day Celebration Group.

Proposed: Cllr R Shilling **Seconded:** Cllr T Spratley
Decision: Unanimous
(Cllr D Summers did not vote as he had submitted the application)

3. To receive a funding request from Ollerton and District New Disability Action Team

Following discussion it was proposed that the group be offered the same terms of hire as Age UK Friendship Club.

Resolved: that terms of hire be given to New DAT as per Age UK Friendship Club for the coming financial year.

Proposed: Cllr R Shilling **Seconded:** Cllr T Spratley
Decision: Unanimous

4. To receive a recommendation from the Special Meeting of the Finance & Audit Committee held on Wednesday 27th January 2016 for the 2016/17 Budget

The Clerk informed members that no changes had been made to the figure previously provided by NSDC and that there would be no requirement for a referendum to take place. The Clerk requested that the figure of £315,865.00 was formally ratified.

Proposed: Cllr R Shilling **Seconded:** Cllr T Spratley
Decision: Unanimous

Cllr R Shilling thanked the Clerk and the Finance Committee for their hard work.

5. To formally agree the Budget Proposals for 2016/2017

The budget figures recommended at the Special Meeting of the Finance & Audit Committee held on Monday 2nd February 2015 were formally approved and it was:

Resolved: that the Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer serves a precept upon Newark & Sherwood District Council in the sum of £315,865.00

A copy of the breakdown figures are appended to these minutes.

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Special Projects:

1. To ratify a decision made at Special Projects on 10th February 2016 to move forward with the purchase of a plot of land using the Land Registry plan for the sum previously discussed and agreed.

Proposed: Cllr R Shilling
Decision: Unanimous

Seconded: Cllr D Batey

2. To discuss the protection of green open spaces in Ollerton & Boughton through schemes operated by Fields in Trust (*previously National Playing Fields Association*) see <http://www.fieldsintrust.org>

The Clerk outlined details of various schemes available to enable protection of the town's green open spaces, which could include Central Park and the War Memorial site.

Following discussion it was

Resolved: that the Clerk be instructed to complete any relevant paperwork to take this forward.

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Outside Bodies:

1. To receive a report from Cllr M Pringle re Furniture Project

Cllr M Pringle gave a report on the recent AGM and on the services carried out by the Project within the Town and surrounding community. The Project had expressed their thanks to the Council for all their support.

Following discussion it was

Resolved: that the Clerk send a letter thanking all at the Furniture Project for all their hard work within the Town.

2. Cllr D Summers – Report on St Georges Celebration Group

Cllr D Summers reported that a great deal of interest had been shown in the event. Local schools had joined in with the making of 3D and box dragons to be exhibited on the day. Volunteers were still required for assistance on the day. Cllr Summers thanked the Council for their financial contribution to the event.

3. To agree the report(s) to be given at the next meeting

- a) Cllr R Shilling – Age UK
- b) One other to be confirmed

16/30 To note and agree the draft minutes of the following committees and working parties

1. Special Projects – Tuesday 12th January 2016 & Wednesday 10th February 2016 - noted
2. Planning - Tuesday 26th January 2016 - noted
3. Finance & Audit - Wednesday 27th January 2016 - noted

16/31 Correspondence:

1. Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Tackling Rural Crime in Nottinghamshire - noted
2. Matt Lonsdale – Ollerton Boxing Club – noted that Grant Application Form has been sent to correspondent
3. J Miggells – re Fracking - noted

16/32 Publications:

1. The Clerk – January 2016 Issue - noted
2. Clerks & Councils Direct – January 2016 Issue - noted
3. Local Councils Update – January/February 2016 Issue - noted

16/33 Date & Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday 6th April 2016 – 7.30pm