

Spennymoor Town Council

Minutes of the proceedings of a Meeting of SPENNYMOOR TOWN COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Spennymoor on Tuesday 22nd April, 2008 at 6.45p.m.

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

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

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

APOLOGIES: Councillor Mrs.C.Bainbridge, J.C.Culine, J.V.Graham, G. Heslop, C.Maddison and W.Waters.

97/07. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

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

98/07 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS.**

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

99/07. **MINUTES.**

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 25th March, 2008 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

100/07. **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.**

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on Tuesday 25th March, 2008 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

101/07. **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.**

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

- a) Thursday 27th March - Town Mayor visited Muriel & Ronald Robson of Front Street, Tudhoe on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary;
- b) Friday 28th March - Town Mayor visited Joyce & Colin Laidler of Belle Vue Villas on their Golden Wedding Anniversary;
- c) Friday 28th March - Town Mayor visited Billy & Ethel Conlon of Wood Vue on their Golden Wedding Anniversary;
- d) Friday 28th March - Town Mayor attended City of Durham Civic Dinner held in Durham Castle;
- e) Saturday 29th March - Town Mayor attended Easington DC Charity Evening;

- f) Thursday 3rd April - Town Mayor visited Tom & Faith Henry of Hallgarth, Kirk Merrington on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary;
- g) Friday 4th April - Town Mayor accompanied the Northumbria in Bloom Judges on the Spring Judging for the Town entry;
- h) Friday 4th April - Town Mayor attended Sedgefield Borough Council Civic Ball;
- i) Tuesday 8th April - Town Mayor attended Seaham Town Council Charity Night;
- j) Thursday 10th April - Town Mayor accompanied the Northumbria in Bloom Judges on the Spring Judging for the Villages entries;
- k) Saturday 12th April - Town Mayor attended Sedgefield Borough Council Mayor's Charity Evening;
- l) Sunday 13th April Town Mayor attended Wear Valley DC Civic Service;
- m) Monday 14th April - Town Mayor addressed a meeting of the Expert Patient Support Group;
- n) Wednesday 16th April - Town Mayor attended Wear Valley District Council Charity Concert;
- o) Thursday 17th April - Town Mayor attended Spennymoor Stage and Song's production of ANNIE;

102/07.

COMMITTEE MINUTES.

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

Allotments 1st April, 2008

Finance and General 1st April, 2008

Purposes

Subject to the declaration of interests made by Councillor Mrs.E.Maddison (personal) in relation to Minute F.&G.P.249/07 and Councillor K.Thompson (prejudicial) in relation to Minute F.&G.P.251/07 being added.

Planning and Highways 8th April, 2008

Services and Amenities 8th April, 2008

103/07

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW

Protection of Historic Traditions and Ceremonial Arrangements

Consideration was given to the report of the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED – That the Town Council apply for the transfer and retention of the Charter Rights currently vested upon Sedgefield Borough Council.

There being no further business the Town Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7p.m.

**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 6th May, 2008 at 6.45p.m.

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

Councillors J.C.Culine, J.V.Graham, I.Harrington, M.T.B.Jones, Mrs.E.Maddison, J.M.Marr, J.Parkin, J.E.Plews, F.E.Ryder, F.Walker, Mrs.E.M.Wood and Mrs.J.L.Wood.

Also in attendance Mrs.P.Wilson (Town Clerk)
M.S.Rowe (Finance Manager)
Miss E.V.Russell (Admin Assistant) (Minutes Officer)

In Attendance

N.Freeman
K. Ainsley
C. Johnson

Representing

Spennymoor Allotment Assoc.
Spennymoor Allotment Assoc.
Green Lane Allotment Assoc.

Mr and Mrs Darkes
Mr and Mrs Waugh

Greenways Residents Assoc.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs.C.Bainbridge (Chair), Miss T.Graham, G.Heslop, C.Maddison, K.Thompson and W.Waters.

A.91/07. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

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

A.92/07. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS.**

A public question was received from Mr and Mrs Waugh, as follows:-

'We understand that the only allotment boundary which has installed open link chain fencing approximately 1 metre high and under the care of Spennymoor Town Council is at South View Allotment site, Kirk Merrington. So why was this type of fencing erected to replace the original thick hedge screening on the South View allotment boundary which is facing the frontage and is in close proximity to the properties 33 – 39 Merrington Close'.

Mr and Mrs Waugh were in attendance to address Members and a reply from the Project Manager was read out.

RESOLVED -

- i) That a site visit be arranged to look at the above issue;
- ii) That Standing Orders be waived.

KIRK MERRINGTON ALLOTMENTS.

