

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 June, 2006 at 6.45p.m.

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

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

Also in attendance G. Nicklin (Principal Finance Officer)
Miss E.V.Russell (Admin Assistant)

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs.C.Bainbridge, Mrs.S.A.Fleetham, J.V.Graham, Mrs.C.Kennedy and Mrs.E.Summerson.

17/06. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

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

18/06. **MINUTES.**

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 23rd May, 2006 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

19/06. **ANNUAL MEETING.**

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 23rd May, 2006 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

20/06. **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.**

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

- a) Thursday 25th May - Town Mayor attended the Inauguration of the Chairman of Hartlepool Borough Council;
- b) Friday 26th May - Deputy Mayor attended the Official Opening of South Durham Gymnastics Centre at Spennymoor Leisure Centre;
- c) Saturday 27th May -Town Mayor attended the Spennymoor Craft Festival;
- d) Saturday 10th June - Town Mayor attended Spennymoor Town Band's Concert;
- e) Thursday 15th June - Town Mayor attended Official Opening of the Tudhoe Moor Nursery and Children's Centre, Sure Start County Durham;

- f) Thursday 15th June - Town Mayor visited Alexander and Elizabeth Hodgson on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary;
- g) Thursday 15th June - Town Mayor presented Trophies at the Annual Town Council Netball Tournament held at Ox Close Primary School;
- h) Friday 16th June - Town Mayor attended Wear Valley District Council Charity Concert;
- i) Sunday 18th June - Town Mayor attended Annual Rededication and County Review of St. John Ambulance held in Durham Cathedral;
- j) Wed 21st June - Town Mayor attended Wear Valley District Council Out and About in Wear Valley;
- k) Thurs 22nd June - Town Mayor attended Sedgfield Borough Councils Civic Charity Evening;
- l) Saturday 24th June - MAYOR'S AT HOME (£ 483 raised inc. donations);
- m) Saturday 24th June - Deputy Mayor attended St John Ambulance 90th Celebration evening;
- n) Saturday 24th June - Town Mayor attended Seaham Town Council's 'Night at the Opera';
- o) Sunday 25th June - Town Mayor attended Northumbrian in Bloom Children's Painting Competition at Gateshead Civic Centre
- p) Sunday 25th June - Town Mayor attended Peterlee Town Councils Civic Service;

21/06.

COMMITTEE MINUTES.

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

Special Finance and General Purposes	31 st May, 2006
Allotments	6 th June, 2006
Finance and General Purposes	6 th June, 2006
Planning and Highways	13 th June, 2006
Services and Amenities	13 th June, 2006

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

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

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

Also in attendance G. Nicklin (Principal Finance Officer)
Miss E.V.Russell (Admin Assistant)

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs.C.Bainbridge, Mrs.S.A.Fleetham, J.V.Graham, Mrs.C.Kennedy and Mrs.E.Summerson.

22/06. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

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

23/06. **BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN.**

To consider and approve the Best Value Performance Plan.

RESOLVED - To agree to the production of the Best Value Performance Plan subject to the necessary amendments.

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

**Councillor Mrs. S.I.Plews
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 4th July, 2006 at 6.45p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor G.Tolley (Chair) and

Councillors Mrs.S.A.Fleetham, I.Harrington, M.T.B.Jones, Mrs.C.Kennedy, Mrs.E.Maddison, J.M.Marr, Mrs.S.I.Plews, Mrs.C.Sproat, F.Walker, and Mrs.J.L.Wood.

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors Miss S.L.Armstrong, Mrs.C.Bainbridge (Vice-Chair), J.C.Culine, J.V.Graham, J.Parkin, J.W.Smith, Mrs.M.Smith, Mrs.E.Summerson, W.Waters, P.Welsh.

A.13/06. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

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

A.14/06. **WINDSOR AVENUE ALLOTMENTS**

Consideration was given to the application from Mr.M.Rochford of 63 Clyde Terrace, for an 8'x6' aluminium greenhouse on allotment No.9 on the above Estate.

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.15/06. **SOUTH VIEW ALLOTMENTS**

Consideration was given to the email received from Sedgefield Borough Council in connection with fires on allotments. The Chair reported that he had spoken to allotment holders on the site.

RESOLVED - That the email and the report of the Chair be received.

