

TOW LAW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Tow Law Town Council held on Tuesday 17th July 2012 in the Community Centre, commencing at 6:30pm.

Present: Councillors J. Gale (Chairman), L. Brown, P. Graham, A. Green, R. Grogan, R. Hayton, M. Hird and L. Rowland.

Also Present: G. F. Smith (Clerk)

Apologies: Councillors W. Railton, L. Taylor and PC M Rutherford and PCSO Lauren Blackett (Durham Police).

- 119/12** Declaration of interest
None received
- 120/12** Police report
No report
- 121/12** Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 19th June 2012

agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 122/12** Matters arising
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- Allotment committee- cancelled (weather); to be re-arranged.
 - Park wall opencast site – awaiting response from UK Coal and the Fundraising Committee.
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- Presentation of Jubilee Medals – Councillor Rowland updated the meeting; Use of Facebook; No newsletter produced.
 - Schools Sports day – Councillor Hird updated the meeting; Cup presented to Peases West Primary School (for four months) and then handed onto the other schools for four months.
 - Participatory budgeting event – all applications part approved, some details to finalise; meeting 27th June was cancelled.
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- 123/12** Minutes of a special meeting held 26th June 2012.
Amendment – include Councillor P. Graham, subject to this amendment the minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 124/12** Matters arising
None
- 125/12** County Councillors Report
No reports
- 126/12** Representation by residents
None present

- 127/12** Planning matters
 A) 3/2012/0226 by Mrs S King for the construction of 2 dwellings with off street parking at 35 Wolsingham Road, Tow Law.
 Decision – No objections
- B) 32012/0256 by Mr M Turner for a garage (retrospective) at 59 Bridge Street, Tow Law.
 Decision – No objections
- C) 3/2012/0305 by Mr W Robson for the erection of farm building for storage at High West House Farm, Tow Law.
 Decision – No objections
- 128/12** Accounts for payment
 That approval be given for the payment of vouchers 29 to 37 on the sum of £3000.47, copy of report attached to these minutes.
- 129/12** Code of Conduct for Parish Councils
 Members agreed to adopt this code of conduct based on the principles of selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership.
 Declaration of Interest forms circulated at the meeting, to be completed by all Councillors and returned to the Clerk by 31st July 2012.
- 130/12** Tow Law Town Plan
 Notice board arrived (stored in the Community Centre); Clerk to check planning permission and highways authority authorisation. Meeting with John Forsyth (Bonds Foundry) to be arranged.
- 131/12** Trex Gymnasium
 Meeting with Nigel Dodds (DCC) to be arranged as a matter of urgency.
- 132/12** Area Action Partnership
 No further updates.
- 133/12** Millennium Green Trust
 Committee meeting to be arranged as a matter of urgency.
- 134/12** Chairman's Report
 No report
- 135/12** Clerk's Report
 A) Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 4th July 2012.
 Members agreed the recommendations for the following: -
- N-Power Community Fund
 - Other funding applications
 - "Talk of the Towns" Community Publication
 - Summer School Holiday bus trips
 - Budget allocation 2012/13
- Copy of the report attached to these minutes.
- B) Nominations for CDALC Executive Committee
 Item withdrawn.
- C) Correspondence: -
- i) Clerks and Councils Direct magazine; July 2012; issue 82

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Members Reports

- Primary schools attending Trex Gymnasium (Councillor Grogan)
Two additional Schools to commence sessions at Trex Gymnasium
From week commencing 13th September 2012.
- School crossing patrol (Councillor Grogan)
Councillor Grogan updated the meeting on additional school signs
Etc near the Millennium Primary School and meeting with the highways department
(DCC).

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Date of next meeting

The next ordinary meeting of Tow Law Town Council will be held on Tuesday 18th
September 2012 commencing at 6:30pm in the Community Centre.

The meeting finished at 7-00pm.