

## Spennymoor Town Council

Minutes of the proceedings of a Meeting of SPENNYMOOR TOWN COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Spennymoor on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2006 at 6.45p.m.

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

Councillors Mrs.C.Bainbridge, 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, G.Tolley, F.Walker and W.Waters.

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors Miss S.L.Armstrong, J.C.Culine, Mrs.M.Smith, Mrs.C.Sproat, Mrs.E.Summers, P.Welsh and Mrs.J.L.Wood (Deputy Town Mayor).

38/06. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

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

39/06. **MINUTES.**

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

40/06. **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.**

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

- a) Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September - Deputy Town Mayor attended District of Easington's Chairman's Charity Launch;
- b) Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September - Deputy Town Mayor visited William and Margaret Chaytors of Chestnut Avenue on their Golden Wedding Anniversary;
- c) Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September - Deputy Town Mayor attended Wear Valley District Council's Chairman's Country Music Evening;
- d) Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - Deputy Town Mayor together with Councillors F.Walker and Mrs.E.Maddison and the Town Clerk attended the Local Democracy Week talk to schools at the Library;.
- e) Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October - Town Mayor attended Wear Valley DC Chairman's Civic Service of Thanksgiving;
- f) Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October - Town Mayor attended City of Durham's Mayor's Charity Function at Pelaw Dogs;
- g) Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October -Town Mayor attended Spennymoor Youth Band's Concert;
- h) Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October -Town Mayor attended Chilton Town Council's Charity Night;
- i) Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Deputy Town Mayor and R.Curry attended the Cemetery of the Year Awards – Spennymoor Cemetery won the Award for the Best Floral Feature

41/06.

**COMMITTEE MINUTES.**

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

Allotments 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2006

Finance and General Purposes 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2006

*(Subject to the following amendments:-*

*(The attendance details be amended in accordance with the attendance sheet and the addition of*

*(Councillor J.V.Graham and J.W.Smith to the Declaration of Interests in relation to item F.&G.P. 123/06).*

*(Minute F.&G.P. 114/06 Councillor Mrs.C.Kennedy declared a personal interest in this matter and left the meeting- be added)*

Planning and Highways 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2006

*(Subject to the following amendments:-*

*(Minute P.&H. 40/06 and 42/06 that “for this item only” be added to the declaration of interests)*

Services and Amenities 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2006

*(Subject to the following amendments:-*

*(Minute S.&A.41/06 “That the Town Clerk seek clarification from the Judges on their comments relating to the flower beds and the position on entering Tudhoe Village and the Cemetery in the next competition” – be added)*

Audit Committee 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2006

Special Services and Amenities 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2006

42/06.

**COUNTY DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS.**

**Annual General Meeting – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

Consideration was given to the notification of the above.

RESOLVED - That the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council be appointed to attend the above Annual General Meeting.

43/06.

**NOTICE OF CASUAL VACANCY – SPENNYMOOR WARD.**

Consideration was given to letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2006 from Sedgfield Borough Council.

RESOLVED - That F.E. Ryder be co-opted onto the Town Council.

**PRESENTATIONS.**

44/06.

**Best Kept Allotment Competition 2006.**

The Town Mayor made presentations in connection with the Best Kept Allotment Competition 2006.

45/06.

**Spennymoor Amateur Photography Competition 2006.**

The Town Mayor made presentations in connection with the Spennymoor Amateur Photography Competition 2006.

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

PRESENT: Councillor G.Tolley (Chair) and

Councillors Miss S.L.Armstrong, Mrs.C.Bainbridge (Vice-Chair), J.C.Culine, 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.M.Smith, 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.S.A.Fleetham, Mrs.C.Kennedy, J.W.Smith and P.Welsh.

A.26/06. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

RESOLVED - Declarations of prejudicial interest were received from Councillors G. Tolley and Mrs.J.L.Wood.

A.27/06. **SPENNYMOOR ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION.**

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2006 be received.

**WINDSOR AVENUE ALLOTMENTS.**

A.28/06. **Application to erect Shed and two Greenhouses.**

Consideration was given to the application from Sue McGuire requesting permission for a 8'x6' shed, a 8'x6' greenhouse and a 6'x6' greenhouse on allotment number 4a on the above estate.

The Association has no objection 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.29/06. **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.30/06. **FIRES ON ALLOTMENTS.**  
**Durham Street Allotments, Middlestone Moor.**  
Consideration was given to letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2006 from Sedgefield Borough Council.

