

## Spennymoor Town Council

Minutes of the proceedings of a Meeting of SPENNYMOOR TOWN COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Spennymoor on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2006 at 6.45p.m.

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

Councillors Miss S.L.Armstrong, R.Campion, J.C.Culine, J.V.Graham, I.Harrington, M.T.B.Jones, Mrs.E.Maddison, J.M.Marr, J.Parkin, Mrs.S.I.Plews (Deputy Town Mayor), J.W.Smith, Mrs.M.Smith, G. Tolley, 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 Mrs.S.A.Fleetham, Mrs.C.Sproat, Mrs.E.Summerson, and P. Welsh.

47/05. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

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

48/05. **MINUTES.**

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2006 be confirmed and signed as a correct record subject to the following amendment – 45/05 to read 'he' being changed to 'she'.

49/05. **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.**

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

- a) Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January – Mayor visited Alec Hodgson of Mayfields on his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday;
- b) Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January - Mayor attended Ferryhill Town Council's Mayor's At Home;
- c) Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January - Mayor attended Salvation Army Band In Concert in the Town Hall;
- d) Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February - D & B Pantomime presented a Production of Allo Allo in aid of the Mayor's Charity Appeal;
- e) Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February - Mayor attended Great Aycliffe Town Council Civic Ball;
- f) Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Mayor attended Seaham Town Council Charity Ceilidh Evening;
- g) Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Mayor attended Chilton Town Council's Valentines Evening;
- h) Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February -Mayor attended Peterlee Town Council's Valentines Party;
- i) Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February - Mayor visited Marjorie Carling of Durham Road on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday;
- j) Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February - Mayor attended Sedgefield Borough Council's Charity Evening;
- k) Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Mayor attended Preview of the Steam Twilight Exhibition at the Locomotion;
- l) Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February - Mayor attended Shildon Town Council Charity Evening.

50/05.

**COMMITTEE MINUTES.**

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

Allotments 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2006  
(subject to the following amendment -  
“Councillor Mrs E. Maddison be added to the list of Members present”)

Finance and General Purposes 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2006  
(subject to the following amendments -  
“Councillor Mrs E. Maddison be added to the list of Members present.  
Minute recording the absence of the Chair, and that the Vice-Chair take the Chair for the meeting”)

Planning and Highways 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2006  
(subject to the following amendments –  
“Minute P.& H.83/05 to read ii) ”A letter be sent to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister expressing the Council’s disgust at the decision to allow a residential development to be built on Land at Watson Court, Green Lane, Spennymoor, contrary to objections of the Town Council, Sedgefield Borough Council’s Planning Authority, Durham County Council and local residents”.  
Minute P.&H 88/05 to read ”That a letter be sent to the Planning Department, Sedgefield Borough Council expressing the Councils desire to have High Whitworth kept somewhere within the address as the name of the estate.”)

Services and Amenities 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2006  
(subject to the following amendments –  
“that the Declaration of Interest expressed in S.&.A.88/05 be transferred to S.&.A.87/05”).

**SIGNING AND SEALING OF DOCUMENTS.**

51/05.

**Licence – The Brewery Field, Wood Vue, Spennymoor.**

RESOLVED - To confirm the signing and sealing of the licence in relation to the Brewery Field, Wood Vue, Spennymoor.

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 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2006 at 6.45p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs.J.L.Wood (Chair) and

Councillors J.C.Culine, 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.C.Sproat, G.Tolley (Vice-Chair), F.Walker and W.Waters.

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

In Attendance

N.Freeman

Representing

Spennymoor Allotment Association

APOLOGIES: Councillors Miss S.L.Armstrong, Mrs.C.Bainbridge, Mrs.S.A.Fleetham, Mrs.E.Maddison, Mrs.M.Smith, Mrs.E.Summerson and P.Welsh

A.74/05. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

RESOLVED - Declaration of personal interest was received from Councillor J.W.Smith.

**SPENNYMOOR ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION.**

A.75/05. **Increase in Allotment Rents.**

Consideration was given to letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2006 from the Secretary of the Association.

RESOLVED -

- i) That the Secretary be informed of the Town Council's policy on allotment rents; and
- ii) That members be furnished with a breakdown of the actual costs for allotments.

A.76/05. **Skips on Allotments.**

Consideration was given to letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2006 from the Secretary of the Association and to the request made verbally for skips to be left on a weekend.