A.93/07.

South View Estate - Boundary Fence.

Members considered the results of the public consultation in respect of the above.

RESOLVED - That a site visit be arranged to look at the above issue.

DURHAM ROAD ALLOTMENTS.

A.94/07.

Rules.

Reference was made to Minute A.85/07 and Members considered this deferred matter.

RESOLVED -

- i) That this item be deferred and reconsidered when/if the site applies for self management;
- ii) That the rules be consistent amongst all sites.

A.95/07.

Boundary Fence.

Reference was made to Minute A.86/07 and Members considered this deferred matter.

RESOLVED - That this item be deferred pending further information.

SPENNYMOOR ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION.

A.96/07.

Stewards.

Reference was made to Minute A.80/07 and Members considered this deferred matter.

RESOLVED -

- i) That this item be deferred;
- ii) That a meeting be arranged with the Allotment Association to try to resolve this issue;
- iii) That the meeting be an open invitation to all Members.

A.97/07.

Minutes of Meeting.

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd April, 2008 be received.

A.98/07. **GREEN LANE ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION**

Members considered letter dated 2nd April, 2008 from C.Johnson, Secretary.

- RESOLVED -
- i) That it be noted that the accusations contained within the letter were incorrect;
 - ii) That a letter be sent to C. Johnson explaining this issue.

ALLOTMENTS.

A.99/07. **Windsor Avenue Allotments – Erection of hen shed.**

Members considered the application from Mr T.Greenwood and Mr.A.Pilmoor for the erection of a Hen Shed 16ft x 8ft on Allotment No.9.

The Association had concerns over this application and asked for this to be investigated.

- RESOLVED - That the Project Manager be asked to investigate this issue.

A.100/07. **Albion Street Middlestone Moor Allotments – Erection of Flower House.**

Members considered the application from Mr.P.Kelly for the erection of a Flower House 18ft x 12ft on Allotment No.3.

The Association had 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.101/07. **Durham Road Allotments – Erection of Greenhouse.**
Members considered the application from Mr. E.Lee for the erection of a Greenhouse 8ft x 6ft on Allotment No. 20.

The Association had 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.102/07. **SOUTH VIEW ALLOTMENTS, KIRK MERRINGTON.**
Members considered the report dated 2nd April, 2008 from the Project Manager regarding complaints from allotment holders.

RESOLVED - That a site visit be arranged to take place at the same time as the site visit for Merrington Close.

A.103/07. **APSE (Association for Public Service Excellence) Local Authority Allotment Provision.**

RESOLVED - To receive and note the briefing from the above.

A.104/07. **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.105/07. **CLYDE TERRACE ALLOTMENTS. Request to purchase Garage Sites.**

Reference was made to Minute A.89/07 and Members considered this deferred matter.

- RESOLVED -
- i) To continue with the proceedings previously agreed;
 - ii) That no further action be taken in respect of selling the garages until the eviction is complete.

A.106/07. **GREEN LANE ALLOTMENTS**

Reference was made to Minute A.90/07 and Members considered this deferred matter.

- RESOLVED -
- i) That a letter be sent to all Stewards explaining the need for allotment holders vacating allotments to leave them in a clean and tidy state;
 - ii) That a letter be sent to C. Johnson, Secretary asking for the old tenants contact details for that particular allotment.

A.107/07. **CLEARANCE OF ALLOTMENT SITES FOR NEW TENANTS.**

Members considered this deferred matter.

- RESOLVED -
- i) That all names on the list be given assistance with the clearance of their allotments;
 - ii) That any further requests be judged solely on their merit.

MIDDLESTONE MOOR ALLOTMENTS.

A.108/07. **Albion Street Estate**

Members considered the report of the site meeting.

- RESOLVED - To move receipt of the report.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.45p.m.

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 6th May, 2008 on the rising of the Allotments Committee.

PRESENT: Councillor J.Parkin (Chair) and

Councillors J.C.Culine, J.V.Graham, I.Harrington, M.T.B.Jones, Mrs.E.Maddison, J.M.Marr, J.E.Plews (Vice-Chair), F.E.Ryder, G.Tolley, F.Walker, Mrs.E.M.Wood and Mrs.J.L.Wood.

Also in attendance Mrs.P.Wilson (Town Clerk)
M.S.Rowe (Finance Manager)
Miss E.V.Russell (Admin Assistant) (Minutes Officer)

Mr and Mrs Darkes Greenways Residents Assoc.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs.C.Bainbridge, Miss T.Graham, G.Heslop, C.Maddison, K.Thompson and W.Waters.

