

Spennymoor Town Council

Minutes of the proceedings of a Meeting of SPENNYMOOR TOWN COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Spennymoor on Tuesday 27th February, 2007 at 6.45p.m.

PRESENT: Mrs.S.I.Plews (Town Mayor) and

Councillors Miss S.L.Armstrong, J.C.Culine, Mrs.S.A.Fleetham, J.V.Graham, I.Harrington, M.T.B.Jones, Mrs.C.Kennedy, Mrs.E.Maddison, J.M.Marr, J.Parkin, J.W.Smith, Mrs.C.Sproat, G.Tolley, F.Walker, W.Waters and Mrs.J.L.Wood (Deputy Town Mayor).

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs.C.Bainbridge, F.E.Ryder and P.Welsh

60/06. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

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

The Town Mayor exercised her statutory discretion to take an urgent item of Council business which was not on the Agenda

61/06. **SPECIAL DISPENSATION OF ABSENCE**

RESOLVED - That under section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 Councillor Peter Welsh's absence from meetings of Spennymoor Town Council be authorised by the Council due to his ill-health and that a card be sent to Councillor Peter Welsh on behalf of the Council extending our best wishes to him.

62/06. **MINUTES.**

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 23rd January, 2007 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

63/06. **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.**

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

- a) Friday 26th January - Town Mayor attended Derwentside District Council Charity Evening;
- b) Friday 26th January - Deputy Mayor and Members attended Informal Civic Reception at Seaham Town Council;
- c) Thursday 1st February - Town Mayor attended the Launch of the New Rifle Battalion at Bishop Auckland TA Centre;

- d) Friday 2nd February - Town Mayor attended District of Easington Civic Dinner;
- e) Sun.4th February - Town Mayor attended Chester-le-Street District Council Civic Service;
- f) Friday 9th February -Town Mayor visited Joyce and Owen Ellis of Bamburgh Parade on their Golden Wedding;
- g) Friday 9th February -Town Mayor attended Great Aycliffe Town Council Civic Ball;
- h) Saturday 10th February - Town Mayor attended “Stars in Your Eyes” Charity Evening - over £1200 raised to be shared between the Town Mayor and Borough Mayor’s Charity Appeals;
- i) Thursday 15th February - Town Mayor attended Tudhoe Colliery Primary School to present a Healthy Schools Award;
- j) Thursday 15th February - Town Mayor attended Peterlee Town Council Casino Night;
- k) Friday 16th February - Town Mayor attended Coffee Morning at Butterby Grange in aid of her Charity Appeal;
- l) Friday 16th February -Town Mayor visited Joseph & Lena Hind of Wood Vue on their Golden Wedding;
- m) Friday 16th February - Town Mayor attended Chilton Town Council Valentine’s Day Dance;
- n) Tuesday 20th February - Town Mayor attended Wear Valley District Council Race Night;
- o) Friday 23rd February - Town Mayor visited Freda & Derek Dunnington of Weardale Street on their Golden Wedding;
- p) Friday 23rd February - Town Mayor attended Brandon & Byshtottes Parish Council Charity Evening;
- q) Saturday 24th February - Town Mayor attended South Durham Guitar Centre Awards Evening;
- r) Sunday 25th February - Town Mayor attended Seaham Town Council Ceilidh Evening.

64/06.

COMMITTEE MINUTES.

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

Allotments	6 th February, 2007
Finance and General Purposes	6 th February, 2007
Planning and Highways	13 th February, 2007
<i>(subject to the following amendment:- Minute P.&H.80/06 – “for this item only” be added to the declaration)</i>	
Services and Amenities	13 th February, 2007

There being no further business the Town Mayor declared the meeting closed at 6.50pm.

**Councillor Mrs.S.I.Plews
Town Mayor**

Spennymoor Town Council

Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the SPECIAL SERVICES AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE on Tuesday, 27th February, 2007 on the rising of the Council Meeting.

PRESENT: Councillor J.C.Culine and

Councillors Miss S.L.Armstrong, 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, J.W.Smith (Vice-Chair), 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)

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs.C.Bainbridge, F.E.Ryder, and P.Welsh.

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

92/06. RESOLVED - Declaration of a prejudicial interest was received from Councillor J.Marr and he left the meeting.