The Town Clerk outlined the rational behind the skips being provided during the week

RESOLVED - That the Project Manager be asked to investigate the problems outlined and to report back to Committee if necessary

A.77/05. **Minutes of Allotment Association.**

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the Annual General meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2006 together with the copy of New Committee Members and Stewards be received.

**CLYDE TERRACE ALLOTMENTS.**

A.78/05. **Erection of Polyunnel.**

Consideration was given to the application from Mr.J.Hall of 58a of Whitworth Terrace requesting permission to erect a polyunnel 7 ' x 16' x 8' on Allotment No. 15.

The Association has no objections to the 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.

**WINDSOR AVENUE ALLOTMENTS.**

A.79/05. **Erection of Greenhouse.**

Consideration was given to the application from Mr.P.Tracy of 50 Kirkdale requesting permission to erect a 12' x 8' greenhouse on Allotment No. 7a.

The Association has no objections to the 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.

**CLARENCE STREET ALLOTMENTS.**

A.80/05. **Erection of Greenhouse.**

Consideration was given to the application from Mr.R.Towland of 11 South Street requesting permission to erect a greenhouse 8' x 6' on Allotment No. 13b.

The Association has no objections to the 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.

## **TUDHOE ALLOTMENTS.**

### **A.81/05. Erection of Shed.**

Consideration was given to the application from Mr.K.Owens of 24 St.David's Close to erect a shed 20'x6' (replacing two existing sheds) on Allotment No. 32a

The Association has no objections to the 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.82/05. Erection of Greenhouse and Dahlia Tunnel.**

*(Councillor J.W.Smith declared a personal interest in this item)*

Consideration was given to the application from Mr.J.W.Smith of 5 St.David's Close to erect a greenhouse 20' x 8 and dahlia tunnel 20' x 8' on his Allotment.

The Association has no objections to the 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.83/05. EDEN ROAD ALLOTMENTS.**

Consideration was given to the verbal request from the Secretary of Spennymoor Allotment Association, through the Association, for an additional water tap.

- RESOLVED -
- That the project Manager be requested to submit a report for consideration.

### **A.84/05. SITE VISIT TO SELF MANAGED ALLOTMENTS.**

Reference was made to Minute A.22/05 and it was reported that at present no further progress has been made.

- RESOLVED -
- That further attempts be made to arrange visits to the recommended sites .

A.85/05. **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.**  
RESOLVED - That in accordance with the provision 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 public interest.

A.86/05. **WHITE MOOR ALLOTMENTS.**  
**Horses**  
Reference was made to Minute A.72/05 and consideration was given to letter received 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2006 from R. Shippen, Secretary of the above.

RESOLVED - That consideration of this matter be deferred pending further information

A.87/05. **TUDHOE ALLOTMENTS**  
**Perimeter Footpath**  
Consideration was given to letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2006 from J. Daly.

RESOLVED - That a letter be sent to Mr.Daly and Mr. Urwin and the Project Manager be requested to submit a report to Committee.

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

Councillor Mrs.J.L.Wood  
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 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2006 on the rising of the Allotments Committee.

PRESENT: Councillor J.Parkin (Chair) and

Councillors J.C.Culine, 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.C.Sproat, G.Tolley, F.Walker, W.Waters and Mrs.J.L.Wood.

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

P.Mole, General Secretary, National Association of Councillors.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Miss S.L.Armstrong, Mrs.C.Bainbridge, Mrs.S.A.Fleetham, Mrs.E.Maddison, Mrs.M.Smith, Mrs.E.Summerson and P.Welsh

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

220/05. RESOLVED - Declaration of a prejudicial interest was received from Councillor J.C.Culine.

### F.&G.P. **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS.**

221/05. Reference was made to Minute F.&G.P.185/05 and Councillor P. Mole, General Secretary of the above attended to address the meeting and to answer Members queries.

RESOLVED - That a letter be sent to Councillor P.Mole thanking him for his attendance.

### **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.**

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

222/05. Reference was made to Minute F.&G.P.184/05 and it was

RESOLVED – That the letter of appreciation be received.

#### F.&G.P. **The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2005-2006.**

223/05. Reference was made to Minute F.&G.P.163/05 and it was

RESOLVED – That the letter of appreciation be received.

