

Spennymoor Town Council

Minutes of the proceedings of a Meeting of SPENNYMOOR TOWN COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Spennymoor on Tuesday 23rd October, 2007 at 6.45p.m.

PRESENT: I.Harrington (Deputy Town Mayor), and

Councillors Miss S.L.Armstrong, Mrs.C.Bainbridge, J.C.Culine, J.V.Graham, Miss T.Graham, G.Heslop, M.T.B.Jones, Mrs.E.Maddison, J.M.Marr, J.Parkin, J.E.Plews, F.E.Ryder, J.W.Smith, 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)

APOLOGIES: Councillors C.Maddison, W.Waters and Mrs.J.L.Wood (Town Mayor)

52/07. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

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

53/07 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS.**

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

54/07. **MINUTES.**

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 25th September, 2007 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

55/07. **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.**

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

- a) Friday 28th September - Town Mayor visited John & Nancy Lynn of Byers Green on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary;
- b) Saturday 29th September - Town Mayor attended District of Easington Charity Evening;
- c) Sunday 30th September - Mayor's Civic Service – over £270 donation towards Charity Appeal;
- d) Wednesday 3rd October - Town Mayor visited residents of King William Grange;
- e) Friday 5th October - Town Mayor's Charity Evening – over £570 raised towards Charity Appeal;
- f) Wednesday 10th October - Town Mayor attended Sedgefield Borough Council's Exhibition of Wedding Dresses;

56/07.

COMMITTEE MINUTES.

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

Allotments 2nd October, 2007

Finance and General Purposes 2nd October, 2007

Purposes

(Subject to “be received and noted” being added to the resolution of Minute F.&G.P.114/07)

Planning and Highways 9th October, 2007

Services and Amenities 9th October, 2007

Special Finance and General Purposes 23rd October, 2007

"Honoured Guests, Fellow Councillors, Ladies and Gentlemen.

As a Town Council, we are always ready and happy to recognize and celebrate achievement within our community.

This evening, it is a pleasant duty to make several presentations to individuals who have contributed in some way towards the well-being of this town.

PRESENTATIONS.

57/07.

Scrolls of Honour.

The highest award the Town Council can make is a Scroll of Honour. Since its inception, over 15 years ago, this award had been made to only a handful of worthy recipients.

The Town Council decided (earlier this year) that it wished to mark the service made by two of its former members, in recognition of their commitment to this Council and the community they served.

Therefore, although tinged with sadness, former Councillor and Town Mayor – Mrs. Shirley Fleetham and Mrs. Janet Welsh (widow of the late Peter Welsh, former Councillor and Town Mayor) were asked to go forward to receive Scrolls of Honour.

58/07.

Best Kept Allotment Competition.

This Competition has been a feature of Civic life for many, many years now. Each year the judging takes place and the standard continues to improve.

Despite some very unusual weather this year, especially in those vital early months of spring, our Allotment Gardeners continued to do more than their best.

As one who has only come lately to the pleasure of gardening, I have unquestioned admiration for anyone who can coax the good earth to give up its treasures.

Therefore, it gave him great pleasure to make the following awards as part of the Spennymoor Town Council Best Kept Allotment Competition 2007:-

in Second Place – Mr.T.Dargue
 First Place – Mr.Maurice Rutter

59/07. **Northumbria in Bloom 2007.**

The Town Council was justly proud of the appearance of the Town, at all times of the year. It is not always easy to make a town that was founded and built upon heavy industry, coalmining and railways, beautiful.

But, I am sure that we all appreciate the excellent work that is done by our Council Staff.

It is even more pleasing, when the judges of the Northumbria in Bloom Competition recognise that hard work.

“Spennymoor Town” was awarded a Bronze Award in the Large Town Category and our thanks go to our workforce for their excellent contribution.

This year the Bob Woolley Award for an Outstanding Contribution, by a salaried individual, to Northumbria in Bloom, was awarded to the Caretaker of the Rock Road Cemetery, Mr. Ralph Curry, who was then presented with the Award.

It is only fair to point out that the Tudhoe Cemetery, looked after by John Cheeseman received an award, only last week in Harrogate –Runner Up in the Cemetery of the Year Competition.

60/07. **Detective Inspector A. Green.**

As Detective Inspector Adrian Green is not available, due to work commitments this presentation will be made later.

