

**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council
held on Monday, 21 March 2022 at Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall**

Present: Cllrs D Jackson (Chairman), D Adamson, D Duffey, C Hesmondhalgh, K Mountford, C Patterson, A Trueman, S Ward

Apologies: Cllrs W Gibson-Brown (Holiday), F Potter (Prior commitment), B Smith (Prior commitment)

In attendance: County/District Cllr G Dadd

C1302 Declarations of Interest

None.

C1303 Police Report

PCSO Warby attended the meeting and circulated the crime report for February 2022. PCSO Warby reported that the North Yorkshire Police Operation Expedite Team was operating in the Thirsk area. Cllr Dadd enquired about county lines drug dealing stating that he had observed some suspicious activity at four a.m. one morning on his way to work. The PCSO advised that such incidents should be reported.

C1304 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk

(a) NYCC

Cllr Dadd reported that the gas main replacement works in the centre of Thirsk were causing disruption to the flow of traffic.

Cllr Dadd stated that the structural changeover had been signed by the Secretary of State. He advised that there would be no spending of large sums by any Authority unless this was done by agreement.

(b) HDC

Nothing reported.

C1305 Open Forum

No members of the public attended the meeting.

C1306 Minutes

C1306(a) Town Council Meeting held on 21 February 2022

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 21 February 2022 be approved as a correct record.

C1306(b) Matters Arising

No matters arising.

C1307 Committee Minutes and Reports

C1307(a) Planning Committee – 21 February 2022

The meeting received the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 21 February 2022.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted

C1308 Burial Board

Resolved: that the applications for memorials for Derek Hoggart, Peter Hunt, Joseph Knowlson, Gary Lynch, Brenda Stephenson and Jacqueline Walker be approved.

C1309 Correspondence/Items Raised

C1309(a) Street Collection – Thirsk Market Place

The meeting received an email dated 18 February 2022 from Hambleton District Council concerning a street collection due to take place on 10 December 2022 by the Northallerton Silver Band.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C1309(b) North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Meeting – 26 May 2022

The meeting received an email dated 18 February 2022 from Yorkshire Local Councils Associations concerning a meeting to be held with Zoe Metcalfe, the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner on 26 May 2022.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C1309(c) Hambleton Local Plan

The meeting received an email dated 24 February 2022 from Hambleton District Council concerning the decision to adopt the Hambleton Local Plan.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C1309(d) Donation to Thirsk Christmas Lights

The meeting received an email dated 25 February 2022 from Ms J Miller thanking the Town Council for its donation towards the running costs of Thirsk Christmas Lights.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C1309(e) Donation to Thirsk Community Library

The meeting received an email dated 28 February 2022 from Ms S Burton thanking the Town Council for its donation to Thirsk Community Library.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C1309(f) Planned Road Closure Notification

The meeting received an email dated 28 February 2022 from North Yorkshire County Council concerning the closure of Blakey Lane, Sowerby for two nights between 23 and 25 March 2022.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C1309(g) National Joint Council for Local Government Services – Cost of Living Increase from 1 April 2021

The meeting received an email dated 1 March 2022 from Yorkshire Local Councils Associations concerning a cost of living increase of 1.75% from 1 April 2021.

Resolved: that the cost of living increase of 1.75% be applied and backdated to 1 April 2021.

C1309(h) Housing Supplementary Planning Document

The meeting received an email dated 3 March 2022 from Hambleton District Council concerning a Housing Supplementary Planning Document which was available online to be viewed and commented upon between 3 March 2022 and 19 April 2022.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C1309(i) Yorkshire Local Councils Associations – Training Programme

The meeting received an email and attachment dated 3 March 2022 from Yorkshire Local Councils Associations concerning a training programme for April and May 2022. (previously emailed to members).

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C1309(j) Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Surveys

The meeting received an email dated 4 March 2022 from North Yorkshire County Council concerning a review and digital surveys in respect of local community pharmaceutical services.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C1309(k) Street Collection – Thirsk Market Place

The meeting received an email dated 4 March 2022 from Hambleton District Council concerning street collections due to take place each Saturday in March 2022 by Thirsk Rotary Club.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C1309(l) National Association of Local Councils – Chief Executive’s Bulletin

The meeting received a newsletter dated 4 March 2022 from the National Association of Local Councils which included several items of interest (previously emailed to Members).

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C1309(m) Yorkshire Local Councils Associations – NALC Briefing - Ukraine

The meeting received emails dated 9 and 15 March 2022 from Yorkshire Local Councils Associations (previously emailed to Members) in connection with recent events in Ukraine and which provided useful information in respect of local council general powers. Cllr Trueman gave an update in respect of the help and support given by the people of Thirsk in the form of donations and use of vehicles to transport supplies to Poland. He reported that over £64,000 had been raised to date but that further volunteers were still needed. Discussion took place as to how the Town Council could help and it was suggested that the Council would be guided by Cllr Trueman. Cllr Hesmondhalgh noted the tremendous achievements by the citizens of Thirsk in this matter and that all involved should be proud of themselves.

Resolved:

(i) that the emails be noted;

(ii) that the Town Council acknowledges the achievements of the citizens of Thirsk in respect of their efforts to support Ukraine.

C1310 Johnson Close Play Area

The Clerk reported that a plan had been drawn up by Mr C Amy, amenity contractor, who had suggested that a mature tree be planted in commemoration of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee in the Johnson Close play area once the play equipment had been removed, and that the land become a wildflower area. Mr Amy had also suggested that a new section of fencing be erected along with a gate and that the existing hedging and shrubbery remain. Cllr Hesmondhalgh proposed that an English oak tree be planted.

Resolved: that the plan prepared by Mr C Amy be approved.

C1311 Accounts for Payment

Resolved: that the accounts for payment as 21 March 2022 be approved and cheques signed.

C1312 Reports from Members/Representatives

Cllr Adamson reported that he had recently visited the new Maple Park Crematorium and that he had been impressed with the facilities.

The Clerk reported that Hambleton District Council had requested that the Town Council provide a quotation to paint the seats in the central part of the Market Place by the amenity worker, Mr L Morley.

The meeting closed at 7.55 p.m.