#### F.&G.P. **Independent Methodist Chapel, Low Spennymoor.**

224/05. Consideration was given to letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2006 and to the completed Section 137 Application from Ms.L.Yarrow, Minister

RESOLVED – That a grant of £2,000 be made in accordance with S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

F.&G.P. **Spennymoor West WI.**  
225/05. Reference was made to Minute F.&G.P.164/05 and further consideration was given to this matter and to the S137 Application received from the above.

RESOLVED – That as it was not clear what was required representatives be asked to meet Officers to discuss their requirements.

F.&G.P. **Spennymoor Town F.C.**  
226/05. Consideration was given to letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2006 from the Chief Executive of the above in connection with their Spennymoor & District sports Development Pilot Project.

RESOLVED – That consideration of this item be deferred pending the outcome of a meeting to be arranged between representatives of the Football and the Leader and Deputy Leader, Chairs of Finance and General Purposes and Services and Amenities Committee

F.&G.P. **Smiles of Friendship**  
227/05. Consideration was given to letters dated 15<sup>th</sup> February 2006 from the above in connection with a Project at St.Charles RCVA Primary School. The Town Clerk advised that this could be a project to submit in Northumbria in Bloom Competition.

RESOLVED – That the letters be received.

F.&G.P. **Open Spaces Society**  
228/05. Consideration was given to letter received 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2006 from the above.

RESOLVED – That a grant of £100 be made in accordance with S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

F.&G.P. **COUNTY DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS.**

229/05. RESOLVED -

- i) That the following correspondence be received:-  
  
letter dated 27<sup>th</sup> January – Registration of Land owned by Parish and Town Councils; and
- ii) That the Town Clerk engage Land Registry to register all of the Town Council's unregistered land.

F.&G.P. **CENTRAL DURHAM CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE.**

230/05. RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2006 be received.

**CONFERENCES AND COURSES.**

F.&G.P. 231/05. **NAC – Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour – 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> January 2006.**  
RESOLVED - To receive the report on the above.

F.&G.P. 232/05. **PARISH PLANNING.**

Reference was made to Minute F.&G.P.168/05 and the Town Clerk gave a verbal report.

RESOLVED - To receive the report from the Town Clerk.

**BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS DISPLAY.**

F.&G.P. 233/05. **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2006.**  
*(Councillor J.C.Culine declared a prejudicial interest in this item)*  
Consideration was given to the Town Clerk's report in respect of the above.

RESOLVED - That the Town Clerk's report be received and implemented and Members be furnished with a breakdown of costs for this event

**TOWN HALL.**

F.&G.P. 234/05. **Gas Supplier.**

RESOLVED - To receive, for information, the report of the Principal Finance Officer.

F.&G.P. 235/05. **BANK MANDATE.**

Consideration was given to the report of the Principal Finance Officer.

RESOLVED - That the report of the Principal Finance Officer be received and implemented.

F.&G.P. 236/05. **M072: IMPORTANT CHANGES: TRAINING FOR MEMBERS – BEST PRACTICE: STANDARDS AND ETHICS.**

Consideration was given to letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2006 from D.A.Hall, Solicitor Sedgefield Borough Council.

RESOLVED - That the letter be received and the required action be implemented.

F.&G.P. 237/05. **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (NALC).**

RESOLVED - That anyone wishing to attend the Open Day on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March notify the Office as soon as possible .

F.&G.P. 238/05. **LARGER LOCAL COUNCILS FORUM.**

Consideration was given to the report from the Town Clerk regarding hosting an Informal Social Evening with presentations from Steve Ragg and the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED - That the report of the Town Clerk be received and implemented.

F.&G.P. **NEW YEARS EVE MAYORS' CHARITY NIGHT.**  
239/05. Consideration was given to the report of the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED - That the report of the Town Clerk be received and implemented.

F.&G.P. **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS.**  
240/05. **Band C Practitioner Forum**  
Consideration was given to the e-mail dated 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2006 from Vicky Sugars, Councils Development Officer.

RESOLVED - That the Town Clerk attend the meeting in London on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2006

F.&G.P. **COUNTY DURHAM AND DARLINGTON NHS**  
241/05. **Foundation Trust – be part of our future**  
Consideration was given to letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2006 from J. Saxby, Chief Executive.

