

Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held on Monday, 15 January 2018 at Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall

Present: Cllrs: H Dalgleish-Brown (Chairman), D Adamson, D Duffey, J Fisher, W Gibson-Brown, C Hesmondhalgh, S Ward, A Trueman

In attendance: County/District Cllr: G Dadd

Apologies: Cllr: J Bell (Alternative Engagement), D Jackson (Holiday), J Watson (Holiday)

C785 Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared.

C786 Police Report

No police representative was in attendance.

C787 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk

(a) NYCC

Cllr Dadd anticipated that NYCC's council tax for 2018/2019 may increase by 2.99% plus an additional 2% for social care and he warned that, despite such an increase, NYCC's budget deficit was likely to be in the region of £10 million.

Cllr Dadd reported that he had received several complaints of dog fouling, particularly on Castle Garth, and he requested that consideration be given to erecting further signage in an attempt to discourage irresponsible dog owners.

(b) HDC

Cllr Dadd reported that a number of meetings and communications had taken place with representatives of the NHS, NYCC and HDC concerning the proposed sale and redevelopment of the Lambert Memorial Hospital. The upshot was that the sale of the property had been put on hold until the end of January and Cllr Dadd was hopeful that an acceptable outcome could be achieved.

C788 Open Forum

None of the members of the public who were in attendance raised any matters.

C789 Minutes

C789(a) Town Council Meeting held on 18 December 2017

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 18 December 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C789(b) Matters Arising

No matters were raised.

C790 Committee Minutes and Reports

(a) Planning Committee – 18 December 2017

The meeting received the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 18 December 2017. Cllr Trueman advised that the Planning Committee had considered planning consultation 17/01285/DCN (Newby Wiske Hall – proposed discharge of conditions) and he circulated a map showing a proposed route which would mean HGVs would have to pass through Thirsk in contravention of the weight restriction. He advised that the Planning Committee had formally objected and he suggested that other Town Councillors may also wish to object to the proposal on an individual basis.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

(b) Burial Board – 5 October 2017

The meeting received the Minutes of the Burial Board meeting held on 5 October 2017.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

(c) Public Conveniences Committee – 7 December 2017

The meeting received the Minutes of the Public Conveniences Committee held on 7 December 2017.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

(d) Personnel & Office Committee – 7 December 2017

The meeting received the Minutes of the Personnel & Office Committee held on 7 December 2017.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

(e) Central Areas & Christmas Festivities Committee – 12 December 2017

The meeting received the Minutes of the Central Areas & Christmas Festivities Committee held on 12 December 2017.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

C791 Burial Board

Resolved: that the applications for memorials for Kathleen Anne Appleton, Robert Blunden, Janet Kendal and Violet Skelton be approved.

C792 Correspondence/Items Raised

C792(a) Planned Road Closure Notification – Finkle Street, Thirsk

The meeting received an email dated 14 December 2017 from North Yorkshire County Council advising of the planned closure of Finkle Street for a period of eleven hours between 19.00 hours on 12 February and 06:00 hours on 13 February 2018.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C792(c) Media Release re GP surgeries to open longer

The meeting received a media release dated 14 November 2017 from Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group concerning GP surgeries staying open later in the evening and over the weekend.

Resolved: that the media release be noted.

C792(d) Electric Vehicle Charging Points in Thirsk

The meeting received an email dated 16 December 2017 from Mr J Fairchild concerning the installation of electric vehicle charging points in Thirsk. The Clerk read out an email received from Hambleton District Council which indicated that HDC was currently assessing the provision of an electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

Resolved: that the Town Council contact Mr Fairchild to advise of the response received from Hambleton District Council.

C792(e) Street Collection Permits Issued for Youth Cancer Trust

The meeting received an email dated 18 December 2017 from Hambleton District Council concerning the issue of street collection permits for Monday, 15 January 2018 and Saturday, 20 January 2018.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C792(f) One step-up/step-down bed relocation

The meeting received a briefing dated 21 December 2017 from Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group concerning the relocation

of one step-up/step-down community bed from Orchid House, Sowerby, Thirsk to Brompton, near Northallerton.

Resolved: that the briefing be noted.

C792(g) Raising Awareness of the Potential for Bird Flu

An email dated 22 December 2017 was received from Yorkshire Local Councils Associations concerning a request from the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for the help of local councils in raising awareness of the potential for a bird flu outbreak in the United Kingdom.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C792(h) Application of Referendum Principles in the Next Three Years

The meeting received an e-mail dated 22 December 2017 from Yorkshire Local Councils Associations concerning the government's intention to defer the setting of referendum principles for town and parish councils for three years.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C792(i) General Data Protection Regulation

The meeting received two emails dated 22 December 2017 from Yorkshire Local Councils Associations concerning a new General Data Protection Regulation coming into force on 25 May 2018 which will require local councils to appoint a Data Protection Officer.

Resolved: that the requirement to appoint a Data Protection Officer prior to 25 May 2018 be referred to the Personnel and Office Committee.

C792(j) Castle Garth – Lighting and Fireworks

The meeting considered an email dated 2 January 2018 from Reverend R Jones concerning issues of lighting and fireworks being discharged on Castle Garth before and after 5 November. Town Councillors noted that Historic England would need to be consulted if additional lighting was being considered for Castle Garth.

Resolved: that the Town Council contact North Yorkshire County Council concerning the possible installation of additional lighting on Castle Garth.

C793 Finance

Resolved: that the accounts for payment as at 15 January 2018 be approved and cheques signed.

C794 Reports from Members/Representatives

Cllr Dalgleish-Brown reported that she had been approached by a Trustee of Thirsk Infants School Charitable Trust concerning the possibility of the Town Council leasing the former library premises. Discussion took place but it was felt that the likely rental/size of the premises made the proposal impractical.

In answer to a query concerning a litter pick arranged for Sunday, 18 March 2018, members noted that teams were expected to be submitted from Thirsk Community Library, the Rotary Club of Thirsk and the Town Council.

C795 On-Going items

Nothing noted.

The meeting closed at 7.48 pm.