61/07. **Mrs B. Harbisher.**

This award has no precedent in the history of the Town Council. This award was given at the express request of the Mayor, Cllr. Mrs. Joan Wood, in recognition of Beryl's work for the community of Spennymoor.

This year was the 125th Anniversary of the Disaster at Tudhoe Colliery, when many men and boys lost their lives commemorated by the monument in Tudhoe Cemetery.

This Council, along with the Spennymoor Heritage Banner Committee and Tudhoe Colliery Primary School organised, amongst other things, a short Service of Commemoration in the cemetery at Tudhoe.

Unfortunately, no ordained clergyman (or woman) could be found to lead that service, apart from Beryl, who as a Methodist Lay Preacher was able to fill the gap. Although "Filling the Gap" is the wrong expression.

Beryl gave one of the most authoritative and moving accounts possible, so much so, that we are here tonight to present Mrs. Beryl Harbisher with a Town Council pendant, in recognition of the service she has rendered.

62/07.

Bravery Award.

An award of this kind has only been made on two previous occasions and both were to adults.

This evening, the Bravery Award, goes to someone who has captured all our hearts, by the innocence of his actions.

The Deputy Mayor used the word with care, because bravery can be something that one does knowing the dangers involved, or it can be a sheer expression of love, care or concern.

This young man, Daniel Sheffield, saved his dad. It would be very mean of this Council if we did not recognise what he did, or offer some reward in some way.

Daniel and his dad were asked to come forward to receive a Certificate of Bravery, VIP invitation to visit Santa, here at the Town Hall, and this large cuddly toy, in recognition of his actions.

Honoured Guests, Fellow Councillors, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Before closing this Meeting of Spennymoor Town Council, the Deputy Mayor, on behalf of the Town Council, invited everyone to take part in a little light refreshment, hoping that it was not getting past anyone's bedtime!

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

**Councillor I.Harrington
Deputy 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 November, 2007 at 6.45p.m.

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

Councillors J.C.Culine, J.V.Graham, Miss T.Graham, I.Harrington, G.Heslop, 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, F.Walker, W.Waters, Mrs.E.M.Wood, Mrs.J.L.Wood.

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

1 member of the public

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs.C.Bainbridge (Chair) and J.W.Smith.

A.41/07. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

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

A.42/07. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS.**

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

A.43.07. **ST. PAUL'S ALLOTMENTS.**

Reference was made to Minute A.27/07 and it was reported that views of the Allotment Association were awaited.

RESOLVED - That this item be deferred until the views of the Association were received.

A.44/07. **SPENNYMOOR ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION**

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th October, 2007 be received.

DURHAM ROAD ALLOTMENTS

A.45.07. Erection of Poly Tunnel

Members considered the request from J.Stewart to erect a 20ft x 12ft poly tunnel on allotment number 36.

- 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.46/07. SELF MANAGEMENT OF ALLOTMENTS.

Reference was made to Minute A.40/07 and Members are requested to receive the Town Clerk's update report.

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

A.47/07. 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.48/07. WHITE MOOR ALLOTMENTS.

Members considered letter dated 6th September, 2007 from J. Hopper.

- RESOLVED -
- i) That a letter be sent to J.Hopper asking him to confirm the resignation of R. Shippen and to ascertain whether a new secretary has been appointed;
 - ii) That the RSPCA be requested to investigate the issue of alleged Animal Cruelty;
 - iii) That the Project Manager and Vice-Chair visit the allotments to look at the issue of horses and caravans and report back to Committee;
 - iv) To investigate the codes/rules for allotment holders.

A.49/07.

SPENNYMOOR ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Members considered the letters requesting Notice to Quit to be issued.

- RESOLVED -
- i) That the anonymous letter asking for Notice to Quit be rejected;
 - ii) That the Association be asked to provide more information in relation to the letter from R.Gough, Steward, Windsor Avenue Allotments;
 - iii) That the Project Manager together with the Vice-Chair visit the allotment and report back his findings to the Committee.

There being no further business, the Vice -Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.08p.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 November, 2007 on the rising of the Allotments Committee.

PRESENT: Councillor J.Parkin (Chair) and

Councillors J.C.Culine, J.V.Graham, Miss T.Graham, I.Harrington, G.Heslop, 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)
Miss E.V.Russell (Admin Assistant)

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs.C.Bainbridge, and J.W.Smith.

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F.&G.P. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

118/07. RESOLVED - Declarations of Interest were received from Councillors J.M.Marr, F. Walker and W. Waters.

