

Spennymoor Town Council

Minutes of the proceedings of a Meeting of SPENNYMOOR TOWN COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Spennymoor on Tuesday 25th March, 2008 at 6.45p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs.J.L.Wood (Town Mayor) and

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

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

APOLOGIES: Councillor G. Heslop and K. Thompson.

90/07. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

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

91/07 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS.**

RESOLVED - No questions had been received from Members of the Public in accordance with Standing Order 12.

92/07. **MINUTES.**

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 29th January, 2008 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

93/07. **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.**

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

- a) Tuesday 26th February - Town Mayor attended the District Of Easington Charity Evening;
- b) Thursday 28th February - Town Mayor visited Mr.& Mrs.Thompson of Rosa Street on their Diamond Wedding anniversary;
- c) Friday 29th February - Town Mayor attended Great Aycliffe Town Councils Civic Ball;
- d) Wednesday 5th March - Town Mayor attended the City of Durham's visit to the Le Nouveau Restaurant at New College, Durham;
- e) Friday 7th March - Town Mayor attended Sedgefield Town Council's Civic Dinner;
- f) Friday 7th March - Deputy Mayor attended Chester Le Street District Councils Civic Dinner;
- g) Saturday 8th March - Town Mayor visited Mr.& Mrs.Millmore of Wood Vue on their Golden Wedding anniversary;

- h) Monday 10th March - Town Mayor, Project Manager and Finance Manager attended the Inaugural Meeting of Northumbria in Bloom at Gateshead Leisure Centre;
- i) Wednesday 12th March - Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor attended the Sabrage Press Event at Best Western Whitworth Hall Hotel.
- j) Tuesday 18th March - Town Mayor officially opened the Bowen Therapy Clinic;
- k) Thursday 20th March - The Town Mayor attended Chilton Town Council's Mayor's Civic Dinner;
- l) Friday 21st March - Town Mayor visited Mr.& Mrs.Barron of Atherton Close on their Golden Wedding anniversary.

94/07.

COMMITTEE MINUTES.

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

Allotments	4 th March, 2008
Finance and General Purposes	4 th March, 2008

Subject to the following amendment

Minute F.&.G.P.234/07 – that following wording to be added-

That Members accept the offer from Hedley Park Developments 'with the caveat that we will be seeking an appropriate overage clause if the developer can secure planning permission for more units than permitted in the outline planning permission. We will also be looking for a % of the resale value, should the developer "land bank" the site and not develop until land prices have significantly increased'.

Minute F.&.G.P.235/07 – that the following be added to the item-

ii) That the Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor be reimbursed for previous expenditure.

Planning and Highways	11 th March, 2008
Services and Amenities	11 th March, 2008

Special Finance and General Purposes	13 th March, 2008
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Subject to the following amendment-

Councillor Marr's name be included in the apologies.

95/07.

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.

Councillor Mrs C. Bainbridge entered the meeting

96/07.

REPORT OF THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER UNDER S151 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972.

Members gave consideration to the report of the Town Clerk in accordance with her obligations under S151 of the Local Government Act 1972.

This agenda item was adjourned to allow the Towns Meeting of Spennymoor Town Council to commence at 7.00pm and reconvened after the conclusion of that meeting.

Following discussion of this item, Councillor Mrs.E.Maddison requested a recorded and named vote in respect of the above.

All those in favour of accepting the recommendations:-
Councillor Miss S.L.Armstrong, Mrs C.Bainbridge, J.C.Culine, J.V.Graham, Miss T.Graham, I.Harrington, J.M.Marr, J.Parkin, J.E.Plews, F.E.Ryder, J.W.Smith, G.Tolley, F.Walker and W.Waters.

All those against:-
Councillor M.T.B.Jones, Mrs.E.Maddison, C.Maddison, Mrs.C.Sproat and Mrs.E.M.Wood.

RESOLVED - That the relevant retrospective approval authorising the engagement of GB Management Solutions be granted.

There being no further business the Town Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.35p.m.

**Councillor Mrs.J.L.Wood
Town Mayor**

Spennymoor Town Council

Minutes of the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Spennymoor on Tuesday 25th March, 2008 at 7 p.m.