- RESOLVED -
- i) That the Steward be invited in to discuss the matter with the Town Clerk;
  - ii) That notices be displayed on all allotment sites reinforcing the Council's policy of no fires on allotments;
  - iii) That reminders be sent to the Allotment Association Secretaries reinforcing the policy.

A.31/06. **Merrington Lane Allotments**  
Consideration was given to letter dated 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2006 from K.Ainsley and to various other concerns relayed to the Town Clerk and Project Manager.

- RESOLVED -
- i) That the Steward be invited in to discuss the matter with the Town Clerk;
  - ii) That notices be displayed on all allotment sites reinforcing the Council's policy of no fires on allotments;
  - iii) That reminders be sent to the Allotment Association Secretaries reinforcing the policy.

A.32/06. **DURHAM ROAD ALLOTMENTS.**  
**Allotment Tenants Complaints.**  
*(Councillors G. Tolley and Mrs.J.L.Wood declared a prejudicial interest in this matter and left the meeting).*

*(Councillor Mrs.C.Bainbridge in Chair)*

Consideration was given to the report of the Working Supervisor and to various letters received from allotment holders.

- RESOLVED -
- i) That the tenant concerned be invited to meet with the Town Clerk and the Vice – Chair of Allotments Committee;
  - ii) That notice to quit be given if unsatisfactory answers are received or alternatively if satisfactory, a report be presented back to Committee.

*(Councillor G. Tolley and Mrs.J.L.Wood returned to the meeting and Councillor G. Tolley retook the position of Chair)*

A.33/06. **NORTH ROAD POULTRY CENTRE**  
Consideration was given to the report of the site meeting held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2006.

- RESOLVED -
- i) That the tenant be asked to clear the plot of all materials added to the site and the Council visit thereafter to determine what area of land could be used to create a hard standing;
  - ii) That a deadline of 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2007 be given as reasonable time to remove materials, following which a re-inspection would take place;
  - iii) That Standing Orders be waived to allow the decision to become effective immediately.

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 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2006 on the rising of the Allotments Committee.

PRESENT: Councillor I.Harrington (Chair), and

Councillors Miss.S.L.Armstrong, Mrs.C.Bainbridge, J.C.Culine, 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.M.Smith, Mrs.C.Sproat, G.Tolley, F. Walker, W.Waters and Mrs.J.L.Wood.

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs.S.A.Fleetham, Mrs.C.Kennedy, J.W.Smith and P.Welsh.

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

131/06. RESOLVED - Declarations of personal interest was received from Councillors Mrs.E.Maddison. A declaration of prejudicial interest was received from Councillor J.M.Marr.

### **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.**

F.&G.P. **The Sedgefield Awards for Sensational Youth.**  
132/06. *(Councillor Mrs E.Maddison declared a personal interest in this matter but remained in the meeting)*  
Reference was made to Minute F.&G.P.71/06 and it was

RESOLVED – That the letter of appreciation be received

F.&G.P. **Durham Constabulary – Youth Shelter, Byers Green**  
133/06. Reference was made to Minute F.&G.P.66/06 and consideration was given to letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2006 from Sgt. I. Rodgers.

RESOLVED - That the letter be received and no action taken.

F.&G.P. **Byers Green Village Hall Community Association.**  
134/06. Reference was made to (Minute F.&G.P.5/06 and consideration was given to completed S137 from Mrs. B. Foster, Grants Co-Ordinator.

RESOLVED - That the Town Clerk write to the Committee to ask for clarification over the issue of payments for alternative venues and report back to Committee.

**CONFERENCES & COURSES.**

- F.&G.P.  
135/06. **65<sup>th</sup> Joint Conference of Burial and Cremation Authorities.**  
RESOLVED - To receive the report on the above.
- F.&G.P.  
136/06. **NALC Larger Council's Committee Meeting.**  
RESOLVED - To receive the verbal report from the Chair, on the above held in London on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2006.
- F.&G.P.  
137/06. **NAC – English Region AGM.**  
RESOLVED - To receive the report on the above held on the 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2006.
- F.&G.P.  
138/06. **NALC Annual Conference.**  
RESOLVED - To receive the formal summary of the event and full copies of the relevant material to be copied to all Members.
- F.&G.P.  
139/06. **NALC – Half Yearly Seminar – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at the National Hotel, London.**  
Consideration was given to the notification of the above.  
  
