

## Spennymoor Town Council

Minutes of the proceedings of a Meeting of SPENNYMOOR TOWN COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Spennymoor on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2005 at 6.45p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs.C.Kennedy (Town Mayor) and

Councillors Miss S.L.Armstrong, J.C.Culine, Mrs.S.A.Fleetham, J.V.Graham, I.Harrington, Mrs.E.Maddison, J.M.Marr, J.Parkin, Mrs.S.I.Plews (Deputy Town Mayor), Mrs.M.Smith, Mrs.E.Summerson, F.Walker, W. Waters and Mrs.J.L.Wood

Also in attendance Mrs.P.Wilson (Town Clerk)  
Miss. E.V.Russell (Admin Assistant)

APOLOGIES: Councillors R. Campion, Mrs.C.Sproat, G. Tolley and P. Welsh.

37/05. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

RESOLVED - No personal or prejudicial interest was made by any Member.

38/05. **MINUTES.**

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2005 be confirmed and signed as a correct record subject to the following amendment: 'That Councillor Mrs. E. Summerson be removed from the list of attendees'.

39/05. **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.**

The Mayor reported on the functions he had attended since the last meeting:-

- a) Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - Mayor attended District of Easington Casino Night;
- b) Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November - Mayor attended Seaham Town Council's Switch On of the Christmas Lights;
- c) Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November - Mayor and Santa officially switched on the Town Council Christmas Lights;
- d) Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November - Mayor attended the Deltic Ball at the Locomotion at Shildon;
- e) Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November - Mayor attended exclusive tour of Durham Cathedral, hosted by the City of Durham;
- f) Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Mayor's Civic Dinner - £564 raised for Mayor's Charity Appeal;
- g) Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Mayor attended Derwentside District Council Carol Service;
- h) Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Mayor attended Seaham Town Council Victorian Xmas Tea;

- i) Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Mayor attended Wear Valley District Council Carol Service;
- j) Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Mayor attended Rosa Street Primary School to make Presentations in connection with St.Paul's Church logo competition;
- k) Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Mayor's Civic Carol Service £306 raised for Mayor's Charity Appeal;
- l) Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Mayor attended Shildon Town Council Civic Carol Service;
- m) Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Mayor attended Ferryhill Town Council Carol Service;
- n) Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Mayor attended the Age Concern Xmas Party held in the Leisure Centre;
- o) Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Mayor attended Spennymoor School Presentation Evening;
- p) Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Deputy Mayor attended Sedgefield Town Council Carol Service;
- q) Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Mayor attended Spennymoor Town Band's Christmas Concert;
- r) Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Mayor attended City of Durham's Civic Carol Service;
- s) Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Deputy Mayor attended Great Aycliffe Town Council's Civic Carol Service.

40/05.

**COMMITTEE MINUTES.**

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meetings of the following Committees be approved and adopted:

Allotments 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2005  
 Finance and General Purposes 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2005  
 (subject to the following amendment to Minute F.&G.P.162/05 "Consideration was given to the S137 application submitted by the above organisation. Councillor A. Smith from Spennymoor Heritage Banner Appeal was present and it was agreed that he should be invited to address the meeting).

Planning and Highways 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2005  
 Services and Amenities 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2005  
 (Subject to the following amendment to Minute S.&A. 77/05 "Reference was made to minute S.&A.52/05 and consideration was given to the report of the Principal Finance Officer.

RESOLVED – That consideration of this item be deferred.

41/05.

**ANNUAL AUDIT.**

To receive the presentation of the Council's Annual Audit letter by Catherine Andrew, Audit Manager, which covered the 'new value for money auditor judgement'. The Audit Manager also indicated that she would be willing to give a more detailed presentation to Members on this matter in the future.

RESOLVED - That the Audit Manager be thanked for her attendance.

42/05 .

**SEASONS GREETINGS.**

The Chairman extended to Members, Christmas and Seasonal Greetings, which were reciprocated.

There being no further business the Town Mayor declared the meeting closed

**Councillor Mrs. C.Kennedy  
Town Mayor**

## Spennymoor Town Council

Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Spennymoor on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2006 at 6.45p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor G.Tolley (Vice-Chair) and

Councillors Miss S.L.Armstrong, Mrs.C.Bainbridge, J.C.Culine, Mrs.S.A.Fleetham, J.V.Graham, I.Harrington, M.T.B.Jones, Mrs.C.Kennedy, J.M.Marr, J.Parkin, Mrs.S.I.Plews, J.W.Smith, Mrs.M.Smith, Mrs.C.Sproat, W.Waters, F.Walker and P.Welsh.