PRESENT: 20 Town Councillors, 2 Members of Staff
and 2 members of the public

The Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs.J.L.Wood presided.

APOLOGIES: Councillor G. Heslop and K. Thompson.

1. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED- That the Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on Tuesday 27th March, 2007 be taken as read, approved as correct and signed by the Town Mayor.

2. **ANY OTHER LAWFUL BUSINESS.**

Councillor Mrs.J.L.Wood stated that this meeting was the opportunity for members of the public to ask questions.

MATTERS RAISED.

One member of the public congratulated the Town Council and Town Mayor on providing a wonderful and memorable day in helping him to celebrate his Golden Wedding.

The item raised by a member of the public was in relation to the following question:-

Are you happy with the state of Spennymoor Town Centre?

Members responded both yes and no.

One major problem indicated was the introduction of larger shops that were helping to ciphre off trade from the smaller establishments e.g. Supermarkets. A highly geographical mobile society was helping to move business out of the Town, although for some sectors of the society the choice was not available.

Another Member indicated that they were much happier this time now than they were last year although chewing gum on the footpaths were of concern. This Member had been on the phone to Durham County Council about the footpaths in the Dene and they were promised that these would be repaired for wheelchair users.

It was commented upon that a lot of people are committed to the Town of Spennymoor and the staff and officers do a fantastic job.

The issue of attracting household names to the Town had been a problem. Being centralised between Bishop Auckland and Durham where major stores are located was one of the problems that Spennymoor faced. Sedgefield Borough Council had tried on numerous occasions to attract large franchises to the Town. Another Member commented that they were happy with the issue of parking within the Town and not many other Towns would still operate free car parking. The shop front improvement schemes had also been highly successful with many shops taking up this offer.

Do you ever meet as a Council to discuss only the Town Centre?

No. The main problem is that the Town Council are not a planning authority and have only limited powers on consultation relating to planning matters.

When the Unitary Authority is created, the Town Council may become more involved in this matter.

There being no further business Town Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.15pm

Councillor Mrs.J.L.Wood
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 1st April, 2008 at 6.45p.m.

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

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

Also in attendance Mrs.P.Wilson (Town Clerk)
M.S.Rowe (Finance Manager)
Mrs.B.Fryer (Principal Admin Officer) (Minutes

Officer)

In Attendance

N.Freeman
C.Johnson

Representing

Spennymoor Allotment Assoc.
Green Lane Allotment Assoc.

APOLOGIES: Councillors G.Heslop and J.W.Smith.

A.74/07. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

RESOLVED - Declaration of personal interest was received from Councillor Mrs.J.L.Wood.

A.75/07. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS.**

RESOLVED - No questions had been received from Members of the Public in accordance with Standing Order 12.

ALLOTMENTS.

Clearance of Sites

A.76/07

Clarence Street.

Members gave consideration to letter received 28th February, 2008 from D.Longstaff.

RESOLVED - That the Project Manager be asked to inspect the allotment and report back to Committee

A.77/07. **White Moor Allotments.**

Members gave consideration to letter dated 5th March, 2008 from R. Shaw.

RESOLVED - That the Project Manager be asked to inspect the allotment and report back to Committee

A.78/07. **Windsor Avenue Allotments.**
Members gave consideration to letter dated 28th February 2008 from Mrs M.Imerson.

RESOLVED - That the Project Manager be asked to inspect the allotment and report back to Committee

A.79/07. **SPENNYMOOR ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION**
Minutes of Meeting

RESOLVED - i) That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th March, 2008 be received;
ii) That the report from the Chair and Vice-Chair of Committee advising of their meeting with representatives of the Police be received.

A.80/07. **Allotment Association Meetings and Stewards.**

RESOLVED - That letter dated 8th Mach 2008 from the Association Secretary inviting Members to the monthly meetings be received and noted.

A.81/07. **Durham Road Allotments**

(Councillor Mrs.J.L.Wood declared a Personal Interest in this matter but remained in the meeting)

Members gave consideration to the provision of disabled access to this Estate.

RESOLVED - That the Project Manager be requested to obtain costs for the necessary work.

A.82/07. **ALLOTMENTS.**

St Paul's Gardens Allotments - Erection of Garden Sheds.