S.&A. **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.**

93/06. 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. **Trees in the Dene.**

94/06. Consideration was given to the reports of the Town Clerk. The Chair advised that the matter would be considered under two headings:-

- i) Endorsement of Action Taken
- ii) Member Conduct

Considerable discussion ensued on item i), following this discussion and having been afforded the opportunity to address the meeting in relation to both items i) and ii) the Member concerned declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting.

Discussion ensued on item ii) and it was

- RESOLVED -
- i) That the Vote on this item be recorded;
 - ii) The following decisions were made on the recommendations contained in the report:-
 - 1. That the Town Clerk's actions in relation to this matter be endorsed (vote 13 for and 2 against);
 - 2. That the concerns be noted (vote unanimous);
 - 3. That the concerns and actions be noted (vote 13 for and 2 against);
 - 4. That the concerns and actions be noted (vote 13 for and 2 against);
 - iii) In relation to item 5, of the Town clerk's report it was agreed:
 - a) that the issue be reported to the Standards Board for England;
 - b) brought to the attention of the District Auditor;
 - c) while being investigated and until the findings are known that the Member concerned have their access to the General Office removed from the security system(vote 13 for and 2 against);
 - iv) That Standing Orders be waived to allow the report to the Standards Board to be made and the investigation to proceed without delay in the interest of the Member concerned.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.40p.m.

Councillor J.C.Culine
Chair

Spennymoor Town Council

Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Spennymoor on Tuesday 6th March, 2007 at 6.45p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor G.Tolley (Chair) and

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

A.55/06. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

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

KIRK MERRINGTON ALLOTMENTS.

A.56/06. **Blue House Estate Site.**

Consideration was given to the report of the Project Manager.

RESOLVED - That a site visit be arranged to assess the extent of the situation at an appropriate date and time suitable to the complainant.

A.57/06. **SPENNYMOOR ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION.**

RESOLVED - To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 1st February, 2007.

A.58/06. **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.59/06. **ALLOTMENT TO THE REAR OF IVY HOUSE, TUDHOE VILLAGE.**
Reference was made to Minute A.7/05 and further consideration was given to letter dated 12th February 2007 from C.P.Bewley in connection with the above.

- RESOLVED -
- i) That a site visit be arranged;
 - ii) The Town Clerk obtain a valuation for possible sale taking into account the covenants on the land.

A.60/06. **DURHAM ROAD ALLOTMENTS.**
Reference was made to Minute A.54/06 and consideration was given to the report of the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED - That the report be received.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.54p.m.

Councillor G.Tolley
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 6th March, 2007 on the rising of the Allotments Committee.

PRESENT: Councillor I.Harrington (Chair), and

Councillors Miss S.L.Armstrong, Mrs.C.Bainbridge, J.C.Culine, Mrs.S.A.Fleetham, J.V.Graham, M.T.B.Jones, Mrs.E.Maddison, J.M.Marr, J.Parkin (Vice-Chair), Mrs.S.I.Plews, F.E.Ryder, Mrs.C.Sproat, G.Tolley, F. Walker, W.Waters, and Mrs.J.L.Wood.

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs.C.Kennedy, J.W.Smith, Mrs.E.Summerson, and P.Welsh .

F.&.G.P. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**
235/06. RESOLVED - No personal or prejudicial interest was made by any Member.

F.&.G.P. **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.**
236/06. **St.John Ambulance –Wheels for Life Campaign.**
Reference was made to Minute F.&.G.P.196/06 and it was

RESOLVED - That the letter of appreciation be received.

F.&.G.P. **Sedgefield and District Advice and Information Service – Citizens Advice Bureau funding and Core Generalist Service Provision.**
237/06. Reference was made to Minute F.& G.P.212/06 and further consideration was given to letter dated 2nd January 2007 together with the verbal report of the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED - That consideration of this matter be deferred.

F.&.G.P. **Tudhoe Cricket Club.**
238/06. Reference was made to Minute F.&.G.P.197/06 and consideration was given to the completed S.137 form submitted by the above.

RESOLVED - That consideration of this matter be deferred to enable clarification over the issue of the Constitution.

