

Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held on Monday, 20 January 2020 at Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall

Present: Cllrs D Duffey (Chairman), D Adamson, H Dalglish-Brown, W Gibson-Brown, C Hesmondhalgh, K Mountford, F Potter, A Trueman, S Ward

Apologies: Cllrs D Jackson (Holiday), L Hunter-Bell (Personal)

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

C1062 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

C1063 Police Report

There was no police representative in attendance

C1064 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk

(a) NYCC

Cllr Dadd reported that NYCC were in the process of finalising the budget for 2020/2021 and that it would then be put out for public consultation. He anticipated that there may be an increase in council tax payments for the next financial year.

Cllr Dadd confirmed his commitment to the care of vulnerable people within the community and that he would not wish for that to be compromised by any increase in council tax. Cllr Dadd stated that a "Thank you" event for volunteers was to be held at the East Thirsk Community Hall on Saturday, 4 April 2020.

(b) HDC

Cllr Dadd reported that the planning application to build new homes behind Shire Park on Stockton Road, Thirsk had been refused.

Cllr Dadd advised that he was aware of a press report regarding problems with sewage and drains in the Carlton Miniott area and that he felt that Yorkshire Water was letting the town down.

Cllr Elders reported that the plans for the new crematorium were at the stage where they were ready to be shown to members. He advised that the land had been purchased and that a public consultation would take place in March. He stated that one low-carbon electric cremator was to be installed. Cllr Adamson queried whether one cremator would be sufficient and Cllr Elders stated that he had been informed that only one cremator was considered necessary.

Cllr Elders indicated that the views of the public had been sought with regard to electric charging points in Thirsk Market Place and it was hoped that this would be funded by money from the government. He advised that two electric charging units had been installed in the Millgate Car Park and it was hoped that these would be operational by February 2020.

Cllr Elders reminded Members that farmers' market were to be held on the first Sunday of each month commencing in February.

Cllr Elders advised that some additional parking facilities were to be made available at Thirsk Station on land adjoining the station. Cllr Trueman informed Cllr Elders that the free parking signs in the Market Place in the run-up to Christmas had not been clear and that many people had misinterpreted them which had led to them receiving parking tickets. Cllr Elders advised that people who received parking tickets in those circumstances should be encouraged to appeal. Hambleton District Council was being urged to speak to the body who had the contract for the parking control.

Cllr Trueman spoke of the discontentment of local traders and the general public in this respect.

Cllr Elders reported that the gas cylinder which had been positioned in the doorway of the Uno Momento premises (formerly Aspire) had been removed on the same day as the complaint had been made.

C1065 Open Forum

There were no members of the public in attendance.

C1066 Minutes

C1066(a) Town Council Meeting held on 16 December 2019

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 16 December 2019 be approved as a correct record.

C1066(b) Matters Arising

C1045(b) VE Day 75 – 8 May 2020

The Clerk advised that he had contacted Mr C Northridge and Thirsk Yarnbombers about possible events to commemorate VE Day 75. St Mary's Church had also been requested to ring the church bells as part of the nationwide Ringing Out for Peace.

C1067 Committee Minutes and Reports

C1067(a) Planning Committee – 16 December 2019

The meeting received the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 16 December 2019.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

C1067(b) Open Areas and Greens Committee – 9 December 2019

The meeting received the Minutes of the Open Areas and Greens Committee held on 9 December 2019.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

C1067(c) Central Areas and Christmas Festivities Committee – 9 December 2019

The meeting received the Minutes of the Central Areas and Christmas Festivities Committee held on 9 December 2019.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

C1067(d) Personnel and Office Committee – 13 December 2019

The meeting received the Minutes of the Personnel and Office Committee held on 9 December 2019.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

C1067(e) Public Conveniences Committee – 13 December 2019

The meeting received the Minutes of the Public Conveniences Committee held on 13 December 2019.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

C1067(f) Burial Board – 19 December 2019

The meeting received the Minutes of the Burial Board Committee held on 19 December 2019.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

C1068 Burial Board

There were no applications for memorials to be considered. Cllr Adamson reported that new tenants were now residing in Cemetery Lodge.

C1069 Correspondence/Items Raised

C1069(a) Remembrance Sunday 2019

The meeting received a letter dated 23 December 2019 from the Royal British Legion, Thirsk and District Branch, thanking the Town Council for the contributions towards the costs of the Remembrance Sunday commemorations.

Resolved: that the letter be noted.

C1069(b) Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group – Newsletter

The meeting received an email dated 23 December 2019 from Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group attaching the latest CCG newsletter.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C1069(c) National Association of Local Councils – Chief Executive’s Bulletin

The meeting received an email dated 10 January 2020 from the National Association of Local Councils attaching the Chief Executive’s Bulletin.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C1069(d) Street Naming and Numbering Legislation – Confirmation Certificate of Registration for an Existing Property

The meeting received a certificate dated 13 January 2020 from Hambleton District Council regarding the registration of the Family Life Church, The Old School, Finkle Street, Thirsk, North Yorkshire, YO7 1DA.

Resolved: that the certificate be noted.

C1069(e) Yorkshire Local Councils Associations – Hambleton Branch Meetings

The meeting received an email dated 14 January 2020 from Yorkshire Local Councils Associations outlining the dates for the 2020 Hambleton Branch Meetings to be held in Easingwold. It was agreed that Cllrs Jackson and Trueman would continue to attend the meetings.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C1070 Finance

Resolved: that the accounts for payment as at 20 January 2020 be approved and cheques signed.

C1071 Reports from Members/Representatives

Cllr Trueman asked if the Climate Control Committee could be included on the Town Council’s website.

Cllr Hesmondhalgh reported that a resident of St Mary’s Walk had enquired if the street was to be cleaned each day whilst the adjoining building works were being undertaken.

Cllr Duffey reported that he had recently attended a meeting of the Thirsk Working Group. The police had stated that Thirsk had been “quiet” over the Christmas period before the mobile CCTV camera had been moved from East Thirsk Play Area, but that shortly after the camera was removed a car had been vandalised. The Town Council hoped to install its own camera in this location.

Cllr Duffey stated that a number of emails had been sent to fellow councillors over the Christmas period purporting to be from him but they were not. The plan was to develop inhouse emails.

Cllr Trueman enquired about the monitoring of the CCTV cameras at Hambleton District Council as plants had been ripped out of the boxes adjacent to the Millgate

Public Conveniences. It was noted that Gina Allen, HDC Community Safety Officer, would be contacted in this respect.

It was intended that an extra lighting column would be installed in Mill Gardens. A quote was to be obtained from a local electrician.

Members considered that on-going items could be removed from future Town Council meeting agendas.

Members discussed the appointment of trustees for the Ethel Johnson Bequest Trust and requested that the Charity Commissioners Scheme details be presented to the next meeting.

C1072 On-Going Items

Nothing reported.

The meeting closed at 8.02 pm.