F.&G.P. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**
270/07. RESOLVED - A Declaration of Interest was received from Councillor Mrs.E.Maddison.

F.&G.P. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS.**
271/07. RESOLVED - No questions had been received from Members of the Public in accordance with Standing Order 12.

F.&G.P. **CREATION OF YOUTH COUNCIL.**
272/07. RESOLVED - This item was withdrawn from the agenda and transferred to the next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

F.&G.P. **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.**
273/07. **Bishop Auckland Schools Football Association.**
Reference was made to Minute F.&G.P.220/07 and Members considered to this deferred matter.

RESOLVED - That a grant of £250 be made in accordance with S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

F.&G.P.
274/07.

St John's Church, Kirk Merrington.

Reference was made to Minute F.&G.P.221/07 and Members considered further details received in connection with this matter.

- RESOLVED -
- i) That a grant of £1500 be made in accordance with S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972;
 - ii) That the Church be given the option of reapplying for funding if they have difficulties raising the additional funds.

F.&G.P.
275/07.

Ox Close School – Community Garden.

(Councillor Mrs.E.Maddison declared a personal interest in this item and remained in the meeting).

Reference was made to Minute F.&G.P.249/07 and Members considered this deferred matter.

- RESOLVED -
- i) That a grant of £1461.00 be made in accordance with S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972;
 - ii) That the offer be subject to the school obtaining a successful LIP grant application.

F.&G.P.
276/07.

Kirk Merrington Pre-school.

Reference was made to Minute F.&G.P.251/07 and Members considered this deferred matter.

RESOLVED - That no extra provision be granted.

F.&G.P.
277/07.

St John Ambulance.

Members considered letter dated 24th March, 2008 requesting reimbursement of the £15.00 Town Hall hire fee in relation to the use of the Committee Room on Monday 10th March, 2008.

RESOLVED - To reimburse the hire fee of £15.00 in accordance with S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

F.&G.P.
278/07.

County Durham Society for the Blind and Partially Sighted.

Members considered letter dated 7th April 2008 from the above.

RESOLVED - That a grant of £750 be made in accordance with S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

F.&G.P. **Step Together Centre.**
279/07. Members considered letter dated 11th April 2008 from the above.

RESOLVED - To reimburse the hire fee of £52.00 in accordance with S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

F.&G.P. **Tudhoe Young Peoples Club.**
280/07. Members considered letter dated 15th April, 2008 from Judith Kenny, Treasurer of the above.

RESOLVED - That a grant of £500 be made in accordance with S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

F.&G.P. **Open Spaces Society – Green Alert.**
281/07. Members considered letter dated April 2008 from the above.

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

F.&G.P. **Prince Bishop Community Broadcasting Ltd.**
282/07. Members considered letter dated 19th April 2008 together with the completed S.137 Form.

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

CONFERENCES AND COURSES.

F.&G.P. **Fields in Trust – Annual General Meeting 2008.**
283/07. Members considered letter dated 18th April 2008 in connection with the above to be held on 18th June 2008.

RESOLVED - That the Town Council not be represented at the Annual General Meeting 2008.

COUNTY DURHAM AND CLEVELAND COUNTY TRAINING PARTNERSHIP.

F.&G.P. **Administration.**
284/07. Members considered email dated 18th April 2008 together with Newsletter from S.Ragg

RESOLVED - That the email and newsletter be received and the contents noted.

F.&G.P. **Chairmanship Training.**
285/07. Members considered email dated 23rd April 2008 in connection with Training Sessions.

RESOLVED - That any Member wishing to attend, contact the Office to make the necessary arrangements.

F.&G.P.
286/07.

PRIMARY STRATEGY FOR CHANGE.

Members considered letter dated 28th March 2008 from G.Plews, Senior School Places Officer, Durham County Council.

- RESOLVED -
- i) That the contents of the letter be received and noted;
 - ii) That Members complete the necessary consultation form, if they wish to comment.

F.&G.P.
287/07.

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE.

Constitution.

Members considered the report of the Town Clerk together with Terms of Reference.

It was moved that the name be changed to a Working Party. Councillor Mrs.E.Maddison requested a named and recorded vote in respect of this change.

All those in favour of accepting the revised name:-

Councillors J.C.Culine, J.V.Graham, I.Harrington, J.M.Marr, J.Parkin (Chair) J.E.Plews (Vice-Chair), F.E.Ryder, G.Tolley, F.Walker, and Mrs.J.L.Wood.

All those against the change of name:-

Councillors M.T.B.Jones, Mrs.E.Maddison and Mrs.E.M.Wood.