F. & G.P. PUBLIC QUESTIONS.

119/07. RESOLVED - No questions had been received from Members of the Public in accordance with Standing Order 12.

F.&G.P. CCTV.

120/07. (Minute F. & G.P.103/07 refers)

Andrew Aitken, Business Manager, Sedgefield Borough Council was in attendance to address Members on the above matter.

RESOLVED - This item was withdrawn and was deferred for his attendance at the meeting in December.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

F.&G.P. Durham Mining Museum.

121/07. RESOLVED - That the letter of appreciation be received.

F.&G.P. Bishop Auckland Ostomy Group.

122/07. (Councillor W.Waters declared a prejudicial interest in this matter and left the meeting)

Reference was made to Minute F. & G.P.75/07 and it was

RESOLVED - That the letter of appreciation be received.

F.&G.P.
123/07. **Northern Regional Brass Band Trust.**
(Councillor W.Waters also declared a prejudicial interest in this matter and remained out of the meeting for this item)
Members considered the completed S137 form, together with a copy of the budget and financial statement.

RESOLVED - That consideration of this item be deferred pending receipt of further information as to the involvement of Spennymoor pupils and to the benefit of the Town.

Councillor W.Waters returned to the meeting.

F.&G.P.
124/07. **Community and Voluntary Organisations Sedgefield (CAVOS).**
Members considered the completed S137 form received 10th October, 2007.

RESOLVED - That a grant of £1500 be made in accordance with S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

F.&G.P.
125/07. **The Royal British Legion - 2007 Poppy Appeal.**
(Councillors J.M.Marr and F. Walker declared a prejudicial interest in this matter and left the meeting)
Members considered letter dated 22nd October, 2007 from the Poppy Appeal Organiser.

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

(Councillors J.M.Marr and F. Walker returned to the meeting)

F.&G.P.
126/07. **ELECTROLUX.**
Members considered the Company Announcement dated 11th October, 2007.

The Town Clerk informed Members that a meeting is scheduled to take place with officials from Electrolux on Friday 9th November, 2007.

RESOLVED - To report back to Committee the facts of the meeting.

F.&G.P.
127/07. **COUNTY DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS.**
RESOLVED - To receive and note the contents of the Durham Association News, Issue 15.

F.&G.P. **Queens Garden Party 2008.**
128/07. Members considered the correspondence from County Durham Association of Local Councils.

RESOLVED - That the Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs J.L. Wood and her consort be nominated.

F.&G.P. **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS.**
129/07. **Local Government Bill.**
Members considered the report of the Chief Executive dated 25th September, 2007.

RESOLVED - That the contents be received and noted.

F.&G.P. **DURHAM COUNTY LARGER LOCAL COUNCILS FORUM.**
130/07. Members considered the letter dated 15th October, 2007 from M.W.Watson, Town Clerk, Shildon Town Council.

RESOLVED - That the Town Council support the Forum in principle.

F.&G.P. **CONFERENCES AND COURSES.**
131/07. **NALC – 5-7 October 2007.**
RESOLVED - That the contents of the report together with the draft speech given by Parmjit Dhanda MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State be received and noted.

F.&G.P. **NAC – English region 6th October.**
132/07. RESOLVED - That the contents of the report be received and noted

F.&G.P. **NAC – 5th – 7th October - Protecting our communities, Preparing for Emergencies.**
133/07. RESOLVED - That the contents of the report be received and noted

F.&G.P. **NEREO – How to be a Good Councillor Training Sessions.**
134/07. Members considered attendance at the above Training Sessions.

RESOLVED -

- i) Any Councillor wishing to attend the course contact the office;
- ii) That Standing Orders be waived in order to ascertain if the course can be provided in-house.

F.&G.P.
135/07.

**NEW LOCAL GOVERNMENT NETWORK.
Annual Conference 2008 – London.**

Members considered the notification of the above.

RESOLVED - That the Town Council be represented at the above by the Town Clerk and Leader of the Council.

**GOVERNING BODY.
Merrington Primary School.**

F.&G.P.
136/07.

Members considered letter dated 24th October 2007 from Durham County Council and reference was made to Minute F.& G.P.46/07 and it was

RESOLVED - That the wording of the letter was misconstrued – the objection was not personally in relation to Councillor Heslop but to a minor local authority representative, by the school.

F.&G.P.
137/07.

LIP APPLICATIONS.

