

**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council  
held remotely on Monday, 19 April 2021**

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

**Apologies:** Cllr L Hunter Bell (Illness)

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

**C1193 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**C1194 Police Report**

The Clerk advised that the police had not submitted a monthly crime report.

**C1195 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk**

**(a) NYCC**

Cllr Dadd reported that coronavirus infection rates in Hambleton had reduced significantly in the last few weeks and, although there had been some localised outbreaks, rates for North Yorkshire were on a par with the national average. Cllr Dadd indicated that some legal issues in respect of ownership of land needed to be clarified before repairs could be carried out to the Marage footpath. He advised that more secure barriers had been erected to prevent pedestrians from accessing the footpath.

**(b) HDC**

Cllr Elders reported that Hambleton District Council had recruited a firm of consultants whose remit was to examine town plans and to establish funding opportunities. He indicated that he had requested Mr Peter Cole (HDC) to provide further information at the meeting of the Thirsk Vibrant Market Towns group to be held on Thursday, 6 May 2021.

Cllr Elders reported that the refurbishment works were on track at Thirsk & Sowerby Leisure Centre and work was ongoing at the Maple Park Crematorium.

**C1196 Open Forum**

No members of the public joined the meeting.

**C1197 Minutes**

**C1197(a) Town Council Meeting held on 15 March 2021**

**Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 15 March 2021 be approved as a correct record.**

**C1197(b) Matters Arising**

**C1188(k) Tidy Up of Thirsk Market Place**

The Clerk advised that photographs had been taken of various aspects of the Market Place, including alleyways, and that a report was being prepared. Cllr Gibson-Brown indicated that she would repaint a sign in Batemans Yard if someone could remove it from the wall. The Clerk stated that he would request the amenity worker to do this. Cllr Duffey requested that the Town Council investigate and identify any areas which it was thought may be suitable for outdoor seating. The Clerk indicated that he had been approached by the owner of a local cafe who had raised the possibility of being allowed to place tables and chairs at Mill Gardens for the provision of refreshments. It had been suggested that a trial period of one month be allowed but the lady had

advised that she would need at least six months for it to be financially viable and the matter had not proceeded.

#### **C1189 Jasmine Harrison – Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge**

The Clerk advised that Ms Jasmine Harrison had been pleased to be awarded the honour of Freeperson of the Parish of Thirsk. Cllr Trueman indicated that he was happy to assist if it was decided to purchase a board to be placed in the Town Hall in recognition of people who received the honour.

### **C1198 Committee Minutes and Reports**

#### **C1198(a) Planning Committee – Summary dated 19 April 2021**

The meeting received a Summary of planning applications which had been considered by the Planning Committee dated 19 April 2021.

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

#### **C1199 Burial Board**

Cllr Adamson reported that four memorial applications had been approved since the last meeting.

### **C1200 Correspondence/Items Raised**

#### **C1200(a) Grit/Salt Bins – Norby Estate**

The meeting received an email dated 25 March 2021 from North Yorkshire County Council which confirmed that NYCC would provide two grit/salt bins before next winter, one on Percy Drive and one on the Norby Estate.

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

#### **C1200(b) Planned Road Closure Notification – Cycling Event**

The meeting received an email dated 26 March 2021 from North Yorkshire County Council which advised of the closure of Newsham Road for two hours on 29 May 2021 and the closure of Boltby Bank for two hours on 30 May 2021.

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

#### **C1200(c) National Association of Local Councils – Chief Executive’s Bulletin**

The meeting received an email dated 26 March 2021 from the National Association of Local Councils which contained information in respect of the legislation governing the holding of remote meetings.

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

#### **C1200(d) Commemorating Adam Bamlett**

The meeting received an email dated 7 April 2021 from Mr D Tucker which contained further information concerning his proposal to commemorate the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Adam Bamlett. The Clerk advised that he had requested Mr Tucker to liaise directly with Cllr Adamson.

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

#### **C1200(e) Hambleton District Council – Local Plan Examination**

The meeting received an email dated 8 April 2021 from Hambleton District Council which advised that online post hearing consultations in respect of the Local Plan were available to view and comment upon between 8 April 2021 and 20 May 2021.

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

#### **C1200(f) BT Telephone Box Removal Consultation**

The meeting received an email dated 9 April 2021 from Hambleton District Council in respect of a consultation in preparation for the removal of public payphones. It was noted that the only payphone in Thirsk included in the consultation was the payphone in the Market Place adjacent to Thirsk Tourist Information which had been

used, on average, nine times per month in the last 12 months. Cllr Gibson-Brown observed that the town had been in lockdown for much of this time and that this would have affected the usage of the payphone. The Clerk read out the observations which the Town Council had submitted in response to a previous consultation, which included reference to the payphone being sited adjacent to a public access defibrillator.

**Resolved: that the Clerk responds to the consultation in line with the observations submitted in November 2019.**

#### **C1201 Vibrant Market Towns Group**

The meeting received the Minutes of a meeting of the Thirsk Vibrant Market Towns Group which was held on Friday, 12 March 2021. Cllr Jackson advised that he was waiting for approval from Hambleton District Council in respect of the proposal that the Town Council purchase a market stall to be used at its discretion. He indicated that the new market superintendent and the Deputy Clerk had liaised in respect of the Monday market and that details concerning the market stalls would be posted on the Town Council's Facebook page each Monday morning.

**Resolved: that the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2021 be received and noted.**

#### **C1202 Covid-19**

The Clerk reported that the weekly coronavirus update provided by Hambleton District Council had been emailed to Town Councillors.

#### **C1203 Accounts for Payment**

The Clerk indicated that the Town Council had received a letter from Thirsk Rotary in Bloom requesting a donation of £3,000 for the present financial year. He advised that the Town Council had budgeted for a donation of £2,500, leaving a £500 shortfall. Following discussion, Members agreed that further information needed to be obtained and the Clerk suggested that the matter be considered at the next Town Council meeting.

**Resolved: that the accounts for payment as at 19 April 2021 be approved and cheques signed.**

#### **C1204 Reports from Members/Representatives**

Cllr Hesmondhalgh reported that East Thirsk Community Hall had been awarded a grant of £16,000 from Hambleton District Council's Making a Difference programme and that the money would be put towards the costs of installing new windows and a new heating system.

Cllr Gibson-Brown enquired if any progress had been made in connection with storage facilities for the sandbags which had been left at Riverside Mews following the recent flooding. The Clerk indicated that he would contact North Yorkshire County Council to ask if they could provide grit/salt bins and that he would also need to contact Hambleton District Council as they owned the land on which it was proposed the bins should be sited.

Cllr Duffey reported that he had recently attended a wedding display at the Town Hall and that he had been impressed by the facilities.

**The meeting closed at 7.51 pm.**