RESOLVED - To confirm representation of a delegate at the above.
- F.&G.P.  
140/06. **NALC – Strengthening Places, Broadening Choices: Shaping Communities.**  
Consideration was given to the notification of the above to be held in London on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2007.  
  
RESOLVED - To confirm representation of a delegate at the above.
- F.&G.P.  
141/06. **SPENNYMOOR LIBRARY.**  
Consideration was given to letter received on 9<sup>th</sup> October from Spennymoor Library.  
  
RESOLVED - That any Member wishing to attend inform the Town Clerk by Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2006.
- F.&G.P.  
142/06. **OFFICE RELOCATION SUB-COMMITTEE.**  
Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2006.  
  
RESOLVED - To confirm and receive the recommendations of the Office Relocation Sub-Committee.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER.**

F.&.G.P.  
143/06.

**Strong and Prosperous Communities.**

Consideration was given to the NALC communications briefing.

RESOLVED - To move receipt of the document.

**ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.**

F.&.G.P.  
144/06.

**Paid Accounts.**

RESOLVED - That payment of accounts in the sum of £18,687.06 for October authorised by the Chair of Committee and reimbursement of the Imprest Account in the sum of £49,698.98 for October be approved.

F.&.G.P.  
145/06.

**Accounts to Authorise.**

RESOLVED - i) To authorise the payment of accounts in the sum of £49,087.72 for October;  
ii) That Standing Orders be waived in order that payment can be made immediately.

F.&.G.P.  
146/06.

**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.

**ESTABLISHMENT.**

F.&.G.P.  
147/06.

**Working Time Directive and Rolled-up Holiday Pay.**

Consideration was given to the letter dated 29<sup>th</sup> August from GB Management Solutions and the report of the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED - That the minimum wage be paid and holiday pay be given.

F.&.G.P.  
148/06.

**Overtime Payments to Staff**

RESOLVED - To receive the report of the Principal Finance Officer covering weeks 1-28 of this financial year.

F.&.G.P.  
149/06.

**FUEL REQUISITION SYSTEM.**

Consideration was given to the report of the Town Clerk.

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

F.&.G.P. **BYERS GREEN VILLAGE HALL – FLOOR.**  
150/06. Reference was made to Minute F.&.G.P.128/06 and consideration was given to the verbal report of the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED - That the verbal report be received.

F.&.G.P. **PARKS AND OPEN SPACES.**  
155/06. **High Whitworth Football Field.**  
Consideration was given to email dated 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2006 from Mr.Botterill.

RESOLVED - i) That the reply of the Town Clerk be received;  
ii) That a copy of the email and reply be sent to Sedgefield Borough Council's Planning Department.

*(Councillor Miss.S.L.Armstrong left the meeting)*

F.&.G.P. **BYERS GREEN ALLOTMENTS NO.2. ESTATE – ACCESS ROAD.**  
156/06. Consideration was given to the report of the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED - That the current position be noted.

F.&.G.P. **RISK MANAGEMENT.**  
157/06. **Condition Survey of all Town Council Properties.**  
Reference was made to Minute F.&.G.P.129/06 refers and consideration was given to the report of the Town Clerk on the quotations received.

RESOLVED - That the item be deferred to enable the Town Clerk to revert back to J W Wood seek clarification on their quotation.

F.&.G.P. **TOWN HALL SHOPS.**  
158/06. **32 High Street.**  
*(Councillor J.M.Marr declared a prejudicial interest in this matter and left the meeting).*  
Consideration was given to the report of the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED - i) That the granting of an assignment of the Lease for 32 High Street be given, on payment of three months rent in advance;  
ii) That Standing Orders be waived.

**DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET.**

F.&.G.P.  
159/06.

**2007/08 Consultation.**

Consideration was given to letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2006 from Durham County Council.

- RESOLVED -
- i) That a letter be sent to Durham County Council to express strong disapproval of the savings which would mean depreciation of services and jobs within the Town;
  - ii) That Standing Orders be waived.

**TOWN HALL BAR.**

F.&.G.P.  
160/06.

**Bar Trading Accounts.**

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

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

F.&.G.P.  
161/06.

**BUDGET REPORTS.**

- RESOLVED - That the Budget Reports for September, 2006 showing year to date Financial Information be received and noted.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.26 p.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 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2006 at 6.45p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs.C.Kennedy (Vice-Chair) and

Councillors J.C.Culine, J.V.Graham, Mrs.E.Maddison, J.Parkin, Mrs.S.I.Plews, F.E.Ryder, J.W.Smith, Mrs.M.Smith, G.Tolley, W.Waters and Mrs.J.L.Wood.

