

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the **COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Ferryhill, on **WEDNESDAY, 27<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2016** at **7.00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** *Councillor:* P Crathorne

*Councillors:* M Walton, K Conroy, D Harrison, B Lamb, A Rimington,  
P Atkinson, K Campbell, B Gibson, G Barker, T Garrett,  
D Richardson, Z Roddam, D Allen

**OFFICIALS:** D.Snowball, Town Clerk

**IN ATTENDANCE:** D. Shingleton, Accountant  
S. Hewitson, Committees & Civic Administrator

**97.15-16** **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

**98.15-16** **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor J Makepeace, M Brown and M Seymour, these were approved by resolution of the Council.

**99.15-16** **MEMBERS DISPENSATION**

There were no members dispensations in relation to any item of business on the agenda.

**100.15-16** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor P Atkinson declared an interest in Agenda Item No.9 Precept 2016-17.

**101.15-16** **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no public questions in relation to any item of business on the agenda.

**102.15-16** **MINUTES**

- a) Town Council - 9 December 2015
- b) Extraordinary Town Council - 18 January 2016

**Moved** by Councillor B. Lamb, **Seconded** by Councillor P Atkinson

**RESOLVED**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 9 December 2015 and the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 18 January 2016 were confirmed by the Council as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **103.15-16 COMMITTEE MINUTES**

a) Finance, Planning and General Purpose - 9 December 2015

**Moved** by Councillor B Lamb, **Seconded** by Councillor D Harrison

#### **RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Finance, Planning and General Purpose Committee held on the 9 December 2015 be received, and

(ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted.

#### **RESOLVED**

i) That the minutes of the meeting of the Finance, Planning and General Purpose Committee held on the 9 December 2015 be received, and

(ii) That the said minutes be approved and adopted.

#### **104.15-16 OTHER MINUTES**

a)	Neighbourhood Plan	-	26 October 2015
b)	Neighbourhood Plan	-	16 November 2015
c)	Neighbourhood Plan	-	7 December 2015
d)	Neighbourhood Plan	-	15 December 2015

#### **RESOLVED**

That these be received.

#### **105.15-16 PRECEPT 2016-2017**

The Accountant spoke briefly about his report and advised Members that the purpose of the report was to confirm the Precept and any budget changes as considered and agreed by members at the Extraordinary meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

Councillor B Gibson proposed that the Precept be kept at a standstill and no increase be made to the budget, Councillor T Garrett seconded this.

Councillor Z Roddam proposed that Members agree to the 1.9% increase, Councillor D Harrison seconded this.

A named vote was requested on the proposals, Members voted on Councillor Gibson's proposal first, that the Precept be kept at a standstill and no increase be made to the budget:

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>NOT PRESENT</b>
B Gibson	P Crathorne		J Makepeace
G Barker	K Campbell		M Seymour
T Garrett	P Atkinson		M Brown
D Richardson	Z Roddam		
D Allen	B Lamb		
	A. Rimington		
	D Harrison		
	K Conroy		
	M Walton		
(5)	(9)	(0)	(3)

This motion was defeated, Members then voted on Councillor Roddams proposal, to increase the precept by 1.9%

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>NOT PRESENT</b>
P Crathorne	B Gibson		J Makepeace
K Campbell	G Barker		M Seymour
P Atkinson	T Garrett		M Brown
Z Roddam	D Richardson		
A Rimington	D Allen		
B Lamb			
D Harrison			
K Conroy			
M Walton			
(9)	(5)	(0)	(3)

This motion was agreed.

Members also discussed the fees and charges for 2016/17 and it was **Moved** by Councillor B Lamb, **Seconded** by Councillor B Gibson that;

the fees and charges for 2016/17 remain the same without an increase. Members agreed unanimously that no increase be made to the fees and charges for 2016/17.

For	14
Against	0
Abstentions	0
Absent	3

### **RESOLVED**

That;

- a) a 1.9% increase be made to the precept for 2016/17 and
- b) no increase be made to the fees and charges for 2016/17.

The accountant, Mr D Shingleton, was thanked for his clear and detailed report whereupon he left the meeting.

**106.15-16 EVENTS SCHEDULE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2016/17**

Members considered the report previously circulated.

**Moved** by Councillor B Lamb, **Seconded** by Councillor A Rimington to note the draft schedule of events.

**RESOLVED**

That Members note the draft schedule of events.

**107.15-16 TURNERS FUNFAIR REQUEST 2016**

The Town Clerk informed members of a request received from Turners Funfairs to host an event in the summer of 2016.

Members agreed that the 2015 event was very successful and it was **Moved** by Councillor B Lamb, **Seconded** by Councillor K Campbell to agree for Turners Funfairs to host an event in August 2016.

Members agreed unanimously to agree to the event request from Turners funfairs.

For	14
Against	0
Abstentions	0
Absent	3

**RESOLVED**

That the request be approved.

**108.15-16 BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDEN PARTY 2016**

Members considered the report and the Clerk asked for nominations of appropriate members who meet the criteria to be put forward to NALC, after some discussion Councillor P Atkinson's and his wife's names was put forward.

It was **Moved** by Councillor B Lamb, **Seconded** by Councillor K Conroy That Mr and Mrs P. Atkinson have their names submitted for the draw.

Members agreed unanimously for Councillor P. Atkinson and his wife be submitted to the draw.

For	14
Against	0
Abstentions	0
Absent	3

**RESOLVED**

That the Town Clerk submits the nomination of Councillor P Atkinson and his Wife to Mr S. Ragg in time for the draw being made on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016.

**109.15-16 POLICY REVIEW**

The Clerk advised Members that the Policy Review was getting near to the end and Members considered the policies listed in the report.

It was **Moved** by Councillor B Lamb, **Seconded** by Councillor K Campbell to accept the report recommendations.

Members agreed unanimously to accept the policies as listed in the report.

For	14
Against	0
Abstentions	0
Absent	3

**RESOLVED**

That members receive and adopt the policies as listed in this recommendation section of this report:

HR_07	Annual Leave	Appendix	1
C_01	Cemetery	Appendix	2
MA_01	Market Health and Safety	Appendix	3
MA_02	Market Regulations	Appendix	4

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.40pm.

**CERTIFIED AS A TRUE RECORD**

**CHAIR**.....

**DATE**.....