

Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held on Monday, 21 January 2019 at Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall

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

Apologies: Cllrs: R Gladstone (delayed in traffic), A Trueman (Holiday)

In attendance: County/District Cllr G Dadd, District Cllr D Elders

C924 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Adamson and Hesmondhalgh declared an interest in respect of Items 9(g) and 9(i) concerning Thirsk Community Care and East Thirsk Community Association and took no part in the discussion.

C925 Police Report

Members were disappointed that no police representative was in attendance as there was a number of issues which they wanted to raise. The Clerk circulated an update received from the police which incorporated the crime figures for Thirsk for the whole of 2018 as well as a breakdown of incidents which the police had attended during December 2018. Members were concerned about an apparent increase in incidents of antisocial behaviour and criminal damage and also about difficulties which had been encountered in reporting incidents to the police. It was agreed that the Town Council would write to Julia Mulligan, Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire, about these issues. Cllr Dadd also expressed concern and suggested that the Town Council write to the Chief Constable of North Yorkshire Police.

C926 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk

(a) NYCC

Cllr Dadd reported that NYCC's budget for 2019/2020 was in the process of being finalised. He anticipated an increase of approximately 2.99%, with an additional 2% for adult social care.

(b) HDC

Cllr Elders reported that Hambleton District Council's cabinet had approved the introduction of a Public Space Protection Order at the industrial estate at Leeming Bar for a trial period of six months which was to prohibit drivers of heavy goods vehicles staying overnight in their cabs. If the trial period at Leeming Bar proved to be successful, the intention was to introduce the restriction at Thirsk Industrial Park. Cllr Elders advised that the purpose of the restriction was to reduce issues of antisocial behaviour and mess/litter in these locations and that efforts were being made to identify a suitable alternative location for HGVs to park overnight. Cllr Dadd was also concerned about the possibility of HGVs dispersing into unsuitable locations in and around Thirsk.

Cllr Elders reported that members of HDC's cabinet had agreed to set up an investment strategy which it was hoped would bring in sufficient income to safeguard the delivery of services in the years ahead.

C927 Open Forum

No members of the public were in attendance.

C928 Minutes

C928(a) Town Council Meeting held on 17 December 2018

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 17 December 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C928(b) Matters Arising

C922 Reports from Members/Representatives

In respect of the proposed development of land adjacent to St Mary's Close, Cllr Adamson indicated that the Millennium Green Trust had also stated that any bridge erected by the developers would need to comply with requirements set by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents.

C929 Committee Minutes and Reports

C929(a) Personnel & Office Committee – 6 December 2018

The meeting received the Minutes of the Personnel & Office Committee held on 6 December 2018.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

C929(b) Burial Board – 10 December 2018

The meeting received the Minutes of the Burial Board held on 10 December 2018.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

C929(c) Public Conveniences Committee – 13 December 2018

The meeting received the Minutes of the Public Conveniences Committee held on 13 December 2018.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

C929(d) Planning Committee – 17 December 2018

The meeting received the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 17 December 2018.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

C929(e) Central Areas (& Christmas Festivities) Committee – 18 December 2018

The meeting received the Minutes of the Central Areas (& Christmas Festivities) Committee held on 18 December 2018.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

C930 Burial Board

Cllr Adamson advised that he had received reports of drug taking at the cemetery and that the police had been requested to carry out patrols of the area. He indicated that consideration was being given to installing gates at the cemetery entrance which would prevent vehicles entering the cemetery at night-time.

Resolved: that the application for memorial for Dorothy Mary Marshall be approved.

C931 Correspondence/Items Raised

C931(a) Parish Council Elections – 2 May 2019

The meeting received an email dated 18 December 2018 from Hambleton District Council concerning District and Parish Council elections due to take place on Thursday, 2 May 2019.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C931(b) Shine TV Finance – Songwires Singing Group

The meeting received a note dated 3 December 2018 from the Songwires Singing Group thanking the Town Council for the donation from the Shine TV community

monies along with an invitation to attend a performance at the Town Hall on 9 February 2019.

Resolved: that the note be received.