A.16/06. **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.17/06. **BYERS GREEN ALLOTMENTS.**
Reference was made to Minute A.6/06 further consideration was given to this matter. The Town Clerk gave a verbal report and a copy of the lease was provided for Member's information.

RESOLVED - That the Town Clerk's report be received and no further action be taken on this matter

A.18/06 **CHAIR's COMMUNICATIONS**
Chair of Committee thanked Members for their support and assistance. in the preliminary judging of the Best Kept Allotment Competition

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

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 4th July, 2006 on the rising of the Allotments Committee.

PRESENT: Councillor I.Harrington (Chair) and

Councillors Mrs.S.A.Fleetham, M.T.B.Jones, Mrs.C.Kennedy, Mrs.E.Maddison, J.M.Marr, J.Parkin (Vice-Chair), Mrs.S.I.Plews, Mrs.C.Sproat, G.Tolley, F.Walker, and Mrs.J.L.Wood.

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors Miss S.L.Armstrong, Mrs.C.Bainbridge, J.C.Culine, J.V.Graham, J.W.Smith, Mrs.M.Smith, Mrs.E.Summerson, W.Waters and P.Welsh.

F.&G.P. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**
27/06. RESOLVED - Declaration of personal interests were received from Councillors Mrs.S.A.Fleetham, I.Harrington, Mrs.S.I.Plews, G.Tolley and F.Walker.

F.&G.P. **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.**
28/06. **Marie Curie Cancer Care.**
Reference was made to Minute F.&G.P.276/05 and it was

RESOLVED – That the letter of appreciation be received.

F.&G.P. **Spennymoor Gala and Aged Persons Treat Fund Committee.**
29/06. Reference was made to Minute F.&G.P.14/06 and it was

RESOLVED – That the letter of appreciation be received.

F.&G.P. **St.Peter's Church, Byers Green.**
30/06. Consideration was given to the Project Manager's Report together with costs.

RESOLVED – That a grant of £500 be made towards the cost of the work outlined, in accordance with S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

F.&G.P.
31/06.

Spennymoor and District Catholic Club – Annual Open Produce Show.

(Councillors G.Tolley and F.Walker declared personal interests in this matter and left the meeting)

Consideration was given to letter dated 31st May, 2006 from G.Livett, Secretary/Treasurer of the above.

- RESOLVED -
- i) That a grant of £300 be made in accordance with S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972; and
 - ii) That the organisers be asked to return the “Wilf Cave” Trophy if the show ceases.

F.&G.P.
32/06.

Spennymoor Youth Band.

(Councillors Mrs.S.A.Fleetham and Mrs.S.I.Plews declared personal interests in this matter and left the meeting)

Consideration was given to the S.137 application submitted by the above.

RESOLVED - That a consideration of this item be deferred pending receipt of further information.

F.&G.P.
33/06.

Middlestone Moor Action Reform Group.

Consideration was given to the S.137 application submitted by the above.

RESOLVED - That a consideration of this item be deferred pending receipt of further information

F.&G.P.
34/06.

Grants for Senior Citizens.

Consideration was given to the report of the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED - That the report be received and implemented.

F.&G.P.
35/06.

Grants for Pre-schools.

Consideration was given to the report of the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED - That the report be received and implemented.

F.&G.P.
36/06.

Northern Academy of Martial Arts.

Consideration was given to letter received 14th June, 2006 from the above.

RESOLVED - That a grant of £100 be made in accordance with S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 and Standing Orders be waived to allow the payment to be made immediately.

F.&.G.P.
37/06. **Leisure Services Children's Safety Carousel 2006.**
Consideration was given to letter dated 16th June, 2006 from C. Stephens, Assistant Youth Development Officer, Sedgefield Borough Council.

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

F.&.G.P.
38/06. **Chikara Dojo of Kyokushin Karate**
(Councillor I.Harrington declared a personal interest in this matter and left the meeting)
Consideration was given to the S.137 application submitted by the above.

RESOLVED - That a consideration of this item be deferred pending receipt of further information.

F.&.G.P.
39/06. **Spennymoor Town Ladies Football Club.**
Consideration was given to letter dated 20th June, 2006 from the above.

RESOLVED - That a consideration of this item be deferred pending clarification of the current situation.

F.&.G.P.
40/06. **KIRK MERRINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL.**
Governing Body.
Consideration was given to letter dated 18th May, 2006 from Durham County Council.