Members gave consideration to the application for the erection of a 2 garden sheds 7ftx7ft on Allotment No.23.

The Association have 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;
iii) That the Association had no objections to the application.

A.83/07. **South View Middlestone Moor Allotments - Erection of Greenhouse.**

Members gave consideration to the application from Mr B. Sayer for the erection of a greenhouse 20ft 9ft 6” on Allotment No.21.

The Association have 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;
 - iii) That the Association had no objections to the application.

A.84/07. **Albion Street Middlestone Moor Allotments - Erection of Shed and Greenhouse.**

Members gave consideration to the application from Mr C. Atkin for the erection of a garden shed 6ftx4ft and greenhouse 8ftx6ft on Allotment No.15

The Association have 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;
 - iii) That the Association had no objections to the application.

A.85/07. **Durham Road Allotments.**

(Councillor Mrs.J.L. Wood declared a Personal Interest in this matter and left the meeting)

- RESOLVED -
- i) That a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr.Hunter for his service as Allotment Steward;
 - ii) That consideration of Rules for Allotments Holders be deferred until the next meeting.

Councillor Mrs.J.L. Wood returned to the meeting

- A.86/07. **Boundary Fence.**
RESOLVED - That consideration of the Project Manager's Report on this matter be deferred until the next meeting.
- A.87/07. **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.88/07. **MERRINGTON LANE ALLOTMENTS**
Reference was made to (Minute A.54/07 refers and Members gave further consideration to the disposal of this land.

RESOLVED - That the Town Clerk be authorised to contact the Secretary of State for consent to dispose of this land.
- A.89/07. **CLYDE TERRACE ALLOTMENTS.**
Request to purchase garage Sites.
RESOLVED - That consideration of the Town Clerk's report be deferred until the next meeting.
- A.90/07. **GREEN LANE ALLOTMENTS.**
RESOLVED - That consideration of the Project Manager's report be deferred until the next meeting.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.05p.m.

Councillor Mrs.C.Bainbridge
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 1st April, 2008 on the rising of the Allotments Committee.

PRESENT: Councillor J.Parkin (Chair) and

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

Also in attendance Mrs.P.Wilson (Town Clerk)
M.S.Rowe (Finance Manager)
Mrs.B.Fryer (Principal Admin Officer) (Minutes Officer)

APOLOGIES: Councillors G.Heslop and J.W.Smith

F.&G.P. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**
246/07. RESOLVED - Declaration of interests were received from
Councillors Mrs.E.Maddison and K.Thompson.

F.&G.P. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS.**
247/07. RESOLVED - No questions had been received from Members of
the Public in accordance with Standing Order 12.

F.&G.P. **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.**
248/07. **St Charles Church.**
Members considered letter received 27th February, 2008 from
Mrs.S.M.Mitchell.

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

F.&G.P. **Ox Close School – Community Garden.**
249/07. *(Councillor Mrs.E.Maddison declared a personal interest in this matter
but remained in the meeting)*
RESOLVED - That consideration of letter and completed S137
form from A. Lamb be deferred until the next
meeting.

F.&G.P. **Spennymoor Cricket Club.**
250/07. Members considered letter received 14th March 2008 from P.Robinson

RESOLVED - That a grant of £200 be made in accordance with S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 in the.

F.&G.P. **Kirk Merrington Pre-school.**
251/07. *(Councillor K.Thompson declared a prejudicial interest in this matter and left the meeting)*

RESOLVED - That consideration of the S.137 Grant Application Form be deferred until the next meeting.

Councillor K.Thompson returned to the meeting

F.&G.P. **ADVERTISING.**
252/07. Members gave consideration to letter received on 18th March 2008 from Durham Miners' Association.

RESOLVED - That full page colour advert be placed in the Durham Miners Gala Brochure 2008.

F.&G.P. **CONFERENCES AND COURSES.**
253/07. **National Association of Councillors – Delivering Safer Communities-Tackling Disorder & Anti Social Behaviour- 29th February-2nd March 2008.**
RESOLVED - That the contents of the excellent report be received and noted.

F.&G.P. **CENTRAL DURHAM CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE.**
254/07. **Final 2007/2008 contributions to constituent authorities.**
RESOLVED - To receive the final contribution from Central Durham Crematorium Joint Committee.