- F.&G.P.
239/06. **County Durham Society for the Blind & Partially Sighted.**
Consideration was given to letter dated 14th February, 2007 in connection with the Talking Newspaper Appeal.
- RESOLVED - That a grant of £500.00 be made in accordance with S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972.
- F.&G.P.
240/06. **Step Together.**
Consideration was given to letter dated 19th February, 2007 from Jackie Banister founder of the above requesting reimbursement of the hire fee in respect of the Fundraising Event held in the Town Hall on Friday 16th February, 2007.
- RESOLVED - To reimburse hire fee of £73.50 be made in accordance with S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972.
- F.&G.P.
241/06. **COUNTY DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS.**
Durham Association News – February 2007.
RESOLVED - To receive the above.
- F.&G.P.
242/06. **Nominations to Attend Buckingham Palace Garden Parties**
RESOLVED - To confirm the nomination of the Town Mayor and Consort for attendance at the above to be held on 17th July, 2007.
- F.&G.P.
243/06. **CONFERENCES & COURSES.**
Shaping Communities Conference.
RESOLVED - That the contents of the report be received and noted.
- F.&G.P.
244/06. **Society of Local Council Clerks – Larger Council’ Conference.**
Consideration was given to notification of the above to be held on Thursday 26th and Friday 27th April, 2007 in London.
- RESOLVED - That the Town Council be represented at the above by the Town Clerk.
- F.&G.P.
245/06. **ASSOCIATION OF LARGER LOCAL COUNCILS.**
RESOLVED - To receive the contents of letter dated 13th February, 2007 from the above.
- F.&G.P.
246/06. **AREA 1 FORUM.**
RESOLVED - To receive the Minutes of the above held on 12th February, 2007.

CCTV.
F.&G.P. **2006/2007 Monitoring and Running Costs.**
247/06. RESOLVED - i) To receive the contents of letter dated 31st January, 2007 in connection with the above;
ii) Town Clerk to obtain feedback on the success of the camera for evaluation purposes.

F.&G.P. **CENTRAL DURHAM CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE.**
248/06. RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the meeting held on 17th January, 2007 be received.

STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND.
F.&G.P. **Bulletin Issue 32.**
249/06. RESOLVED - To receive the copy of Bulletin Issue 32.

F.&G.P. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW.**
250/06. Reference was made to Minute F.&G.P. 220/06 and it was
RESOLVED - To receive the LGR news briefing paper highlighting the key aspects of the proposal.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.
F.&G.P. **Paid Accounts.**
251/06. RESOLVED - That payment of accounts in the sum of £1,350.51 authorised by the Chair of Committee; payments by BACS in the sum of £30,671.84 for February; reimbursement of the Imprest Account in the sum of £17,991.45 for February be approved.

F.&G.P. **Accounts to Authorise.**
252/06. RESOLVED - i) To authorise the payment of accounts in the sum of £92,864.93 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.**
253/06. 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.

ESTABLISHMENT.

F.&G.P.
254/06.

Administrative Assistant.

RESOLVED - To receive the contents of letter received on the 20th February, 2007 informing Miss L.A.Dobbin of her successful completion of Semester 1 and a letter of congratulations be sent.

F.&G.P.
255/06.

Finance Assistant.

RESOLVED - To receive the contents of the email received on the 21st February, 2007 informing Mrs.D.Dunn of her successful exam results in costing and budgeting for December 2006 and a letter of congratulations be sent.

F.&G.P.
256/06.

BUDGET REPORTS.

RESOLVED - That the Budget Reports for January, 2007 showing year to date Financial Information be received and noted.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.21p.m.

Councillor I.Harrington
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 13th March, 2007 at 6.45p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Miss S.L.Armstrong (Chair) and

Councillors Mrs.C.Bainbridge, J.C.Culine, J.V.Graham, I.Harrington, Mrs.C.Kennedy (Vice-Chair), J.M.Marr, Mrs.S.I.Plews, F.E.Ryder, J.W.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, M.T.B.Jones, Mrs.E.Maddison, J.Parkin, Mrs.M.Smith, Mrs.C.Sproat, Mrs.E.Summerson and P.Welsh.

P.&.H. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**
86/06. RESOLVED - Declaration of interest was received from Councillors W.Waters.

P.&.H. **POLICE**
87/06. **Report.**
RESOLVED -

- i) That the Police Report be received;
- ii) A letter be sent to Dr Kassem explaining that the Town Council will be taking no further action in light of the Police Report;
- iii) Clarification be sought from the Police as to whether their report could be disclosed to Dr Kassem.
- iv) A letter be sent to Inspector Green expressing concern over the response time of three 999 calls.

P.&.H.
88/06.

Proposed Reductions in Police Numbers.