Also in attendance Mrs.B.Fryer (Principal Admin Officer)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>
N.Freeman	Spennymoor Allotment Association
K.Ainsley	Merrington Lane Association

APOLOGIES: Councillors R.Campion, Mrs.E.Summerson and Mrs.J.L.Wood (Chair)

A.61/05. **SEASONS GREETINGS.**

The Vice-Chairman extended to Members Seasonal Greetings, which were reciprocated

A.62/05. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

RESOLVED - No personal or prejudicial interest was made by any Member.

A.63/05. **CLYDE TERRACE ALLOTMENTS.  
Erection of Shed.**

Reference was made to Minute A.52/05 and consideration was given to the application from G.Tonge requesting permission to erect a shed on allotment 10 at the above site, to replace an old damaged shed already on this allotment when he took it over.

The Association had no objections to this application.

RESOLVED -

- i) That the application be approved subject to the use of satisfactory materials in the construction thereof;
- ii) That all risks associated with the development be borne by the Allotment holder. The Town Council will not accept liability for any injury caused during construction.

A.64/05. **SPENNYMOOR ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION.**  
RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th  
December, 2005 be received.

A.65/05. **MIDDLESTONE MOOR ALLOTMENTS.**  
**Albion Street – Erection of Greenhouse.**  
Consideration was given to the application from J.L.Cadman of 39  
Flora Street requesting permission to erect a greenhouse on allotment  
2 at the above site.

The Association has no objections to this application.

RESOLVED -

- i) That the application be approved subject to  
the use of satisfactory materials in the  
construction thereof;
- ii) That all risks associated with the  
development be borne by the Allotment  
holder. The Town Council will not accept  
liability for any injury caused during  
construction.

A.66/05. **DURHAM ROAD ALLOTMENTS.**  
**Erection of Pigeon Cree.**  
Consideration was given to the application from D.Gardener requesting  
permission to erect a pigeon cree on allotment 16 at the above site.

The Association had no objections to this application.

RESOLVED -

- i) That the application be approved subject to  
the use of satisfactory materials in the  
construction thereof;
- ii) That all risks associated with the  
development be borne by the Allotment  
holder. The Town Council will not accept  
liability for any injury caused during  
construction.

A.67/05. **KIRK MERRINGTON ALLOTMENTS**  
Consideration was given to the report from Councillor Mrs.Sproat on  
the condition of the Allotments at Kirk Merrington.

RESOLVED - That the local ward Member contact the Secretary  
and report back to the next meeting.

There being no further business, the Vice-Chair declared the meeting  
closed.

Councillor G.Tolley  
Vice-Chair

## Spennymoor Town Council

Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Spennymoor on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2006 on the rising of the Allotments Committee.

PRESENT: Councillor J.Parkin (Chair) and

Councillors Miss S.L.Armstrong, Mrs.C.Bainbridge, J.C.Culine, Mrs.S.A.Fleetham, J.V.Graham, I.Harrington (Vice-Chair), M.T.B.Jones, Mrs.C.Kennedy, J.M.Marr, Mrs.S.I.Plews, J.W.Smith, Mrs.M.Smith, Mrs.C.Sproat, G.Tolley, F.Walker, W.Waters and P.Welsh.

Also in attendance Mrs.B.Fryer (Principal Admin Officer)

APOLOGIES: Councillors R.Campion, Mrs.E.Summerson and Mrs.J.L.Wood.

### F.&G.P. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

183/05. RESOLVED - No personal or prejudicial interest was made by any Member.

### **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.**

#### F.&G.P. **Open Spaces Society**

184/05. Consideration was given to letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2005 from the above.

RESOLVED - That a grant of £150 be made in accordance with S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

### **CONFERENCES AND COURSES.**

#### F.&G.P. **National Association of Councillors.**

185/05. Consideration was given to the notification of the AGM of the newly formed English Region to be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February in Birmingham.

RESOLVED -

- i) That Councillor J.W.Smith be authorised to attend the AGM to be held in Birmingham on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2006;
- ii) That Councillor P.Mole, General Secretary be invited to address the Council on the future of the Association of Councillors.

