

## **MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26TH JANUARY, 2016**

Present: The Mayor, Councillor B Burn (Jnr) (Presiding) and Councillors, E Bell, Mrs J A Bell, Mrs G Bleasdale, S Cudlip, Mrs S Forster, R Meir, Miss S Morrison, I Paul, K Shaw, C Snowball, B Taylor, R Whitehead, K Younger.

Apologies: Councillor B Allen, Mrs B E Allen, R Arthur, B Burn (Snr), Mrs H J Cahill.

### **1. CHAIRMAN**

In the absence of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor Councillor Miss S Morrison took the Chair at this meeting.

(Councillor Miss S Morrison in the Chair)

*Prior to commencement of the meeting the Chair advised members of this Committee and members of the public that in line with the amendment to 'the public bodies (admission to meetings) act 1960', which came into force in August, 2014, parts of this meeting may be recorded by photographic, video and audio means.*

### **2. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Members were reminded prior to the start of the meeting of the need to disclose any interests, prejudicial or personal, in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

### **3. OPEN SESSION**

In accordance with established policy the Council provided a fifteen minute opportunity for any members of the public to raise questions. During this period two issues were raised.

Mrs V Kilner wished to speak with regard to the proposed development at Dalton Heights.

Prior to consideration of this issue, Councillors Mrs G Bleasdale, S Cudlip and Miss S Morrison declared an interest and left the meeting.

As Councillor Miss S Morrison, the Deputy Mayor had declared an interest on this issue, Councillor E Bell was nominated to take the Chair at this point of the meeting.

(Councillor E Bell in the Chair)

At the end of the open session the members of the public left the meeting and Councillor Miss S Morrison, the Deputy Mayor, resumed the Chair at this point of the meeting.

(Councillor Miss S Morrison in the Chair)

4. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEAHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 18TH DECEMBER, 2015**

RESOLVED the Minutes of this meeting, a copy of which had been previously printed and circulated to each Member, be approved, and they be signed as a correct record by the Mayor.

5. **REPORTS OF SERVICE COMMITTEES**

RESOLVED that the reports of the following Committees, copies of which had been previously printed and circulated to each Member, be approved:

- a) Report of Arts and Information Committee held on 5th January, 2016;
- b) Report of Parks and Events Committee held on 5th January, 2016;
- c) Report of Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 12th January, 2016;
- d) Report of Planning and Environmental Committee held on 12th January, 2016 subject to it being noted that with regard to item 4.2, prior to consideration of the item Councillors Mrs G Bleasdale and S Cudlip declared an interest and then both left the meeting;
- e) Report of the Clerk's Advisory Sub-Committee held on 12th January, 2016;
- f) Report of the Establishment Sub-Committee held on 12th January, 2016;

6. **REVISED BUDGET FOR 2015/16 AND PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2016/17**

RESOLVED the Council approve the budgets for 2016/17 and the revised budgets for 2015/16.

7. **SETTING THE PRECEPT**

RESOLVED that the Council hereby agree to precept upon Durham County Council for the sum of £1,019,382 in respect of their requirements for the next financial year, namely 2016/17 to levy an 2% increase to taxpayers and authority be granted for the precept notice to be signed by the Mayor and Town Clerk.