Reference was made to Minute P.&.H.69/06 refers and consideration was given to the following correspondence:-

letter dated 7th February from Helen Goodman, M.P.
letter dated 12th February from John Moffat, Home Office
letter dated 16th February from Legal Adviser and Clerk to the Police Authority;

- RESOLVED -
- i) That the contents of the letters be received and noted;
 - ii) A letter be sent to the Chief Constable reiterating the Town Councils concerns over the reduction in police numbers;
 - iii) An article be sent to the Spennymoor News asking concerned residents to contact the Chief Constable directly;
 - iv) A letter be sent to the Police Authority, requesting (under the Freedom of Information Act) a breakdown of costings and fees for the Authority;
 - v) Town Clerk to download all available information from the web in connection with the Police Authority and copy to All Members.

P.&.H.
89/06.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

(Councillor W.Waters declared a prejudicial interest in item 4 and left the meeting)

Members had before them the schedule of planning applications received to date from Sedgfield 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.
90/06.

T-Mobile (Uk) Ltd.

Spennymoor Town Football Club.

Consideration was given to letter dated 7th February 2007 from WHP Wilkinson Helsby in connection with the proposed telecommunications floodlight replacement.

- RESOLVED - That the item be deferred until the lease is signed.

P.&.H.
91/06. **Districts: Wear Valley & Sedgefield
Planning Application Refs. CMA/3/22 & CM/7/58
CMA/3/23 & CMA/7/59.**
Consideration was given to letter dated 26th February 2007 from
Durham County Council in connection with the above.

RESOLVED - That the information be received and noted.

P.&.H.
92/06. **Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Relating to the Application for Variations of Conditions 2,3 and 9
of Planning Permission 7/2003/0736/DM Relation to Residential
Development – Land off Whitworth Road, Whitworth Park,
Spennymoor.**
Consideration was given to letter dated 27th February, 2007 from
Sedgefield Borough Council.

RESOLVED - That the appeal date be noted.

(Councillor W.Waters returned to the meeting)

P.&.H.
93/06. **NAMING AND NUMBERING.
Demolition of Existing Bungalows and Erection of 12 no
Bungalows – Aged Miners, Middlestone – Durham Aged
Mineworkers Association.**
Consideration was given to letter dated 5th February 2007 from
Sedgefield Borough Council.

RESOLVED - That the following names be sent for
consideration: Collier Close, Callan Close and
Aged Miners Bungalows.

P.&.H.
94/06. **MINERAL VALLEYS PROJECT.
Guide.**
RESOLVED - To receive and note the contents of letter dated
26th February, 2007 from the above.

**The Chair exercised her statutory discretion to take an urgent item of
Council Business which was not on the Agenda.**

P.&.H.
95/06.

PLANNING APPLICATION.

7/07/0108 – Erection of new Community Centre, Land adjacent to Carr Lane, Spennymoor - Barratt Newcastle.

Consideration was given to planning application received 9th March, 2007.

RESOLVED - That a letter of objection be sent to Sedgefield Borough Council citing existing adequate provision within the ward and sustainability issues as reasons against the application.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.25p.m.

Councillor Miss S.L.Armstrong
Chair

Spennymoor Town Council

Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the SERVICES AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE on Tuesday, 13th March, 2007 on the rising of the Planning and Highways Committee.

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

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

Also in attendance Mrs.P.Wilson (Town Clerk)
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APOLOGIES: Councillors Miss S.L.Armstrong, Mrs.S.A.Fleetham, M.T.B.Jones, Mrs.E.Maddison, J.Parkin, Mrs.M.Smith, Mrs.C.Sproat, Mrs.E.Summerson and P.Welsh .

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

92/06. RESOLVED - Declarations of Interest were received from Councillors J.C.Culine, J.M.Marr, J.V.Graham, F.Walker and Mrs S.I.Plews.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES.

S.&.A. **Sharing of Welfare Facilities & Storage of Machinery.**

93/06. Consideration was given to letter dated 2nd February, 2007 from Director of Neighbourhood Services, Sedgefield Borough Council.

RESOLVED - That the item be deferred and J.Bennett, Director of Neighbourhood Services, Sedgefield Borough Council be invited to attend the next meeting.