#### F.&G.P. **COUNTY DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCIL**

186/05. RESOLVED - That the following correspondence be received:-  
December 2005 Issue of "Durham Association News".

F.&G.P.  
187/05. **BI-ANNUAL REVIEW OF REGISTERS OF INTERESTS AND GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY.**  
RESOLVED - i) That the contents of letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2005 from Sedgfield Borough Council be received and noted;  
ii) That any Member inform the Town Clerk of Topics they would like training to be arranged for.

F.&G.P.  
188/05. **COUNTY DURHAM AND DARLINGTON FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT:DRAFT YEAR 3 IMPROVEMENT PLAN.**  
Consideration was given to letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2005 from the Chief Executive of the above.

RESOLVED - That the information be received.

F.&G.P.  
189/05. **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.**  
RESOLVED - That payment of accounts in the sum of £46,741.30 and reimbursement of the Imprest Account in the sum of £48,130.02 for December be approved.

F.&G.P.  
190/05. **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.**  
RESOLVED - That in accordance with the provisions of S1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by S100 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council do now exclude the press and public for the remaining items of the Agenda by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted since publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest.

F.&G.P.  
191/05. **TOWN HALL.  
Clock Tower.**  
Reference was made to Minutes F.&G.P.178/05 and it was  
RESOLVED - That consideration of this item be deferred pending receipt of reports from the Architects and Sedgfield Borough Council.

F.&G.P.  
192/05. **BUDGET REPORTS.**  
RESOLVED - To receive the Budget Reports for November 2005 showing year to date Financial Information.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed.

Councillor J. Parkin  
Chair



P.&.H.  
75/05.

**LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 2 (2006-2011) CONSULTATION RESPONSE.**

Consideration was given to the above document received from Durham County Council.

RESOLVED - That the contents of the document be received and noted.

P.&.H.  
76/05.

**TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.**

**Traffic Calming Measures – Carr Street, Spennymoor.**

RESOLVED - That letters dated 11<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2005 from Greenways Residents Association together with the copy of the Town Clerk's reply dated 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2005 be received.

P.&.H.  
77/05.

**NAMING AND NUMBERING**

**Erection of 233 Dwellings on Land at Whitworth Park, Spennymoor**  
*(Councillor W.Waters declared a prejudicial interest in this matter and left the meeting).*

Consideration was given to letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2005 from Sedgefield Borough Council.

RESOLVED - That to avoid confusion the development be named High Whitworth Nos. 1-223

P.&.H.  
78/05.

**Erection of nine dwellings land to rear of Institute Street and High Street, Byers Green**

*(Councillor W.Waters declared a prejudicial interest in this matter and left the meeting).*

RESOLVED - That the notification of the above development to be officially addressed as 1-9 Warwick Gardens, Byers Green, be received.

P.&.H.  
79/05.

**Erection of 67 dwellings on land adjacent Hallgarth, Kirk Merrington – Barratt Homes Ltd**

*(Councillor W.Waters declared a prejudicial interest in this matter and left the meeting).*

Consideration was given to letter dated 20<sup>th</sup> December. 2005 from Sedgefield Borough Council.

RESOLVED - That the letter dated 20<sup>th</sup> December 2005 be received and noted.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed.

Councillor Mrs.C.Bainbridge  
Chair

## **Spennymoor Town Council**

Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the SERVICES AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2006 on the rising of the Planning and Highways Committee.

PRESENT: Councillor J.W.Smith (Chair) and

Councillors Miss S.L.Armstrong, Mrs.C.Bainbridge, Mrs.S.A.Fleetham, J.V.Graham, I.Harrington, M.T.B.Jones, Mrs.C.Kennedy, Mrs.E.Maddison, J.M.Marr, J.Parkin, Mrs.S.I.Plews, Mrs.M.Smith, G.Tolley, F.Walker, W. Waters, and P.Welsh and Mrs.J.L.Wood.

Also in attendance Mrs.P.Wilson (Town Clerk)  
Mrs B.Fryer (Principal Admin Officer)

Sgt. Iain Rodgers, Spennymoor Police

APOLOGIES: Councillors R.Campion, Mrs.C.Sproat and Mrs.E.Summerson,

### **S.&.A. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

79/05. RESOLVED - No personal or prejudicial interest was made by any Member.

