

MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING OF STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Held at **Stanley Civic Hall**, Front Street, Stanley on **Tuesday 25th August 2015** at **6.30pm**

PRESENT: J Nicholson* A Clegg G Graham C Thompson W Nixon
 T Davinson R Harrison D Tully L Elliott D Marshall
 D Mills D Walker J Charlton R Ferris L Marshall
 B Nair M Wilkinson

*Chairman

OFFICERS: Alan Shaw (Town Clerk)
 Nicola James (PA to the Town Clerk)

STC.64-15 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllrs C McKee, D McMahon and C Bell were accepted by Council.

STC.65-15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Charlton declared an interest as a member of Durham County Council.

STC.66-15 PROCEDURAL AND APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Chair asked Members to turn their mobile phones off and to declare if they were recording the meeting. The Chair also noted that Members would be required to stand if they wished to talk on an item.

STC.67-15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no questions from members of the public in attendance. No written questions were submitted prior to the meeting.

STC.68-15 CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr L Marshall, seconded by Cllr D Walker and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting on 28th July 2015 be approved as a correct record.

It was proposed by Cllr R Harrison, seconded by Cllr B Nixon and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting on 4th August 2015 be approved as a correct record.

STC.69-15 RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Council considered the following recommendation from the Planning Committee

“Stanley Town Council should apply to Durham County Council for designation of the whole parish as a neighbourhood planning area.”

It was proposed by Cllr B Nixon, seconded by Cllr A Clegg and **RESOLVED** that the Council adopt and approve this recommendation.

STC.70-15 **REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

Members **NOTED** the report from the Town Clerk on Current activities and matters of interest to the Council.

STC.71-15 **FINANCIAL REPORT TO 31ST JULY 2015**

It was proposed by Cllr D Mills, seconded by Cllr B Nixon and **RESOLVED** that members note the report on the Financial Summary to 31st July 2015.

Members requested that the Finance Manager provide clarification of what the £14,699 figure for Christmas Lights related to.

STC.72-15 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

It was proposed by Cllr R Harrison, seconded by Cllr B Nixon and **RESOLVED** that Members approve the payment of accounts for July 2015.

STC.73-15 **APPOINTMENT OF EVENTS MANAGER**

Following a discussion, it was proposed by Cllr D Walker, seconded by Cllr R Harrison and **RESOLVED** by majority vote that:

- (i) the Council delegates authority to commence a recruitment exercise to fill the post of Events Manager to the Town Clerk.
- (ii) The Personnel Committee should be tasked with examining the issue of Authority to Recruit and recruitment in general in more detail and report back to Council with recommendations.

STC.74-15 **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

Following a discussion, it was proposed by Cllr R Harrison, seconded by Cllr B Nixon and **RESOLVED** that the Council award the Christmas Lights contract to Seasonal Group.

STC.75-15 **PARKING AT THE CIVIC HALL**

Following a discussion relating to parking issues at the Civic Hall, it was proposed by Cllr D Mills, seconded by Cllr L Marshall and **RESOLVED** that the Council will provide a single drop off bay at the Louisa Centre end of the parking bays and the rest will be

labelled marked and signed as disabled bays (for Civic Hall use only.) Authority is delegated to the Town Clerk to incur expenditure to move this matter forward.

STC.76-15 COMMITTEE FORWARD PLAN

The Town Clerk presented his report to Members. It was proposed by Cllr D Marshall, seconded by Cllr R Harrison and **RESOLVED** that the Council adopt this format as the basis for planning future Council Business.

STC.77-15 REQUEST FOR GRANT FUNDING

Members considered a request for funding from the Derwentside/Werdohl Friendship Club for £1268. It was proposed by Cllr D Mills, seconded by Cllr D Walker and **RESOLVED** by majority vote that the Council will decline this request for funding.

Cllr J Charlton left the meeting at 8:30pm

STC.78-15 SOUTH MOOR HERITAGE TRAIL

Following a discussion it was proposed by Cllr D Mills, seconded by Cllr R Harrison and **RESOLVED** that the Council will participate in the South Moor Heritage Trail and will undertake to maintain the signs as requested.

STC.79-15 CHRISTMAS OPENING

Members considered the request for Christmas close down from the Town Clerk. It was proposed by Cllr L Marshall, seconded by Cllr D Mills and **RESOLVED** that the proposed close down be approved.