Also in attendance Mrs. B. Fryer (Principal Admin Officer)  
Miss E.V.Russell (Admin Assistant)

APOLOGIES: Councillors Miss S.L.Armstrong (Chair), Mrs. C. Bainbridge, Mrs.S.A.Fleetham, I.Harrington, M.T.B.Jones, J.M.Marr, Mrs.C.Sproat, Mrs.E.Summerson, F.Walker and P. Welsh.

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

49/06. RESOLVED - Declarations of personal interests were received from Councillors Mrs.E.Maddison and F.E.Ryder.

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

50/06. Members had before them the Police Report prepared by Acting Sergeant Jamie Rielly, Spennymoor Beat Unit.

RESOLVED - That the report be received.

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

51/06. *(Councillors Mrs E.Maddison and F.E.Ryder declared personal interests in this matter but remained in 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.**

52/06. Members had before them details of planning decisions made by Sedgfield Borough Council.

RESOLVED - That the information be received and noted.

**BUS SHELTERS.**

**P.&.H. Front Street, Tudhoe.**

53/06.

Consideration was given to letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2006 from J & C. Clark.

RESOLVED - That the letter be received and the situation be monitored.

**P.&.H. Green Lane, Spennymoor.**

54/06.

Reference was made to Minute P.&.H.36/06 and consideration was given to letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2006 from Sgt. I.Rodgers.

RESOLVED - That the letter be received.

**P.&.H. Bus shelter, St. David's Close.**

55/06.

Consideration was given to letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2006 from S.Stephenson, Secretary, Tudhoe Residents Association.

RESOLVED - That a public consultation be undertaken to determine whether the seat should be removed to possibly alleviate the problem.

**P.&.H. CITY OF DURHAM LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK.**

56/06.

Consideration was given to letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2006 from the Policy and Regeneration Manager.

RESOLVED - That the letter be received.

**SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK.**

**P.&.H. Draft Search Sequence and Detailed Assessment.**

57/06.

Consideration was given to letter dated 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2006 from Sedgefield Borough Council in connection with the above.

RESOLVED - That the letter be received.

**DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

**P.&.H. Local Transport Plan 1 2001-2006 – 5 Year Delivery Report**

58/06.

Consideration was given to letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2006 from Durham County Council.

RESOLVED -

- i) That the information be received: and
- ii) That Durham County Council be advised of the Town Council's concerns regarding the withdrawal of certain services and the problems encountered with some services not turning up.

P.&H.  
59/06.

**FOOTPATHS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY.**

Consideration was given to letter dated 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2006 from Nathaniel Lichfield and Partners in connection with diversion of footpaths Nos. 52 and 53 through Green Lane Industrial Estate.

RESOLVED - That the letter and information be received and the necessary diversion of the footpaths be agreed.

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

Councillor Mrs C. Kennedy  
Vice – Chair

## Spennymoor Town Council

Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the SERVICES AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2006 on the rising of the Planning and Highways Committee.

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

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

Also in attendance Mrs. B. Fryer (Principal Admin Officer)  
Miss E.V.Russell (Admin Assistant)

APOLOGIES: Councillors Miss S.L.Armstrong, Mrs. C. Bainbridge, Mrs.S.A.Fleetham, I.Harrington, M.T.B.Jones, J.M.Marr, Mrs.C.Sproat, Mrs.E.Summerson, F.Walker and P. Welsh.

### **PARKS AND OPEN SPACES.**

#### **S.&.A. Cow Plantation Annual Report.**

49/06.

Consideration was given to report dated 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2006 from Sedgfield Borough Council.

- RESOLVED -
- i) That the letter be received and the contents noted; and
  - ii) That the Town Clerk clarifies the Constitution of the Cow Plantation Management Committee.

#### **S.&.A. Jubilee Park – Memorial Seat.**

50/06.

Consideration was given to letter received 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2006 from Mrs. J.Campion requesting a Memorial Seat.

- RESOLVED -
- To agree to the request contained in the letter to erect a Memorial Seat within Jubilee Park and to notify Mrs.Campion of the cost of the Memorial Seat.

#### **S.&.A. ANNUAL PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS**

51/06.

Reference was made to Minute S.&.A.48/06 and consideration was given to the Annual Inspection of Playground Equipment schedule by the Hazard/Risk Assessment.