S.&.A. **Jubilee Park – Spennymoor Annual Gala.**

94/06. *(Councillor J.C.Culine declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item, Councillor Mrs.S.I.Plews declared a prejudicial interest item and both left the meeting).*

Councillor J.W.Smith, Vice-Chair in the Chair

Consideration was given to letter dated 18th February, 2007 in connection with the above from Spennymoor Aged Persons Gala & Treat Fund Committee.

- RESOLVED -
- i) That the request by Spennymoor Aged Persons Gala and Treat Fund Committee to use Jubilee Park and its facilities be agreed to as in previous years subject to compliance with the law;
 - ii) That the request be agreed but the assistance should be kept to a minimum.

S.&.A.
95/06.

Jubilee Park – Spennymoor Annual Gala and Bonfire Night.

Consideration was given to letter dated 18th February, 2007 in connection with the above from Culine’s Amusements.

RESOLVED - That the request by Culine’s Amusements be agreed to as in previous years subject to compliance with the law.

(Councillor J.C.Culine and Mrs.S.I.Plews returned to the meeting).

Councillor J.C.Culine returned to the Chair

S.&.A.
96/06

Jubilee Park – Tennis Coaching.

Consideration was given to letter dated 23rd February, 2007 from Gary Cooper, Youth/Sports Development Officer, Sedgefield Borough Council.

RESOLVED - That the contents of the letter be received and the request be agreed subject to the public still being able to use the facilities.

S.&.A.
97/06.

Jubilee Park Bowling Green – Spennymoor Ladies Bowling Club.

Consideration was given to letter dated 21st February, 2007 from Mrs.R.Airey, Hon.Secretary requesting permission to use the greens for the 2007 season and to waive the fees for the Iris Lawson Charity Day.

RESOLVED - That permission be granted subject to the usual terms and conditions.

CEMETERIES AND CLOSED CHURCHYARDS.

S.&.A.
98/06.

Spennymoor Cemetery.

Consideration was given to letters from Gail Thompson dated 27th February, 2007 requesting permission for a memorial seat in memory of her mother Anne Nicholson and also a plaque against a cherry blossom tree outside the Memorial Garden.

- RESOLVED -
- i) To agree to the request contained in the letters to place a plaque on a spike near a cherry blossom tree and a Memorial Seat within the Cemetery and to notify Gail Thompson of the cost of the Memorial Seat;
 - ii) To authorise the Town Clerk to conduct a policy review of the practice of allowing Memorial Plaques to be placed adjacent to trees and report back her findings and recommendations to this Committee.

- S.&.A.
99/06. **St.Paul's Closed Churchyard**
Consideration was given to letter dated 26th February 2007 from the PCC Secretary and the Project Manager's Report.
- RESOLVED - That this item be deferred to enable the Town Clerk to determine the legalities over the footpath.
- S.&.A.
100/06. **APPRECIATION.**
RESOLVED - i) That the following letter of appreciation be received and noted:-
letter received on 1st March from South Durham Guitar Centre
- ii) To reimburse hire fee of £70.50 be made in accordance with S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972.
- S.&.A.
101/06. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS' REPORT.**
Area 1 – Spennymoor.
RESOLVED - To receive and note the contents of the above.
- S.&.A.
102/06. **Streetsafe Response Team – Quarter 3 report.**
RESOLVED - To receive and note the contents of the above.
- S.&.A.
103/06. **SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**
RESOLVED - To receive the Minutes of the above held on 19th February 2007.
- S.&.A.
104/06. **TUDHOE MINING DISASTER - 125 YEAR ANNIVERSARY.**
(Councillors J.M.Marr, J.V.Graham and F.Walker declared personal interests in this item, but remained in the meeting).
Consideration was given to the report of the Town Clerk.
- RESOLVED - To move the recommendations outlined in the report.
- S.&.A.
105/06. **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.

TOWN HALL.

S.&.A. Hire of Facilities.

106/06.

Consideration was given to letter dated 5th February 2007 from a hirer in reply to a request for clarification of whether it was business use or not.

RESOLVED - That a letter be sent recommending the hirer pay the Commercial fee for hire of the premises.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES.

S.&.A. Jubilee Park Depot – Security.

107/06.

Consideration was given to the Estimate for the provision of a security system to the Depot.

- RESOLVED -
- i) That the estimate be approved with the additional costing incorporated for an intercom system;
 - ii) That an estimate be obtained for a fire alarm and burglar alarm system.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.p.m.

Councillor J.C.Culine
Chair