- RESOLVED -
- i) That the amended name change be approved;
 - ii) That the recommendations of the Town Clerk be implemented.

F.&G.P.
288/07.

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 3rd April 2008.

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd April, 2008 be received.

F.&G.P.
289/07.

NALC.

Report of the Chief Executive – Development of the Sector.

Members considered the communication dated 1st April, 2008.

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

F.&G.P.
290/07.

The Local Column.

RESOLVED - To receive Issue 34 of the above.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW.

F.&G.P.
291/07.

Launch Event.

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

F.&G.P.
292/07.

Update

Members considered letter dated 24th April, 2008 from Durham County Council.

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

F.&G.P.
293/07.

DURHAM COUNTY LARGER LOCAL COUNCILS.

Members considered the further details of the latest situation regarding Local Government Review.

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

COUNTY DURHAM AND DARLINGTON NHS.

F.&G.P.
294/07.

Seizing the Future – Event Invite.

Members considered letter dated 11th April 2008 from the above.

RESOLVED - That any Member wishing to attend, contact the Office to make the necessary arrangements.

F.&G.P.
295/07.

PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP.

Members considered the report of the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED - That the successful efforts of the two Officers be commended.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

F.&G.P.
296/07.

Paid Accounts.

RESOLVED - To confirm the payment of accounts in the sum of £11,840.90 authorised for payment, payments by BACS in the sum of £32,416.23 for April and reimbursement of the Imprest Account in the sum of £22,656.45 for April.

F.&G.P.
297/07.

Accounts to Authorise.

RESOLVED - To authorise the payment of accounts in the sum of £76,558.74 for April.

F.&G.P.
298/07. **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.
299/07. **TOWN HALL CATERING CONTRACT.**
Reference was made to Minute F.&G.P.245/07 and Members considered letter dated 10th April 2008 from Mitchells Grieveson Chartered Accountants.

RESOLVED - That the previous decision of F.&G.P. 245/07 be reaffirmed – ‘That G.Smith be reimbursed for the services of his accountant(one hour) for the inquorate meeting on Tuesday 26th February, 2008.

F.&G.P.
300/07. **BUDGET CONTROL.**
RESOLVED - That the Budget Control Reports showing information up to 31st March, 2008 be received and noted.

F.&G.P.
301/07. **TOWN HALL BAR.**
RESOLVED - That the report on Monthly Profit and Loss be received and noted.

F.&G.P.
302/07. **SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL.**
Community Appraisals – Walkabout and Launch Workshop.
Members considered the report of the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED - That the recommendations of the Town Clerk be implemented.

F.&G.P.
303/07. **EVENING OF ACHIEVEMENT.**
Members considered the report of the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED - That an informal presentation evening be arranged to acknowledge staff achievements, either in July or September.

F.&G.P.
304/07.

ANNUAL REPORT AND CORPORATE PLAN.

Members considered the report of the Town Clerk.

- RESOLVED -
- i) That the recommendations of the Town Clerk be implemented;
 - ii) That Members submit their views and comments for inclusion on their preferred matters.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8 .45 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 13th May, 2008 at 6.45p.m.

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

Councillors 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 (Vice-Chair), J.W.Smith, K.Thompson, F.Walker and W.Waters.

Also in attendance Mrs.P.Wilson (Town Clerk)
M.S.Rowe (Finance Manager)
Miss E.V.Russell (Admin Assistant) (Minutes Officer)

Inspector B.Bentham – Spennymoor Police.
Sgt M. Hall – Spennymoor Police.
3 Members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs.C.Bainbridge, J.C.Culine, G.Heslop, Mrs.C.Sproat, G.Tolley, Mrs.E.M.Wood and Mrs.J.L.Wood.

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

106/07. RESOLVED - Declarations of Interest were received from Councillors Mrs.E.Maddison, K.Thompson and W.Waters.

P.&H. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS.**

107/07. RESOLVED - No questions had been received from Members of the Public in accordance with Standing Order 12.

POLICE.

P.&H. **Report.**

108/07. Inspector B.Bentham and Sgt M. Hall addressed Members and presented the Police report via PowerPoint Presentation.

RESOLVED -

- i) That the Police Report be received;
- ii) That the Town Council send a message of appreciation to the Police for their efforts in securing such a significant reduction in crime.

P.&H.
109/07.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

Members had before them the schedule of planning applications received 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.
110/07.

Lidl.

(Councillors Mrs.E.Maddison, K.Thompson and W.Waters declared a personal interest in this item but remained in the meeting).

RESOLVED - That the letter dated 19th March, 2008 from Lidl UK. Be received and noted.