(Councillor W.Waters declared a prejudicial interest in this matter and left the meeting)

Members considered the report of the Town Clerk.

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

Councillor W.Waters returned to the meeting.

F.&G.P.
138/07.

STANDARDS BOARD.

Members considered the email from S.Ragg of County Durham Association of Local Councils together with speech given by Parmjit Dhanda to the Sixth Annual Assembly of Standards Boards.

RESOLVED - i) To receive and note the email from S. Ragg;
ii) To receive and note the contents of Bulletin 35.

**DURHAM POLICE AUTHORITY.
Statement of Accounts (Year ended 31/3/07).**

F.&G.P.
140/07.

RESOLVED - i) That the above document be received and noted;
ii) That representatives expenses be queried if they are not included in the Statement of Accounts.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

F.&G.P.
141/07. **Paid Accounts.**
RESOLVED - To confirm payment of accounts in the sum of £12,725.49 authorised for payment, payments by BACS in the sum of £31,899.14 for October and reimbursement of the Imprest Account in the sum of £19,498.96 for October.

F.&G.P.
142/07. **Accounts to Authorise.**
RESOLVED - To authorise the payment of accounts in the sum of £66,666.95 for October.

F.&G.P.
143/07. **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.

ESTABLISHMENT.

F.&G.P.
144/07. **Trade Dispute over Pay in Local Government.**
Members considered the letters dated 21st & 26th September from UNISON.

It was reported that since these letters were placed on the agenda, the dispute had since been settled and a pay award increase of 2.475% accepted.

RESOLVED - To receive and note the contents of the letters.

F.&G.P.
145/07. **Managing Attendance at Work.**
Members considered the report of the Town Clerk.

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

F.&G.P.
145/07. **OFFICE EQUIPMENT.**
Upgrade of Print Room Equipment.
Members considered the report in connection with the above.

RESOLVED -

- i) To move the recommendations of the Principal Admin Officer;
- ii) That Standing Orders be waived.

GARAGE GROUND SITES.

F.&G.P.
146/07.

Rear of Clyde Terrace – Consultation.

Members considered this deferred matter and reference was made to Minute F.&G.P.113/07 and it was

RESOLVED - That the Town Council write back to all tenants informing them of the 'offers in the region of' value in relation to their particular garage site (in connection with the valuation report from J.W.Wood).

F.&G.P.
147/07.

BUDGET CONTROL.

RESOLVED - That the Budget Control Reports showing information up to 26th October, 2007 be received and noted.

F.&G.P.
148/07.

TOWN HALL BAR.

RESOLVED - That the report on Monthly Profit and Loss be presented to the Audit Committee for consideration.

F.&G.P.
149/07.

LAND ISSUES.

Members considered the report of the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED - That this item be deferred to allow the Town Clerk to meet with the District Auditor this week.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.16p.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 November, 2007 at 6.45p.m.

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

Councillors Mrs.C.Bainbridge, J.C.Culine, Miss T.Graham, G.Heslop, M.T.B.Jones, C.Maddison, Mrs.E.Maddison, J.E.Plews, J.W.Smith, Mrs.C.Sproat, K.Thompson, G.Tolley, W.Waters and Mrs.E.M.Wood, Mrs.J.L.Wood.

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

Sgt Hall (Spennymoor Police)
Inspector Bentham (Spennymoor Police)
Catherine Priestley (Northern Echo)
Melanie Nicholson (Lidl UK)
Dave Murphy (Lidl UK)
Gordon Raffety (Lidl UK)

APOLOGIES: Councillors J.V.Graham, I.Harrington, J.M.Marr, J.Parkin
F.E.Ryder (Vice-Chair) and F.Walker.

P.&H.
49/07. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**
RESOLVED - Declarations of Interest were received from
Councillors Mrs .E.Maddison, W.Waters and
Mrs E.Wood.

P.&H.
50/07. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS.**
RESOLVED - No questions had been received from Members of
the Public in accordance with Standing Order 12.

P.&H.
51/07. **POLICE REPORT.**
Inspector Bentham and Sgt Hall were present to address Members
on the Police Report and answer any questions.

RESOLVED - i) That the Police Report be received;
ii) That Inspector Bentham and Sgt Hall be
thanked for their attendance.

P.&H.
52/06.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

Proposed Lidl Foodstore

(Councillor W.Waters declared a prejudicial interest in items 5a, 5b, 5c and 5d and left the meeting. Councillors Mrs E.Maddison and Mrs E. Wood declared a prejudicial interest in this item and left the meeting before discussions took place).

