

Minutes of the meeting of the West Rainton Parish Council held on Thursday 17th January 2002 in West Rainton Commiunity Association Jubilee Hall commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs. Mrs. Searle - in the Chair, Mrs. Carr, Mrs. Tweddle, Mrs. Purvis, Ms Farrar  
Mrs. Alderton, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Gibson, Mr. Lynn, Mr. Dodsworth.

In Attendance Mrs. Briggs - Clerk. PC Stainsby. PC Furnical.

Also Present; Mr. G Morland and 15 members of his family.

Apologies: Mr. Fawcett.

\* The Chairwoman requested the following to be Minuted.

I would like to proposed that the motion made by Cllr Dodsworth at the December meeting be revoked. This had not been voted upon by a show of hands and it made it impossible for the Clerk to carry out her duties

2. The Chair and Vice Chair can attend any meeting and are automatically included in any committee formed.
3. Councillors are responsible for decisions made.
4. The Chairperson has plenipotentiary powers - having full authority to make decisions on behalf of the Council in emergency situations.

The above was taken after advice had been sought from two legal sources.

Discussion was made after item 2 on the agenda.

1. The Minutes of the meetings held December 13th 2001 and 2nd January, 2002 were approved and signed.

1a. The meeting was attended by Mr. Morland and members of his family with a request to erect a headstone on the cremated remains of his son who had recently died. Assurance had been made that the family would look after the space. The Chairwoman asked for a vote to be made by a show of hands and the motion carried by 8 for and 1 against. and 1 abstain. Members agreed as the memorial would be 18" x 18" in diameter. The family left the meeting.

2. Police Visit.

The Clerk read out a letter from Ch. Superintendent Suddes with regard to the Policing in City Centre ( See Item 2 December Minutes). Sup. Suddes suggested that two representatives from each Parish Council could meet and discuss matters. Members agreed with with this and providing sufficient time given would attend any meeting arranged.

This proposal was made by Mrs. Tweddle and 2nd by Mrs. Purvis. All agreed by voting and a show of hands.

Pc. Stainsby stated that there had been 19 crimes reported. 6 motor crimes - thefts etc., 3 thefts and attempted burglary., 7 damage to premises., 2 assaults. together with nuisance calls at the convenience store.

Pc Stainsby and Pc Furnival left the meeting at 7.30pm.

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Chairwoman

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Date