F.&G.P. **Minutes.**
255/07. RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 23rd January, 2008 be received.

F.&G.P. **TOWN AND PARISH STANDARD.**
256/07. RESOLVED - To receive and note the contents of the March issue.

F.&G.P. **NALC.**
257/07. **Legal Briefing L08-08 – Sustainable Communities Act 2007: Consultation on Draft Regulations and Statutory Guidance.**
RESOLVED - That the Town Clerk send a letter of support to NALC.

F.&G.P.
258/07. **POLICE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE GROUP.**
RESOLVED - That the Town Clerk attend one of the meetings of the above to be held in the local area.

F.&G.P.
259/07. **RENTAL OF LAND**
Church Commissioners – Bishop Auckland Estate
Football Field – Byers Green Rent Review
RESOLVED - To receive and note the contents of letter dated 12th March, 2008.

F.&G.P.
260/07. **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.**
Paid Accounts.
RESOLVED - To confirm the payment of accounts in the sum of £4,808.72 authorised for payment, payments by BACS in the sum of £36,016.36 for March and reimbursement of the Imprest Account in the sum of £19,284.80 for March.

F.&G.P.
261/07. **Accounts to Authorise.**
RESOLVED - To authorise the payment of accounts in the sum of £42,818.60 for March.

F.&G.P.
262/07. **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.
263/07. **TOWN HALL SHOPS.**
Rent Increase.
RESOLVED - To agree to the increase of yearly shop rent by 3%.

F.&G.P.
264/07. **ESTABLISHMENT.**
Admin Assistant.
RESOLVED - That the results for Miss L.A.Dobbin from New College, Durham for Resourcing and Financing the Public Sector and Research Methods and Project Management be received and an appropriate letter be sent.

F.&G.P.
265/07. **Durham Education Business Partnership.**
Members gave consideration to dated 3rd March, 2008 from the above.
RESOLVED - That this matter be left to the Town Clerk.

F.&G.P.
266/07. **Christmas Holidays.**
RESOLVED - That the Town Council Offices be closed from 5p.m. on Tuesday 23rd December, 2008 until 8.45a.m. on Monday 5th January, 2009.

F.&G.P.
267/07. **Pension Scheme – Contribution Policy.**
Members gave consideration to the report of the Finance Manager.

RESOLVED - That Option 1 contained in the report be adopted.

F.&G.P.
268/07. **BUDGET CONTROL.**
RESOLVED - That the Budget Control Reports showing information up to 14th March, 2008 be received and noted.

F.&G.P.
269/07. **TOWN HALL BAR.**
RESOLVED -

- i) That the report on Monthly Profit and Loss be received;
- ii) That the question of Bar Staff ratio be referred to the Audit Committee.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.

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 8th April, 2008 at 6.45p.m.

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

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

Also in attendance M.S.Rowe (Finance Manager)
Mrs.B.Fryer (Principal Admin Officer) (Minutes Officer)

APOLOGIES: Councillors I.Harrington, G.Heslop and Mrs.J.L.Wood

P.&H. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**
99/07. RESOLVED - A declaration of personal prejudicial interest was received from Councillor W.Waters.

P.&H. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS.**
100/07. RESOLVED - No questions had been received from Members of the Public in accordance with Standing Order 12.

P.&H. **POLICE.**
101/07. **Report.**
RESOLVED - That the Police Report be received.

P.&H. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**
102/07. 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. **Planning Decisions.**
103/07. Members had before them details of planning decisions made by Sedgfield Borough Council.

RESOLVED - That the information be received and noted.

P.&H.
104/07.

Planning Applications for Barratt Newcastle at Whitworth Park, Spennymoor

(Councillor W.Waters declared a Personal Interest in this item and left the meeting)

Reference was made to Minute P.&H.86/07 and Members gave consideration to letter dated 14th March 2008 from Spawforths.

Members expressed concern over the proportion of traffic expected to use Carr Lane and the proposed through road leading to Whitworth Lane which seemed to be an amendment to the original planning application.

RESOLVED - That Sedgefield Borough Council be advised of the Town Council's concern on the proposals for a through road in the proposed development.