Representatives of Lidl were in attendance and addressed Members on the above.

- RESOLVED –
- i) To thank representatives from Lidl UK for their attendance;
 - ii) That consideration of this item be deferred until the revised planning application is received.

Councillors Mrs E.Maddison and Mrs E. Wood returned to the meeting.

P.&H.
53/07.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

Members had before them the schedule of planning applications received to date 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.
54/06.

Planning Decisions.

Members had before them details of planning decisions made by Sedgefield Borough Council.

- RESOLVED -
- That the information be received and noted.

P.&H.
55/07.

Re-development of Mount Pleasant Grange Residential Home Site, Tudhoe Moor, Spennymoor.

(Councillors Mrs E. Maddison and Mrs E. Wood declared a prejudicial interest in this matter and left the meeting).

- RESOLVED -
- i) That an objection be placed with Sedgefield Borough Council over the access road to the development and the proximity of the road to the traffic lights;
 - ii) That Standing Orders be waived.

Councillors Mrs E. Maddison, W.Waters and Mrs E. Wood returned to the meeting.

BUS SHELTERS

P.&H. Grayson Road, Middlestone Moor

56/07.

Reference was made to Minute P.& H.45/07 and Members considered the results of the survey of “immediate residents” in connection with the replacement of the Stone Shelter opposite 44 Grayson Road.

- RESOLVED -
- i) That the consultation documents in connection with the above be received;
 - ii) That the Stone Bus Shelter remains in its current location.

NAMING AND NUMBERING.

P.&H. Erection of 100 dwellings on land at Whitworth Park, Spennymoor – Barratt Homes.

57/07.

RESOLVED - That a list of those miners killed in the Whitworth Colliery Pit be suggested to Sedgefield Borough Council.

P.&H. WAYS TO TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE

58/07.

Members considered the letter from DEFRA received on 1st October, 2007.

RESOLVED - That the letter be received and noted.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.10 p.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 November, 2007 at 6.45p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor J.W.Smith (Chair)

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

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors J.V.Graham, I.Harrington, J.M.Marr, J.Parkin, F.E.Ryder, and F.Walker.

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

89/07. RESOLVED - A Declaration of Interest was received from Councillor W. Waters.

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

90/07. RESOLVED - No questions had been received from Members of the Public in accordance with Standing Order 12.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES.

S.&A. **High Whitworth Playing Field.**

91/07. Reference was made to Minute S.&A.54/07 and Members considered the results of the site meeting held on 24th October, 2007.

RESOLVED - To move the recommendations contained within the report.

S.&A. **Middlestone Moor Community Centre & Football Field.**

92/07. Members considered the report of the Project Manager in relation to the protective fencing.

RESOLVED - To proceed with the repair of the fence.

S.&A.
93/07.

**CEMETERIES AND CLOSED CHURCHYARDS
TUDHOE CEMETERY**

Members considered the letter from Mr.J.Hillary dated 25th October together with the reports and photographs from the Project Manager.

RESOLVED - To move receipt of the letter.

S.&A.
94/07.

Cemetery Regulations

Members considered the Town Clerk's report on amendments to the above.

- RESOLVED -
- i) That the suggested amendments be approved and the Terms and Conditions be altered;
 - ii) That Standing Orders be waived.

S.&A.
95/07.

NORTHUMBRIA IN BLOOM.

Sub Committee.

(Minute S.&A.82/07refers).

Members considered the information received from the Town Clerk.

- RESOLVED -
- i) That this item be deferred until the next meeting;
 - ii) That any Member wishing to be on this Committee, contact the office.

S.&A.
96/07.

INVESTMENT IN FIXED PLAY AREAS.

Play Area Working Party.

RESOLVED - To receive the minutes of the above held on the 2nd October, 2007 and 7th November, 2007.

S.&A.
97/07.

APPRECIATION.

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

- (i) card received 8th October, 2007 from St. Paul's Brownies and Guides;
- (ii) letter received 22nd October from B.Hudson.

S.&A.
98/07.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDEN REPORT.

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

S.&A.
99/07.

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.

S.&A.
100/07.

LIP PROGRAMME.

(Councillor W.Waters declared a prejudicial interest in this matter and left the meeting)
Reference was made to Minute S.&A.88/07 and Members considered the report of the Town Clerk.

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

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Councillor J.W.Smith
Chair