

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held on Monday, 19 February 2018 at Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs: H Dalglish-Brown (Chairman), D Adamson, J Bell, D Duffey, W Gibson-Brown, C Hesmondhalgh, D Jackson, A Trueman, S Ward, J Watson

**Apologies:** Cllr: J Fisher (Illness)

**In attendance:** County/District Cllr: G Dadd

### **C796 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Bell declared an interest in C803(j) Street Naming and Numbering – Re-Split of Property, Thirsk Hall Cottages, Cemetery Road, Thirsk and took no part in the discussion.

### **C797 Police Report**

PCSO Akhtar circulated copies of the most recent crime report which included one offence of dwelling house burglary and several incidents of antisocial behaviour such as cycling on the pavement and a number of egg throwing incidents. In response to a query from Cllr Dadd, the PCSO advised that the police had visited local shops to request that eggs are not sold to youngsters.

Cllr Watson stated that she had recently observed several cars being driven with only one working headlight and she requested that the police monitor this issue.

Cllr Gibson-Brown reported issues in respect of cars parking on the pavement in Millgate and the PCSO stated that she would speak to drivers of vehicles which were parked illegally.

### **C798 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk**

#### **(a) NYCC**

Cllr Dadd reported that NYCC's council tax looked set to increase by a total of 5% and that this would still leave a revenue shortfall of approximately £10.7 million. He stated that NYCC would be pressing the case for a fairer deal for rural councils in response to the government's Fairer Funding consultation.

Cllr Dadd advised that a meeting was scheduled to take place in a few weeks' time to review the case for the possible purchase and redevelopment of the former Lambert Memorial Hospital.

#### **(b) HDC**

Cllr Dadd reported that Thirsk Community Library had been granted 100% relief from paying business rates following a non-domestic rates review.

Cllr Watson reported that HDC's council tax for 2018/2019 was likely to increase by £5 for a band D property.

Cllr Watson advised that HDC had re-launched its Making a Difference community funding programme and that the closing date for applications was 29 March 2018.

Cllr Watson stated that a report on car parking provision was expected to be placed before HDC's cabinet in April 2018.

### **C799 Open Forum**

A member of the public who was in attendance did not raise any matters.

## **C800 Minutes**

### **C800(a) Town Council Meeting held on 15 January 2018**

**Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 15 January 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.**

### **C800(b) Matters Arising**

#### **C792(i) General Data Protection Regulation**

In response to a query by Cllr Watson, the Clerk advised that he needed to obtain further information concerning the appointment of a Data Protection Officer and that the matter would need to be considered at a meeting of the Personnel and Office Committee.

## **C801 Committee Minutes and Reports**

### **(a) Planning Committee – 15 January 2018**

The meeting received the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 15 January 2018.

**Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.**

## **C802 Burial Board**

**Resolved: that the applications for memorial for Brian Douglas, James Allan Lee, Jean Morrissey and Jacqueline Winspear be approved.**

## **C803 Correspondence/Items Raised**

### **C803(a) Yorkshire Local Councils Associations – Hambleton Branch Meeting**

The meeting received an email from Yorkshire Local Councils Associations dated 16 January 2018 advising that the next meeting of the Hambleton Branch of YLCA would be held on Wednesday, 28 February 2018.

**Resolved: that Cllrs Jackson and Trueman attend the YLCA Hambleton Branch Meeting on Wednesday, 28 February 2018.**

### **C803(b) Royal British Legion, Thirsk & District Branch – Great Pilgrimage 90**

The meeting received a letter dated 23 January 2018 from Mr C Northridge MBE requesting that the Town Council consider making a donation towards the cost of £1000 for sending a Standard Bearer and a Wreath Layer to the Great Pilgrimage 90 event at the Menin Gate in August 2018. Members understood that Sowerby Parish Council had already agreed to contribute and that Mr Northridge was planning a sponsored fundraising event later in the year. It was agreed therefore that the Town Council would cover the cost of any funding shortfall.

**Resolved: that the Clerk contact Mr Northridge to advise that the Town Council will cover the cost of any financial shortfall in connection with the proposed participation in the Great Pilgrimage 90 event.**

### **C803(c) Proposed Base Station Installation on Land to the Rear of Avenue Grange Farm, Newsham Road, Thirsk**

The meeting received a letter dated 24 January 2018 from Clarke Telecom concerning a proposal to extend an existing lattice tower and install a new transmission dish on land to the rear of Avenue Grange Farm, Newsham Road, Thirsk.

**Resolved: that the letter and attachments be noted.**

### **C803(d) NHS England Consultation – Prescribing Over the Counter Items**

The meeting received an email dated 24 January 2018 from Hambleton, Richmondshire & Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group concerning a consultation

called, "Conditions for which over the counter items should not routinely be prescribed in primary care: a consultation on guidance for CCGs."

**Resolved: that the email be noted.**

**C803(e) Building a Sustainable Future for the Friarage - Update**

The meeting received a briefing dated 25 January 2018 from South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust concerning feedback which had been received in response to their engagement programme around, "Building a Sustainable Future for the Friarage" which took place between October and December 2017.