P.&H.
111/07.

Land adjacent to 76 Attwood Terrace, Spennymoor.

RESOLVED - That notification of the approval be noted.

NAMING AND NUMBERING.

P.&H.
112/07.

Erection of dwelling land adjacent to 1 Gerard Street, Spennymoor.

RESOLVED - To receive and note the contents of letter confirming the official address given to the above as Gerard House, 1A Gerard Street, Spennymoor.

BUS SHELTERS

P.&H.
113/07.

Attwood Terrace, Tudhoe

Reference was made to Minute P.&H.88/07 and Members are requested to consider email dated 25th April 2008 from Heidi Fisher of 76 Attwood Terrace, Tudhoe and to note the contents of the reply sent by the Town Clerk on the 25th April, 2008.

RESOLVED - That this item be deferred pending receipt of the information requested from Miss H.Fisher via email on 25th April, 2008.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.30p.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 13th May, 2008 at 6.45p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor J.W.Smith (Chair)

Councillors Miss S.L.Armstrong, 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, K.Thompson, F.Walker and W.Waters.

Also in attendance Mrs.P.Wilson (Town Clerk)
M.S.Rowe (Finance Manager)
Miss E.V.Russell (Admin Assistant) (Minutes Officer)

3 Members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs.C.Bainbridge, J.C.Culine (Vice-Chair), G.Heslop, Mrs.C.Sproat, G.Tolley, Mrs.E.M.Wood and Mrs.J.L.Wood.

S.&A. 157/07. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

RESOLVED - A Declaration of Interest was received from Councillor J.W.Smith.

S.&A. 158/07. PUBLIC QUESTIONS.

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

CEMETERIES AND CLOSED CHURCHYARDS.

S.&A. 159/07. Spennymoor Cemetery.

Members gave consideration to letter received 7th April, 2008 from P. Skinner, requesting a memorial seat within the Cemetery.

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

S.&A. 160/07. Tudhoe Cemetery.

Members gave consideration to letter received 8th April, 2008 from Ms.L.Milner, requested a memorial seat within the Cemetery.

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

S.&A.
161/07. **Tudhoe Cemetery.**
Members gave consideration to letter dated 10th April 2008 from Mrs. B.Hall.

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

S.&A.
162/07. **APPRECIATION.**
RESOLVED -

That the following correspondence be received and the contents noted:-

letter dated 21st April 2008 – The Rotary Club of Spennymoor.

letter dated 27th April, 2008 – Mr. & Mrs.Page.
email dated 28th April, 2008 – Pearl and Peter Grieves.

S.&A.
163/07. **TUDHOE COMMUNITY CENTRE.**
Footpath and Lighting Columns.

Reference was made to Minute S.&A.125/07 and Members gave consideration to the Town Clerk's Report on the developments in connection with this matter.

RESOLVED - i) That Standing Orders be waived;
ii) To agree to the upgrade of the footpath and the introduction of the lighting columns.

S.&A.
164/07. **TUDHOE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION.**
(Councillor J.W.Smith declared a personal interest in this item but remained in the meeting).

Reference was made to Minutes S.&A. 140 & 156/07 and Members gave consideration to the report of the site meeting held on Thursday 17th April 2008 and the information supplied by the Residents Association.

RESOLVED - That this item be deferred.

S.&A.
165/07. **POST OFFICE NETWORK**
Reference was made to Minute S.&A.18/07 and Members gave consideration to letter dated 15th April 2008 from Post Office Ltd.

RESOLVED - To receive and note the contents of letter.

NORTHUMBRIA IN BLOOM.

S.&A,
166/07.

Working Party.

Reference was made to Minute S.&A.82/07 and it was

RESOLVED - To receive and note the minutes of the meetings held on 2nd April 2008 and 18th April 2008.

S.&A. .
167/07.

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP.

RESOLVED - To receive the report of the Working Group held on 31st March 2008.

S.&A.
168/07.

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH HOMES.

RESOLVED - To receive and note the contents of letter dated 16th April 2008 from Ian Brown Head of Housing Management, Sedgefield Borough Council.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES.

S.&A.
169/07.

The Dene, Spennymoor.

Members gave consideration to the photographs from Don Gordon, in connection with the replacement of signage within the Dene and the vandalism of newly planted trees.

RESOLVED - To agree to the replacement signage and trees.

S.&A.
170/07.

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.

TOWN HALL.

S.&A.
171/07.

Bar Prices.

Members gave consideration to the report of the Finance Manager.

RESOLVED - To agree to the three recommendations outlined in the report.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.19 p.m.

Councillor J.W.Smith
Chair