- RESOLVED -
- i) That the schedule of playground equipment be received; and
  - ii) That provision be made in the budget for next year for the necessary replacements.

**CEMETERIES AND CLOSED CHURCHYARDS.**

S.&.A.  
52/06.

**Cemetery of the Year Competition 2006.**

RESOLVED - That letters dated 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2006 in connection with the Town Council's entries in the above competition and the full list of winners and runners up, be received and the contents noted.

S.&.A.  
53/06

**Spennymoor Cemetery – Memorial Seat.**

Consideration was given to letter received 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2006 from B & L. Bell.

RESOLVED - To agree to the request contained in the letter to erect a Memorial Seat within the Cemetery and to notify B. & L. Bell of the cost of the Memorial Seat.

S.&.A.  
54/06.

**Cemetery Records – Chronicle and Public Searches.**

Consideration was given to the report of the Town Clerk.

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

S.&.A.  
55/06.

**SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH PLAY STRATEGY.**

Consideration was given to letters received on 10<sup>th</sup> October and dated 31<sup>st</sup> October from Sedgefield Borough Council together with first draft of Play Strategy 2007-2012 and the related correspondence of the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED - That the information be received and noted.

S.&.A.  
56/06.

**SUMMER TENNIS COACHING AND TUDHOE PLAYScheme.**

RESOLVED - That the contents of letter dated 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 from G.Cooper, Youth/Sports Development Officer, Sedgefield Borough Council be received and noted.

S.&.A.  
57/06.

**COUNTY DURHAM AND DARLINGTON FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE.**

Consideration was given to letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2006 from the above.

RESOLVED - That the letter be received.

S.&.A.  
58/06.

**APPRECIATION.**

RESOLVED -

- i) That the following letters of appreciation be received and noted:-

Mr and Mrs Hogg, 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2006 – also Bouquet of the Week award in the Northern Echo on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2006.  
Dr. W H Lamb, donations in memory of the late Ron Campion.  
Durham County Cricket League, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2006.

- ii) That this information be placed on public display in Reception.

S.&.A.  
56/06.

**COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE**

Consideration was given to letter received on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2006 in connection with the closing of the Post Office Card Account (POCA).

RESOLVED -

- That a letter expressing the Town Council's concern be sent to Jim Mr. Fitzpatrick, Minister responsible for Post Offices.

S.&.A.  
57/06.

**NORTHUMBRIA IN BLOOM COMPETITION 2007**

Consideration was given to letter dated October 2006 from the Chairman of Northumbria in Bloom

RESOLVED -

- i) That the Town Council enter the 2007 Competition; and
- ii) That the appropriate Class entries for the villages be left to the Town Clerk.

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

**PARKS AND OPEN SPACES.**

**Jubilee Park – Memorial Seat.**

S.&.A.  
58/06.

Consideration was given to letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2006 from Mrs.D.Storey requesting a memorial seat.

RESOLVED -

- i) To agree to the request contained in the letter to erect a Memorial Seat within the Jubilee Park and to notify Mrs.Storey of the cost of the Memorial Seat;
- ii) To waive Standing Orders.

S.&A.  
59/06.

**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.

S.&A.  
60/06.

**PARKS AND OPEN SPACES**

**The Dene.**

Reference was made to Minute S.&A. 26/06 and consideration was given to the report of the Town Clerk on replies received through the consultation exercise.

RESOLVED - That appropriate action to remedy the highlighted problems be taken in consultation with the Tree Preservation Officer, Sedgefield Borough Council.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.09 p.m.

Councillor J.C.Culine  
Chair

## Spennymoor Town Council

Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the SPECIAL FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Spennymoor on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2006 at 6p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor I. Harrington (Chair), and

Councillors J.C.Culine, Mrs.S.A.Fleetham, J.V.Graham,  
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 and  
W. Waters.

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors M.T.B.Jones, Mrs.M.Smith, Mrs.E.Summerson and  
P. Welsh.

F.&G.P. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**  
162/06. RESOLVED - No personal or prejudicial interest was made by any  
Member.

F.&G.P. **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.**  
163/06. 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".

F.7.G.P. **BYERS GREEN VILLAGE HALL – FLOOR.**  
164/06. Consideration was given to the report of the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED - i) To agree to the recommendations as  
outlined in the report;  
ii) To waive Standing Orders.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.19 p.m.

Councillor I. Harrington  
Chair