

Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held on Monday, 15 April 2019 at Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall

Present: Cllrs H Dalgleish-Brown (Chairman), D Adamson, D Duffey, W Gibson-Brown, R Gladstone, C Hesmondhalgh, D Jackson, F Potter, A Trueman, S Ward

Apologies: None

In attendance: District Cllr D Elders

C958 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

C959 Police Report

PCSO Warby circulated an update which detailed incidents the police had attended and crimes which had been reported within the last month. He noted that there was an increase in the number of reported fraud and theft offences. The report also contained information in respect of a police operation which targeted criminals who stole goods from lorries, often when they were parked up for the night.

Cllr Hesmondhalgh informed the PCSO that criminal damage had been caused to one of the Wetpour safety surfaces at East Thirsk play area and Cllr Jackson reported that damage had been caused to some fencing at the picnic area.

C960 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk

(a) NYCC

Nothing reported.

(b) HDC

Cllr Elders did not report any matters but indicated that he had attended the meeting so as to give an opportunity for Town Councillors to raise any questions or concerns.

C961 Open Forum

There were no members of the public in attendance.

C962 Minutes

C962(a) Town Council Meeting held on 18 March 2019

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 18 March 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C962(b) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

C963 Committee Minutes and Reports

C963(a) Planning Committee – 18 March 2019

The meeting received the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 18 March 2019.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

C963(b) Personnel & Office Committee – 8 April 2019

The meeting received the Minutes of the Personnel & Office Committee held on 8 April 2019. With regard to the proposed office move to a property in Roses Yard, the Clerk advised that he had received confirmation that planning permission for change of use of the premises was not required.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

C964 Burial Board

Resolved: that the application for memorial for Ivy Cartwright be approved.

C965 Correspondence/Items Raised

C965(a) Merchant Navy Day – 3 September 2019

The meeting received a letter dated March 2019 from Seafarers UK concerning a campaign to raise awareness of the UK's dependence on Merchant Navy seafarers.

Resolved: that the letter be noted.

C965(b) Subsidised Local Bus Services – Renewal of Contracts

The meeting received an email dated 28 March 2019 from North Yorkshire County Council concerning the renewal of contracts for subsidised local bus services. Cllr Hesmondhalgh noted that there appeared to be no major changes.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C965(c) Thirsk Rotary in Bloom – Application for Grant 2019 - 2020

The meeting received a letter dated 1 April 2019 from Thirsk Rotary in Bloom seeking confirmation of a grant which the Town Council have given to Thirsk Rotary in Bloom in previous years. The Clerk noted that a copy of the Rotary Club's latest accounts was attached.

Resolved: that the Town Council confirms a donation of £2,500 to Thirsk Rotary in Bloom for 2019 - 2020.

C965(d) Consultation on the Draft Priorities for the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Plan 2019/2021

The meeting received an email dated 2 April 2019 from J Mulligan, North Yorkshire Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner, concerning a consultation on the draft priorities for the fire service.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C965(e) Application for Street Trading Consent – Hambleton Licensing

The meeting received an email dated 2 April 2019 from the Licensing Team, Hambleton District Council, which attached an application for street trading consent for an ice cream van.

Resolved: that the Town Council raise no objection to the application for street trading consent.

C965(f) Notice of Extraordinary Governing Body Meeting as Committees in Common – Thursday, 11 April 2019

The meeting received a notice dated 4 April 2019 from Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group advising that an Extraordinary Governing Body meeting as Committees in Common would be held on Thursday, 11 April 2019.

Resolved: that the notice be noted.

C965(g) Update – Allerton Waste Recovery Park

The meeting received an email dated 5 April 2019 from Amey PLC which attached an update from the waste treatment facility at Allerton Waste Recovery Park.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C965(h) East Thirsk Play Area – Damage to Wetpour Safety Surface

The Clerk reported that damage had been caused to one of the Wetpour safety surfaces at the East Thirsk play area and that further damage had then been caused to some Heras fencing which had been erected to prevent the equipment in the affected area being used. He advised that an appointment had been made to meet with a play equipment specialist on Thursday, 18 April 2019 when all options would be considered and quotations sought for repairs. Cllr Duffey suggested that the

Town Council's mobile CCTV camera should be moved to cover the play area in an attempt to minimise the risk of further damage.

Resolved:

- (i) that the Town Council seeks advice from a play equipment specialist concerning repair/replacement of the damaged Wetpour safety surface;**
- (ii) that a request be made for a mobile CCTV camera to be moved to cover East Thirsk Play Area.**

C965(i) Sowerby Primary Academy School – Vacancy for Co-opted Governor

The Clerk read out an email dated 8 April 2019 from the Chair of Governors of Sowerby Primary Academy School requesting that he help promote a vacancy for a co-opted governor on the school's Governing Body.

Resolved: that any Town Councillor interested in the governor vacancy at Sowerby Primary Academy School contact the Clerk for further details.

C966 Finance

Resolved: that the accounts for payment as at 15 April 2019 be approved and cheques signed.

C967 Reports from Members/Representatives

In response to a query from Cllr Duffey, the Clerk indicated that he had contacted Hambleton District Council concerning the business rates for Millgate public toilets as it was understood these were to be abolished. HDC had advised that they had not received any notification from the government in this respect and therefore business rates continued to apply at the present time.

Cllr Potter noted that there was an area of overgrown foliage on a verge on Sutton Road close to the Hambleton Estate which looked untidy and would benefit from being cut back. It was noted that the verge was the responsibility of North Yorkshire County Council and that NYCC only carried out works for health and safety reasons. The Clerk indicated that he would examine the matter.

In response to a question from Cllr Trueman concerning the Long Street flower boxes, the Clerk advised that all planting had been removed from the ground level beds and that grass seed which had been sown a few weeks ago was starting to grow. As far as the boxes were concerned, he stated that three boxes which were in a poor state of repair would be removed and one new box would be put in place in the very near future. With regard to planting the boxes, Cllr Potter offered to plant one of these and some other Town Councillors indicated that they would assist.

Cllr Jackson reported that he had attended a Dementia Friendly Communities meeting at Thirsk Community Library and that he had information on the matters discussed if anyone wished to be updated.

Cllr Gibson-Brown reported that she and Cllr Jackson had attended a meeting which had been organised with HDC's Safer Hambleton Co-ordinator and the police but that the meeting had been poorly attended. She noted that two further meetings were scheduled to take place.

Cllr Dalgleish-Brown reported that the Mayor's Ball held on Saturday, 23 March 2019 had raised over £14,000 which would be divided between Herriot Hospice Care and the new inclusion unit at Thirsk School & Sixth Form College.

Cllr Dalgleish-Brown reported that she had attended Thirsk Community Primary School where she had judged an Easter Egg competition. She had also attended a meeting of Thirsk & Sowerby Swimming Baths Trust.

Cllr Dalglish-Brown indicated that she had presented Certificates of Appreciation to the volunteers at Thirsk Museum and to the volunteers who organised the annual Picnic in the Park. She noted that Thirsk Yarnbombers had just put out yet another fantastic display of knitted creations.

C968 On-Going Items

Nothing reported.

The meeting closed at 8.09 pm.