

TOW LAW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Tow Law Town Council held on Tuesday 17th March 2015 in the Community Centre, commencing at 6.30pm.

Present: Councillors J. Gale (Chair), T. Batson, A. Blacker, J. Fowler, E. Hindmoor, M. Hird, P. Stokes and C. Umpelby.

Also Present: County Councillor J. Hart, L. Rowland (Clerk) and Mr B. Batson

037/15 Apologies

Received from Councillors L. Brown, A. Green and R. Grogan

038/15 Declaration of interest

Councillors Hindmoor and Hird – Agenda item 10 (Allotments)

039/15 Minutes of a the Ordinary meeting held on 17th February 2015

The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

040/15 Matters arising

None

041/15 Police Report

Pact priorities for the month of March were:-

- Anti Social Behaviour of motor vehicles on High Street and Bridge Street including driving erratically, conducting “doughnuts” manoeuvres and congregating at the Doctor’s surgery. This applies particularly on evenings after 7pm.
- Next meeting **26th March** 2015 at 7pm in the Masonic Hall

042/15 County Councillor Report

County Councillor J. Hart reported on the following:-

- Civic Pride campaign hot spots (dog fouling/fly tipping)
- Millennium Green – Big Spring Clean
- Neighbourhood Warden (Richie Brown)
- Cattle Mart site Outline planning permission – drainage problem

043/15 Representation by Residents

Mr Batson raised the matter on County Council owned land on the industrial estate, Tow Law. Further discussions are to take place between DCC and Town Council regarding the allotment sites.

044/15 Planning matters

- A) Planning Application - None
- B) Neighbourhood planning – Funding commences in April 2015

045/15 Accounts for payment

Members gave approval for the payment of vouchers 98 to 103 in the sum of £2053.01. Copy of report attached to these minutes

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Allotments

The allotment Inspection took place on the 24th February 2015

The following points were raise:-

- Water supply to the site rear of Dan's Castle
- Setting up of an allotment association

047/15

Chair's report

- Still awaiting response from Durham Wildlife Trust - ongoing
- Completing funding application for the Three Towns AAP- ongoing
- Millennium Green – damage to trees and grass by subcontractors employed by the Northern Power Grid (photographs were circulated at the meeting). – ongoing
- Application for funding received from C Morrow regarding repairs of organ at St. Philips and St James Church.
- Meeting with Bond's Foundry – to be arranged asap.
- Meeting with AAP staff regarding CCTV, car parking and play area (phase 1) on the 9th March 2015
- Meeting with PCSO to obtain relevant information for funding on the 12th March 2015.

048/15

Clerk's Report

1) Review of Effectiveness of internal audit

Members agreed to approve the above report.

Copies of the Code of Conduct and Councillors Guide were circulated at the meeting.

049/15

Members Reports

1) Councillor Hindmoor raised concerns regarding parking of caravans on Deerness Estate. Action has been taken by the local Police.

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Date of next meeting

Date of the next ordinary meeting will be Tuesday 21st April 2015 in the Community Centre, commencing at 6.30pm.

The meeting finished at 7.44pm

Signed by the Chairman.....2