

## **MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2017**

Present: The Mayor, Councillor Mrs S Forster (Presiding) and Councillors R Arthur, Mrs J A Bell, Mrs G Bleasdale, Mrs K Brace, S P Colborn, S Cudlip, Mrs R M Gratton, G N Hepworth, Mrs L Kennedy, D McKenna, Mrs S Pratt, K Shaw, T Shepherd, B Taylor, R Whitehead, Miss L Willis

Apologies: Councillors Mrs B E Allen, E Bell, D Cummings, Mrs V Cummings

*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.*

### **1. 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.

### **2. OPEN SESSION**

In accordance with established policy the Council provided the opportunity at the beginning of the meeting for a 15 minute session but no members of the public were present, and therefore proceeded with their normal business and at the end of that business no member of the public had attended and as a result of that it was the end of that particular item.

### **3. TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEAHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2017**

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.

### **4. 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 Town Promotion and Development Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 subject to a Member raising the question whether the Deputy Town Clerk had heard anything further with regards to the removal of the blue barriers at the bottom of Church Street. The Deputy Town Clerk stated that this was being dealt with by Durham County Council and no further information had been provided to the Town Council.

- b) Report of Parks and Events Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2017, subject to a Member raising a question with regards to item 3.1 of the Deputy Town Clerks report with regards to the long term lease to the Cricket Club and Rugby Club. Some wording needs to be added as an addendum after the word lease, “and the Council’s valuer be asked to report back with proposed terms for approval by the Council at the earliest opportunity”. At present it gives the impression that the Council have granted the lease without knowing what the rents are going to be as well as other terms and conditions that may be required.
- c) Report of the Arts and Information Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.
- d) Report of Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2017, subject to a Member raising the question whether the Deputy Town Clerk had received a report back from Oldfield’s on the complaint which had been received into the Town Hall. The Deputy Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had not received any further information from Oldfield’s as yet. A Member stated that this should be reported back to the Finance and General Purposes Committee.
- e) Report of Planning and Environmental Committee held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2017, subject to a typing error it should read Persimmon Homes on page 9383.
- f) Report of the Twinning Committee held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2017.
- g) Report of the Establishment Sub-Committee held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2017.

5. **COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND TOWN HALL BOOKINGS**

RESOLVED that a letter should be sent to all Councillors to remind them of the change of meeting time prior to the next meeting dates.