RESOLVED - That the letter be received and the contents noted.

F.&G.P. **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.**  
242/05. **Paid Accounts.**  
RESOLVED - That the payment of accounts in the sum of £5,162.32 authorised by the Chair of Committee and reimbursement of the Imprest Account in the sum of £42,508.13 for February be approved..

F.&G.P. **Accounts to Authorise.**  
243/05. RESOLVED - i) To authorise the payment of accounts in the sum of £16,996.70 for February;  
ii) That Standing Orders be waived in order that payment can be made immediately.

F.&G.P. **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.**  
244/05. 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".

F.&G.P. **TOWN HALL.**  
245/05. **Ground Floor Offices**  
Consideration was given to the report of the Town Clerk in connection with the Official Opening of the new offices.

RESOLVED - That the report of the Town Clerk be received and the final details be agreed with the Town Mayor.

F.&G.P.  
246/05.

**Clock Tower.**

Reference was made to Minute F.&G.P.217/05 and it was reported that arrangements have been made for the Structural Engineer to carry out a survey on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March. The report had not yet been received.

Members asked for details of previous work carried out 2001. The Town Clerk informed Members that unfortunately Sedgefield Borough Council had been unable to locate the documents.

RESOLVED - That the Town Clerk contact Sedgefield Borough Council regarding the documents relating to the work carried out in 2001.

F.&G.P.  
247/05.

**SPENNYMOOR TOWN F.C.**

Consideration was given to letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2006 from the Chief Executive of the above.

RESOLVED - That consideration of this matter be deferred until the agreed meeting has taken place.

F.&G.P.  
248/05.

**BUDGET REPORTS.**

RESOLVED - To receive the Budget Reports for January, 2006 showing year to date Financial Information.

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

Councillor J. Parkin  
Chair

## Spennymoor Town Council

Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Spennymoor on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2006 at 6.45p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs.C.Bainbridge (Chair), and

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

Also in attendance Mrs.P.Wilson (Town Clerk)  
Mrs.B.Fryer (Principal Admin Officer)  
Sgt. J.Riley, Spennymoor Police

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs.S.A.Fleetham, M.T.B.Jones, Mrs.C.Kennedy, J.Parkin, Mrs.S.I.Plews, J.W.Smith, Mrs.C.Sproat, Mrs.E.Summerson and P.Welsh

P.&.H.            **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

80/05.            RESOLVED -            Declaration of prejudicial interest was received from Councillor W.Waters.

P.&.H.            **POLICE REPORT**

89/05.            Sgt. Jamie Riley was in attendance to present the Police Report.

RESOLVED -            That the Police Report be received and that Sgt. Riley be thanked for attending.

P.&.H.            **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

90/05.            Members had before them the schedule of planning applications received to date from Sedgefield Borough Council, since the last meeting and the comments made upon them by the Chairman.

RESOLVED -            That the information and the Chairman's action be received and noted.

P.&.H.            **PLANNING DECISIONS.**

91/05.            Members had before them details of planning decisions made by Sedgefield Borough Council.

RESOLVED -            That the information be received and noted;

P.&.H.            **77 Tudhoe Village, Spennymoor - Re-tarmac Driveway Access.**

92/05.            Consideration was given to letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2006 from Sedgefield Borough Council.

RESOLVED -            That the Project Manager be asked to inspect the work and to submit his report .

P.&H.  
93/05. **Proposed new Primary School and MUGA and demolition of 2 no. existing schools, Byers Green Primary School, Wear View, Byers Green.**

*(Councillor W.Waters declared a prejudicial interest in item 4c on the previously circulated agenda and left the meeting)*

Consideration was given to letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2006 from Planning Development Control Team, Durham County Council.

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

P.&H.  
94/05. **FOOTPATHS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY.  
Footpath Nos. 25, 26, 27 and 85 Spennymoor Parish, off Carr Street, Spennymoor – Temporary Footpath Closure.**

Consideration was given to letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2006 from Durham County Council.

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

P.&H.  
95/05. **NAMING AND NUMBERING.  
Erection of 232 Dwellings on land at Whitworth Park, Spennymoor.**

Consideration was given to letter dated 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2006 from Sedgefield Borough Council and illustrated on layout plan.