(Councillor W.Waters returned to the meeting)

P.&H.
105/07.

FOOTPATHS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY.

Roman Way 'Footpath' – Tudhoe Village.

Members gave consideration to correspondence received from Miss G. Curnow on behalf of Tudhoe Residents Association and to give consideration to an associated site meeting for Tudhoe Ward Members.

RESOLVED - That the suggested site meeting be arranged as soon as possible with Ward Members and Durham County Council Rights of Way Officer

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7p.m.

Councillor Miss S.L.Armstrong
Chair

Spennymoor Town Council

Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the SERVICES AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Spennymoor on Tuesday 8th April, 2008 at 6.45p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor J.W.Smith (Chair)

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

Also in attendance M.S.Rowe (Finance Manager)
Mrs.B.Fryer (Principal Admin Officer) (Minutes Officer)

APOLOGIES: Councillors I.Harrington, G.Heslop and Mrs.J.L.Wood.

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

142/07. RESOLVED - A declaration of personal interest was received from Councillor W.Waters.

S.&A. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS.**

143/07. RESOLVED - No questions had been received from Members of the Public in accordance with Standing Order 12.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES.

S.&A. **Jubilee Park – Tree Survey.**

144/07. RESOLVED - That a survey of all the trees in Jubilee Park be carried out as soon as possible, with any necessary work being scheduled for the Autumn.

S.&A. **Trees in The Dene**

145/07. Members gave consideration to the report of the Project Manager.

RESOLVED - That the tree be removed subject to the agreement from Sedgefield Borough Council's Tree Preservation Officer.

S.&A. **Footpaths in The Dene**

146/07. RESOLVED - That the notification of works commencing on 23rd March 2008 be received and noted.

S.&A. **Oval Park - Trees.**

147/07. RESOLVED - That the report of the Project Manager be received and noted and no further action be taken.

S.&A. **South View, Spennymoor – Dangerous Tree.**

148/07. RESOLVED - That letter dated 18th March, 2008 from Aboricultural Officer, Durham County Council be received and noted.

S.&A.
149/07. **SPENNYMOOR SETTLEMENT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION.**
Members gave consideration to letter dated 29th February 2008 from the Secretary Marion Jackson asking if the Town Council would be interested in tendering for the "Creation of a Community Garden".

RESOLVED - That the organisation be informed that unfortunately, the Town Council is unable to tender for this work.

S.&A.
150/07. **SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH HOMES.**
(Councillor W.Waters declared a Personal Interest in this matter but remained in the meeting)

RESOLVED - That letter dated 20th February 2008 from Head of Housing Management be received and noted.

S.&A.
151/07. **POST OFFICE NETWORK.**
Reference was made to Minute S&A.18/07 and Members gave consideration the following correspondence:-

letter dated 5th March 2008 from BERR (Department for Business Enterprise & Regulatory Reform);
letter dated 7th March 2008 from the National Consultation Team
letter dated 14th March 2008 from the National Consultation Team
letter dated 20th March, 2008 from Durham County Council.

RESOLVED - That the correspondence be received with regret.

S.&A.
152/07. **APPRECIATION.**

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

S.&A.
153/07. **SPENNYMOOR CEMETERY.**
Creation of New Roadway.
Reference was made to Minute S.&A.116/07 and Members gave consideration to this matter and to the report of the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED - That the recommendation contained in the report be approved and implemented.

S.&A.
154/07. **TUDHOE CEMETERY.**
Memorial Seat.
Members gave consideration to letter received 28th March, 2008 from N.Weldon.

RESOLVED - That permission be granted for the erection of a Memorial Seat within the Cemetery and to notify N.Weldon of the cost of the Memorial Seat.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

S.&A. **Byers Green Village Hall.**

155/07.

Reference was made to Minute S.&A.136/07 and Members gave further consider this deferred matter.

RESOLVED - That a meeting be arranged with the Management to discuss possible costs and to look at alternative solutions.

S.&A. **TUDHOE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION.**

156/07.

Reference was made to Minute S.&A.140/07 and Members gave further consider this deferred matter.

RESOLVED - That this matter be deferred and a meeting be arranged with the Tudhoe Resident Association to identify their exact requirements

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

Councillor J.W.Smith
Chair