### **CEMETERIES AND CLOSED CHURCHYARDS.**

#### **S.&.A. Tudhoe Cemetery – Memorial Garden**

80/05. Consideration to letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2005 from D. Carr requesting a Memorial Seat in the Memorial Garden.

RESOLVED - To agree to the request contained in the letter to erect a seat in the Memorial Garden and to notify D.Carr of the cost of the Memorial Seat.

### **S.&.A. NORTHUMBRIA IN BLOOM CHILDREN'S PAINTING COMPETITION**

81/05. Consideration was given to letter dated 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2005 in connection with the 2006 competition.

RESOLVED - That the arrangements as in previous years be implemented.

### **PLAY AREAS.**

#### **S.&.A. Investment in Fixed Play Areas.**

82/05. Consideration was given to letter dated 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2005 from the Director of Leisure Services Sedgfield Borough Council.

RESOLVED - That the Town Clerk prepare a report on the existing play areas and ideas for refurbishment to the next Committee Meeting.

S.&A.  
83/05.

**SUMMER SPLASH PLAYSCHEMES.**

Reference was made to Minute S.&A.74/05 and consideration was given to letter received 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2006 from the Head of Policy & Development, Leisure Services, Sedgefield Borough Council.

RESOLVED - That a representative of Leisure Services be invited to the next meeting to outline the proposals for 2006 and figures relating to previous years Schemes.

S.&A.  
84/05.

**EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.**

RESOLVED - That in accordance with the provisions of S1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by S100 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council do now exclude the press and public for the remaining items of the Agenda by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted since publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest.

**PARKS AND OPEN SPACES.**

S.&A.  
85/05.

**Byers Green Village Green – Anti Social Behaviour.**

Reference was made to Minute S.&A.76/05 and consideration was given to letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2005 from Helen Stewart SBC Anti-Social Behaviour Reduction Co-ordinator. Sgt.Rodgers reported on the current position.

RESOLVED - That the letter and reports be received.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed.

Councillor J.W.Smith  
Chair

## Spennymoor Town Council

Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the SPECIAL FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Spennymoor on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2006 at 6p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor J.Parkin (Chair) and

Councillors J.V.Graham, I.Harrington (Vice-Chair), J.M.Marr, Mrs.E.Maddison, Mrs.S.I.Plews, J.W.Smith, G.Tolley, F.Walker, W.Waters and Mrs.J.L.Wood.

Also in attendance Mrs.P.Wilson (Town Clerk)  
G.Nicklin (Principal Finance Officer)

APOLOGIES: Councillors Miss S.L.Armstrong, Mrs.S.A.Fleetham, Mrs.C.Sproat and P.Welsh.

### F.&G.P. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

193/05. RESOLVED - No personal or prejudicial interest was made by any Member.

### F.&G.P. **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.**

194/05. RESOLVED - That in accordance with the provisions of S1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by S100 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council do now exclude the press and public for the remaining items of the Agenda by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted since publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest.

### **BUDGET**

#### F.&G.P. **Budget Revision 2005/2006**

195/05. Consideration was given to the previously circulated report setting out the revised budget for the year 2005/2006 and the previously circulated report setting out the assumptions to the budget revision.

RESOLVED - To approve the Budget Revision for 2005/2006, with the exception that the identified additional £10,000 that has been provided to purchase a sound system and DVD player be instead transferred into a contingency fees budget for any additional professional fees in relation to the capital works to the Clock Tower and Jubilee Park wall.

F.&G.P.  
196/05.

**Budget 2006/07**

Consideration was given to the previously circulated proposed 2006/07 Budget together with the "fourth draft" budget documents circulated in relation to the use of earmarked reserves and the associated literature proposed to be circulated by the Billing Authority with Council Tax notifications.

- RESOLVED -
- i) To approve the fourth draft of the 2006/2007 budget, subject to minor typographical amendments to improve clarity in relation to Cemetery Fees and charges as outlined verbally by the Principal Finance Officer;
  - ii) To approve associated literature that will be circulated by Sedgefield Borough Council with Council Tax notifications;
  - iii) That no monies other than those agreed in the budget be taken from balances without the explicit approval of full Council

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed.

Councillor J. Parkin  
Chair