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

P.&H.  
96/05. **Erection of 67 Dwellings on Land adjacent Hallgarth, Kirk Merrington.**

Consideration was given to letter dated 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2006 from Sedgefield Borough Council and illustrated on layout plan.

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

P.&H.  
97/05. **Old Salvation Army Citadel, Dundas Street, Spennymoor.**

Consideration was given to letter dated 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2006 Sedgefield Borough Council and illustrated on layout plan.

RESOLVED - That the contents of the letter 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, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2006 on the rising of the Planning and Highways Committee.

PRESENT: Councillor J.C.Culine (Vice-Chair) and

Councillors Miss S.L.Armstrong, Mrs.C.Bainbridge, J.V.Graham, I.Harrington, Mrs.E.Maddison, J. M. Marr, Mrs.M.Smith, G.Tolley, F.Walker, W. Waters, and Mrs.J.L.Wood.

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs.S.A.Fleetham, M.T.B.Jones, Mrs.C.Kennedy, J.Parkin, Mrs.S.I.Plews, J.W.Smith (Chair), Mrs.C.Sproat, Mrs.E.Summerson and P.Welsh.

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

104/05. RESOLVED - No personal or prejudicial interest was made by any Member.

S.&.A. **SUMMER SPLASH PLAYSCHEMES.**

105/05. Reference was made to Minute S.&.A.83/05 and Gary Cooper and Caroline Stephens of Sedgefield Borough Council were in attendance to outline the proposals for 2006 and to discuss figures relating to previous years schemes. Members outlined the reasons the Town Council had not contributed last year.

RESOLVED -

- i) That the Officers from Sedgefield Borough Council be thanked for their presentation; and
- ii) That a decision on this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the appropriate Committee

S.&.A. **ESTATE COMPACT FOR YORK HILL/TUDHOE AREA.**

106/05. Diane Maughan, Neighbourhood Support Officer and Sylvia Dodsworth, Sedgefield Borough Council was in attendance to outline the proposals in respect of the above.

RESOLVED -

- i) That the Officers from Sedgefield Borough Council be thanked for their presentation; and
- ii) That a decision on this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the appropriate Committee

**PARKS AND OPEN SPACES.**

**S.&.A. Jubilee Park - Retaining Wall.**

107/05. Reference was made to Minute S.&.A.89/05.

The Town Clerk reported that the Structural Engineers inspection had taken place and that the report was awaited. It was also reported that over the last weekend a section of the wall, near the chicane, had collapsed into the Park, the Town Clerk has contacted Durham County Council Highways who has assured her that there was no immediate danger but that they would inspect the damage.

Considerable discussion took place on this matter and it was

RESOLVED - to await the Structural Engineer's Report.

**S.&.A. Open Space, Sport and Recreation Survey – Survey of Town and Parish Councils**

108/05.

Consideration was given to letter received 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2006 from P.Lane of Inspace and the Town Clerk requested Member's input to complete the Survey.

RESOLVED - That the Town Clerk complete the form as recommended and ensure that the Town Council's views regarding future development of land is included.

**S.&.A. The Dene – Siting of two portakabins.**

109/05.

Reference was made to Minute S.&.A.103/05 and further consideration was given to this deferred matter.

RESOLVED - that permission be not granted for the siting of two portakabins on Town Council land at The Dene.

**S.&.A. Children's Play Area, St. Paul's Close**

110/05.

Consideration was given to letter dated 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2006 from D. McLaughlin, Projects Officer, St. Paul's Residents Association.

RESOLVED - That the Project Manager be asked to submit a report for consideration.

**S.&.A. Jubilee Park - Picnic in the Park.**

111/05.

Reference was made to Minute S.&.A.92/05 and further consideration was given to this deferred matter and to letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2006 from Mrs.R.E.Fletcher on behalf of St. Paul's Church.

RESOLVED - That permission be granted for the use of Jubilee Park as detailed in the letter.

S.&.A.  
112/05.      **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.

S.&.A.  
113/05.      **PARKS AND OPEN SPACES.**  
**Byers Green Village Green – Anti Social Behaviour.**  
Reference was made to Minute S.&.A.85/05 and consideration was given to letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> February 2006 from Dr. F.W.Smith.

RESOLVED -      That in the light of the report by the Police at the earlier meeting, the outcome of developments be awaited.

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

Councillor J.C.Culine  
Vice Chair