RESOLVED - That Councillor Mrs.C.Bainbridge be appointed School Governor for the above.

F.&.G.P.
41/06. **CCTV.**
Provision of a CCTV Camera in the Vicinity of Lothian House.
Consideration was given to letters from St.Paul's Residents Association; Sedgefield Borough Council and Police in connection with this matter.

RESOLVED - That the correspondence be received.

F.&.G.P.
42/06 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.**
Paid Accounts.
RESOLVED - That payment of accounts in the sum of £14,549.04 authorised by the Chair of Committee and reimbursement of the Imprest Account in the sum of £59,115.85 for June be approved.

F.&G.P.
43/06. **Accounts to Authorise.**
RESOLVED - i) To authorise the payment of accounts in the sum of £15,910.57 for June;

ii) That Standing Orders be waived in order that payment can be made immediately.

F.&G.P.
44/06. **Supplier Payments.**
Consideration was given to report of the Principal Finance Officer.

RESOLVED - i) That the report be received and implemented; and

ii) That further consideration be given to the payment of utility invoices by Standing Orders/Direct Debit.

F.&G.P.
45/06. **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.

F.&G.P.
46/06. **BUDGET REPORTS.**
RESOLVED - To receive the Budget Reports for May, 2006 showing year to date Financial Information.

F.&G.P.
47/06. **CHAIR'S COMMENTS**
Chair of Committee wished Members a relaxing and pleasant break during recess.

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

Councillor I.Harrington
Chair

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Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Spennymoor on Tuesday 11th July, 2006 at 6.45p.m.

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

Councillors Mrs. C. Bainbridge, R.Campion, 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, J.W.Smith, G.Tolley and F.Walker.

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors J.C.Culine, Mrs.C.Kennedy (Vice-Chair), Mrs.C.Sproat, Mrs.E.Summerson, W.Waters, P. Welsh and Mrs.J.L.Wood.

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

9/06. RESOLVED - Declaration of prejudicial interest was received from Councillor M.T.B.Jones

P.&.H. **POLICE REPORT**

10/06. Councillor Miss S.L.Armstrong read out the Police Report that had been left for Members.

RESOLVED -

- i) That the Police Report be received with regret that it had not been given personally; and
- ii) That the Police be informed that the Town Council is not responsible for the Annual Gala which is run by Spennymoor Gala Committee.

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

11/06. *(Councillor M.T.B.Jones declared a prejudicial interest in items 4(a, b, c and d, on the previously circulated agenda 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. **PLANNING DECISIONS.**

12/06. Members had before them details of planning decisions made by Sedgfield Borough Council.

RESOLVED - That the information be received and noted.

P.&H.
13/06. **Local Development Framework – Residential Extensions
Supplementary Planning Document.**
RESOLVED - That the contents of letter dated 8th June, 2006
from C. Myers, Sedgefield Borough Council be
received and noted.

P.&H.
14/06. **7/2006/0407/DM –Residential Development (outline application)
Land North East of High Street Byers Green.**
Consideration was given to the above application, especially the
planned entrance proposals.

RESOLVED - That clarification be requested from the Planning
Authority on the question of removal of hedgerows
and encroachment onto land leased to the Town
Council by the Church Commissioners.

NAMING AND NUMBERING
P.&H.
15/06. **Erection of 233 Dwellings at Whitworth Park, Spennymoor**
RESOLVED - That the contents of letter dated 31st May 2006
from Sedgefield Borough Council be received and
noted.

FOOTPATHS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY
P.&H.
16/06. **County Durham Rights of Way Improvement Plan**
Consideration was given to letter received 5th June, 2006 from Durham
County Council.

RESOLVED -
i) That the contents of the letter be received
and noted;

iii) That Members respond individually to the
survey; and

iv) That a copy of the survey carried out by the
Ramblers Association in 1996 be sent to the
County Council.

P.&H.
17/06. **Works to Footpath at Hallgarth, Kirk Merrington.**
RESOLVED - That the contents letter dated 9th June, 2006 from
Durham County Council be received and noted.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.
P.&H.
18/06. **Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Section 247
Stopping up of Hartley Terrace, Spennymoor,**
Consideration was given to letter dated 8th June, 2006 from the
Government Office for the North East.

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

P.&H.
19/06.