**Resolved: that the briefing be noted.**

**C803(f) North Yorkshire Connect – Online Directory**

The meeting received an email dated 29 January 2018 from Hambleton, Richmondshire & Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group concerning the launch of a new online directory for North Yorkshire called, "North Yorkshire Connect."

**Resolved: that the email be noted.**

**C803(g) Tesco Bags of Help Funding – Long Street Flower Boxes, Thirsk**

The meeting received an email dated 31 January 2018 from Tesco Bags of Help Team – Groundwork UK confirming that the Town Council had been awarded £1,000 to help fund the Long Street community gardening project. In response to a query by Cllr Hesmondhalgh, the Clerk stated that he would check the terms of the award to clarify precisely how the monies would have to be spent.

**Resolved: that the email be noted.**

**C803(h) Planned Road Closure Notification 15475 – B1448, Kirkgate, Thirsk**

The meeting received an email dated 31 January 2018 from North Yorkshire County Council advising that the B1448 Kirkgate, Thirsk would be closed for a period of five hours on 8 April 2018.

**Resolved: that the email be noted.**

**C803(i) Street Naming and Numbering – Former Wisteria Cottage, 21 Station Road, Thirsk**

The meeting received a letter dated 5 February 2018 from Hambleton District Council and an email from Cllr Watson concerning a street naming consultation in respect of a new development at the former Wisteria Cottage, 21 Station Road, Thirsk.

**Resolved: that the Town Council support Cllr Watson's preferred option that the development be named Wisteria Park, Station Road, Thirsk.**

**C803(j) Street Naming and Numbering – Re-Split of Property, Thirsk Hall Cottages, Cemetery Road, Thirsk**

The meeting received a letter dated 12 February 2018 from Hambleton District Council which confirmed a change of name and formal postal address at 1 & 2 Thirsk Hall Cottages, Cemetery Road, Thirsk.

**Resolved: that the letter be noted.**

**C803(k) Thirsk Market**

Cllr Duffey reported that Thirsk & District Business Association was proposing to set up a group comprising business people and councillors which would consider ideas and proposals to revive Thirsk market. Cllr Watson stated that Mr D McKnight and Mr C Thornton of Hambleton District Council had visited the market in 2017 and some useful suggestions had been put forward at that time. She stated that she would contact Mr McKnight for an update.

**Resolved: that the report be noted.**

### **C803(l) Tour de Yorkshire 2018**

Cllr Duffey gave an update on preparations to mark the Tour de Yorkshire passing through Thirsk on Saturday, 5 May 2018 and he requested that the Town Council consider making a contribution of £500 to support the event.

**Resolved: that the Town Council agrees to contribute £500 towards the costs incurred in connection with marking the Tour de Yorkshire passing through Thirsk on Saturday, 5 May 2018.**

### **C803(m) Probation Service Community Payback Scheme**

Cllr Watson advised that she had contacted a representative of the Probation Service Community Payback Scheme who had been keen to offer its service in terms of assisting with litter picking, gardening and painting tasks.

Cllr Hesmondhalgh advised of the work the Payback Scheme had undertaken at the Community Centre.

**Resolved: that the Town Council approach the Probation Service Community Payback Scheme to undertake tasks such as litter picking and painting.**

### **C803(n) Further Items of Correspondence**

The Clerk reported that two further emails had been received from Hambleton, Richmondshire & Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group: firstly, a media release dated 31 January 2018 concerning the launch of a new mental health and wellbeing text messaging service for young people and, secondly, a briefing dated 6 February 2018 concerning the financial challenges faced by the CCG.

The Clerk reported that a number of emails had been received from North Yorkshire County Council concerning replacement bus services for contracts which had previously been undertaken by Stephenson's of Easingwold.

The Clerk advised that a letter dated 13 February 2018 had been received from Dean Landscapes Ltd which indicated that they will no longer be carrying out regular maintenance contracts as from 1 April 2018. He advised that he would contact an employee of the company who was setting up his own maintenance business and examine other alternatives.

**Resolved: that the further items of correspondence be noted.**

### **C804 Finance**

**Resolved: that the accounts for payment as at 19 February 2018 be approved and cheques signed.**

### **C805 Reports from Members/Representatives**

Cllr Jackson advised that a photoshoot had been arranged for Wednesday, 21 February 2018 in connection with the litter pick/spring clean on Sunday, 18 March 2018. Cllr Watson indicated that she would collect equipment for the litter pick from Hambleton District Council on Thursday, 16 March 2018.

Cllr Dalgleish-Brown reported that Thirsk Yarnbombers had recently held their Annual General Meeting and were busy planning future yarnbombing events.

Cllr Dalgleish-Brown reported that she had attended a further meeting with representatives of Shine Television and that filming was due to commence in May 2018.

### **C806 On-Going items**

Nothing noted.

**The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.**