

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT STANLEY CIVIC HALL, FRONT STREET, STANLEY, DH9 0NA
TUESDAY 6th JANUARY 2015 AT 6:00PM**

PRESENT

C. Bell	A. Clegg	T. Davinson	L. Elliott	R. Harrison
D. Marshall	L. Marshall	D. McMahon	B. Nair	J. Nicholson
W. Nixon	C. Thompson	D. Tully	D. Walker	

APOLOGIES

Cllrs: J. Charlton, R. Ferris, C. Malin, D. Mills and M. Wilkinson.

OFFICIALS

D. Shingleton – Acting Town Clerk
J. Harper– Community Development Manager
N. James – PA (Note Taker)

STC.168-14 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from Cllrs J. Charlton, R. Ferris, C. Malin, D. Mills and M. Wilkinson were accepted by the Council.

STC.169-14 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None.

STC.170-14 **PROCEDURAL AND APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman reiterated his statement to all Members in relation to Code of Conduct (COC), respect, bullying, going through the Chair to speak during meetings. If members failed to observe their COC they would be removed from the meeting.

STC.171-14 **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

It was **RESOLVED** that in accordance with Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council excludes the press and public on the grounds of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted since publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest.

STC.172-14 **BUDGET 2015/2016**

The Acting Town Clerk made a presentation to members which included the background on the budget, why councils prepare budgets, how the budget is prepared, how councils determine their precept, how to calculate a councils tax base, the format of Stanley Town Council's budget and the current position.

Members looked at each section in details – staffing, democracy, office accommodation, administration, publicity, projects & initiatives, events, civic hall, services and planning.

It was **RESOLVED** that the budget for Environmental Enhancement (£15,000) be amalgamated with the new Environmental Services budget, making a provision of £179,730.

It was also **RESOLVED** that Stanley Town Council will contact DCC and Groundworks to inform them that contracts for Neighbourhood Wardens and Community Environmental Caretakers will come to an end on 31 March 2015.

approved 27.01.15