**BUS SHELTERS.
Performance Indicators.**

To discuss this issue for the following year's Best Value Performance Plan.

Considerable discussed ensued on this matter and it was

RESOLVED - That the Town Clerk submit a report to the September meeting on the condition of all bus shelters.

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

Councillor Miss S.L.Armstrong
Chair

Spennymoor Town Council

Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the SERVICES AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE on Tuesday, 11th July, 2006 on the rising of the Planning and Highways Committee.

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

Councillors Miss S.L.Armstrong, Mrs. C. Bainbridge, R.Campion, Mrs.S.A.Fleetham, J.V.Graham, I.Harrington, M.T.B.Jones, Mrs.E.Maddison, J.Parkin, Mrs.S.I.Plews, J.M.Marr, G.Tolley and F.Walker

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors J.C.Culine (Chair), Mrs.C.Kennedy, Mrs.C.Sproat, Mrs.E.Summerson, W. Waters, P. Welsh and Mrs.J.L.Wood.

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

12/06. RESOLVED - No personal or prejudicial interest was made by any Member.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES.

S.&.A. **Jubilee Park – Fun Day.**

13/06. Consideration was given to letters 16th June and 5th July, 2006 from Greenways Residents Association.

RESOLVED - That the organisation be advised of the following:-

- a) that they should not interfere with any of the Town Council's services in Jubilee Park;
- b) that as a Public Park no restriction can be made;
- c) that the Town Council donate two plaques as prizes;
- d) that the organisation be advised that they should obtain Public Liability Insurance for the event.

CEMETERIES AND CLOSED CHURCHYARDS.

S.&.A. **Tudhoe Cemetery – Memorial Seat.**

14/06. Consideration was given to letter dated 5th June, 2006 from F. Curry requesting a Memorial Seat within the Cemetery.

RESOLVED - To agree to the request contained in the letter to erect a Memorial Seat within the Cemetery and to notify F. Curry of the cost of the Memorial Seat.

S.&A.
15/06

NORTHUMBRIA IN BLOOM COMPETITION.

Reference was made to Minute S.&A.7/06 and further consideration was given to this deferred matter and to the report of the Project Manager.

Considerable discussed ensued on this matter and it was

- RESOLVED -
- i) That entries for 2007 be made separately for Spennymoor Town; Byers Green, Kirk Merrington and Tudhoe.
 - ii) That organisations from the four areas be requested to appoint representatives to attend meetings to promote the Competition;
 - iii) That details of the Competition be included in the appropriate Newsletter Edition.

FOOTBALL FIELDS.

S.&A.
16/06.

Licence – Former Middlestone Moor Primary School Playing Field.

Consideration was given to letter dated 7th June, 2006 from G. Alexander, Reference, Durham County Council.

- RESOLVED - That the Licence in respect of the playing field be renewed.

S.&A.
17/06.

MIDDLESTONE MOOR ACTION REFORM GROUP

Reference was made to Minute S.&A.134/05 and it was

- RESOLVED - That the contents of letter dated 3rd July, 2006 from R.Stewart, Chairman of M.A.R.G. be received and noted.

S.&A.
18/06.

APPRECIATION.

- RESOLVED - To receive the following letters of appreciation:-
M. Richardson, 3rd March 2006;
C & J Sapsed, 1st June 2006;
Mr & Mrs Gibson, 6th June 2006;
Anne & John Griffiths (Whitworth Lodge), 7th June 2006;
L. Clapham (SBC), 28th June, 2006.

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

Councillor J.W.Smith
Vice -Chair

SPENNYMOOR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Office Relocation Sub-Committee held on Tuesday 11th July, 2006 following Committee Meetings held in the Committee Room Chamber, Town Hall, Spennymoor

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

Councillors J.V.Graham, I.Harrington, J.M.Marr. J.Parkin, Mrs.C.Sproat and F.Walker

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

APOLOGIES: Councillor W.Waters

38 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

No personal or prejudicial interest was made by any Member.

39 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the meeting held on 18th January, 2006 be confirmed as a true record.

40 **MATTERS ARISING.**

Air Conditioning

The Town Clerk and Principal Finance Officer outlined the details of meeting with Jeremy Kendal of HLB which had been arranged to discuss associated problems with the Air Conditioning.

Several items of correspondence had been received following this meeting.

RESOLVED – That the matter be left with the Town Clerk who would submit a report to the next meeting.