C931(c) Castle Garth – Antisocial Behaviour/Request for Additional Street Lighting

The meeting received email correspondence dated 7 January 2019 and 9 January 2019 concerning antisocial behaviour and a request for additional street lighting in the Castle Garth area. Members noted that the response from Hambleton District Council indicated that the incidents reported in the email of 7 January 2019 had not been reported to the police and that the starting point for the Safer Hambleton team's involvement was that matters must be reported to the police.

Resolved: that the people requesting additional lighting be advised of Hambleton District Council response.

C931(d) Newsletter – Friarage Hospital/Health and Social Care Services

The meeting received an email dated 19 December 2018 from Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group concerning a newsletter which included articles about the Friarage Hospital and related health and social care services.

Resolved: that the Town Council wish to continue to receive the CCG's newsletter.

C931(e) GP Online Consultations launched across Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby

The meeting received a media release dated 19 December 2018 from Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group concerning a new online consultation service which was being trialled in a number of GP practices in the area.

Resolved: that the media release be noted.

C931(f) Piper Lane, Thirsk – Planned Road Closure Notification

The meeting received an email dated 21 December 2018 from North Yorkshire County Council concerning the road closure of Piper Lane, Thirsk for two days on 23 and 24 January 2019 in order to replace a fire hydrant on behalf of Yorkshire Water.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C931(g) Shine TV Finance – Thirsk Community Care

The meeting received an email dated 21 December 2018 from Thirsk Community Care requesting that the Town Council consider making a donation from the Shine TV community monies to enable its supported shopping service to continue operating after March 2019.

Resolved: that the Town Council approves a donation of £500 from the Shine TV community monies to Thirsk Community Care to enable the supported shopping service to continue operating after March 2019.

C931(h) Registration of New Development – Former Austin Reed Site, Station Road, Thirsk

The meeting received a certificate dated 9 January 2019 from Hambleton District Council which confirmed the registration and formal postal addresses of the above development as Edgar Drive, Thirsk and Olivette Crescent, Thirsk.

Resolved: that the certificate be noted.

C931(i) Shine TV Finance – East Thirsk Community Association

The meeting received an email dated 12 January 2019 from East Thirsk Community Association requesting that the Town Council consider making a donation from the Shine TV community monies to enable additional tables to be purchased. Members noted that the monthly afternoon teas and annual Christmas lunch events which

were provided for older members of the community had become increasingly popular and that additional tables were needed to accommodate the number of guests who wished to attend.

Resolved: that the Town Council approves a donation of £899.32 from the Shine TV community monies to East Thirsk Community Association for the purchase of six new tables.

C931(j) Thirsk Yarnbombers – Insurance Renewal

The meeting received an email dated 13 January 2019 from Thirsk Yarnbombers requesting that the Town Council consider making a contribution towards the cost of renewing its insurance policy. The Clerk indicated that Members had already approved a donation to the Yarnbombers at the Extraordinary Town Council Meeting and that the email was on the agenda for information only. Members agreed that the Yarnbombers should be requested to supply a copy of their annual accounts.

Resolved: that the Town Council endorses a donation towards the cost of renewing the insurance policy for Thirsk Yarnbombers.

C932 Town Councillor Vacancy

Members considered the four applications which had been received for the Town Councillor vacancy and a paper vote took place.

Resolved: that Ms Fiona Potter be co-opted on to Thirsk Town Council.

C933 Finance

The Clerk advised that he had written out two further cheques (donations to Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall and Thirsk Tourist Information) which needed to be added to the monthly accounts for payment schedule.

Resolved: that the accounts for payment as at 21 January 2019 be approved and cheques signed.

C934 Reports from Members/Representatives

Cllr Gibson-Brown reported that a number of trees adjacent to Riverside Mews which had been causing concern for some time were due to be pollarded on 22 January 2019.

Cllr Dalgleish-Brown advised that she was in the process of presenting some certificates of appreciation to several organisations in Thirsk in recognition of the valuable contribution made by volunteers.

Cllr Dalgleish-Brown reported that arrangements were ongoing in respect of the Mayor's Ball to be held on Saturday, 23 March 2019 at Thirsk Racecourse and that if anyone wished to purchase tickets they should contact her directly.

C935 On-Going Items

Nothing reported.

The meeting closed at 8.09 pm.