41 **FIRST FLOOR OFFICES.**

The Town Clerk reported that she had not obtained 3 quotations, of the Companies written to the Borough Council was the only one that had submitted costings.

Following the last meeting interest had been received from various organisations but unfortunately nothing further had developed.

Members considered various ideas that had been put forward.

Considerable discuss ensued on the possible use of the former first floor offices and it was decided to

- RECOMMEND – i) to consider the relocation of the Mayor’s Room to the present Committee Room to complete a Civic Suite with the Council Chamber;
- ii) to consider the use of the present Mayor’s Room as an lounge extension to the Memorial Room with integral bar facility;
- iii) to develop the former first floor general office into a meeting room – to house the mouse furniture from the present Committee Room;

42. **PROPOSED ALTERATION TO BIN AREA AND STORE ROOM ADJACENT PUBLIC TOILETS.**

The Town Clerk advised that HLB had invited tenders for the work and that arrangements had been made for these to be opened on Monday 12th July, 2006. The Tenders were opened but not in accordance with Standing Orders – there were no Members present, at the Tender opening contrary to what is required, as Standing Orders require that at least one Member is present.

The Chair of Finance and General Purposes Committee and the Principal Finance Officer reported on the circumstances of the matter.

The Town Clerk advised that the situation had been discussed with the District Auditor who had advised that there were two courses of action to consider:-

- a) to agree to waive Standing Orders, retrospectively and to accept the tenders;
- or
- b) to retender

Following Members decision to agreed to (a) above the Town Clerk gave details of the tender prices submitted only with no other details of the tenderer – so that a decision on which tender to accept could be determined by Council in the event that the Sub-Committee recommendation to agree to waive Standing Orders in relation to tenders retrospectively on this occasion only, should Council agree to ratify this recommendation.

- RECOMMEND – i) that the Sub-Committee recommend to Council that Standing Orders be waived, retrospectively and the tenders remain valid;
- ii) that the report of the Chair of Finance and General Purposes Committee and the Principal Finance Officer be received;
- iii) that in future Standing Orders be adhered to.

43. **JOHN KITSON ARCHWAY**

The Town Clerk reported on the Local Government Improvement Project application for Grant. It was pointed out that evidence of public support was required to back the application.

RECOMMEND – that an article be included in the next edition of the Newsletter asking for public opinion

Councillor J.W.Smith
Chair

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Councillors Mrs.S.A.Fleetham, J.V.Graham, I.Harrington, J.M.Marr, J.Parkin, J.W.Smith, G.Tolley, F.Walker and Mrs.J.L.Wood (Deputy Town Mayor).

Also in attendance Mrs.P.Wilson (Town Clerk)
Mrs.B.Fryer (Principal Admin Officer)
G.Nicklin (Principal Admin Officer)
M.A.Foxton (Project Manager)

APOLOGIES: Councillors J.C.Culine, Mrs.M.Smith, Mrs.C.Sproat, Mrs.E.Summerson, W.Waters and P.Welsh .

24/06. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

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

JUBILEE PARK.

25/06. **Health and Safety Issues.**

Paul Dean of Zurich Insurance was in attendance and made a presentation on the Health and Safety Issues at Jubilee Park. He outlined the problems encountered on his visit, the progress made to date and what was left to do.

After considerable discussion on all aspects of the report it was

- RESOLVED -
- i) That Mr.Dean be thanked for his very informative presentation; and
 - ii) That the schedule of works required be approved subject to clarification of the suitability of the suggested floor covering.

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

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

Spennymoor Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the SPECIAL COMMITTEE held in the Meeting Room on Monday 24th July, 2006 at 10.30a.m.

PRESENT: Councillor J.M.Marr (Chair) and

Councillors J.C.Culine, Mrs.S.A.Fleetham, J.V.Graham, M.T.B.Jones,
Mrs S.I.Plews and F. Walker

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

SC.1/06 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

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

SC.2/06 **EXCLUSION OF 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".

SC.3/06. **APPOINTMENT OF PART TIME PARK ATTENDANT**

The shortlisted applicants were interviewed.

- RESOLVED -
- (i) That the post of Part Time Park Attendant be offered to Mr. D. Smith;
 - (ii) That the Town Clerk and Project Manager meet with the successful candidate to discuss the shift pattern.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed

Councillor J. M. Marr
Chair