

**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council  
held on Monday, 16 May 2022 at Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall**

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

**Apologies:** Cllr B Smith (Personal), Cllr C Patterson (Holiday)

**C1325 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**C1326 Police Report**

There was no police representative in attendance.

**C1327 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk**

**(a) NYCC**

Cllr Dadd stated that he had requested a meeting with the newly elected member for Sowerby. He advised that the new authority would take effect on 1 April 2023. Cllr Dadd noted that the Secretary of State has issued a section 24 notice and that any unplanned spending by Hambleton District Council would need to be ratified.

**(b) HDC**

Cllr Elders stated that he would continue to be a District Councillor until 31 March 2023 and that all involved hoped that there would be a smooth transition to the new unitary authority.

**C1328 Open Forum**

No members of the public attended the meeting.

**C1329 Minutes**

**C1329(a) Town Council Meeting held on 25 April 2022**

**Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 25 April 2022 be approved as a correct record.**

**C1329(b) Matters Arising**

Cllr Jackson advised that the market superintendent was aware of the problems which had occurred at the Easter Bank Holiday market day when two stalls had set up outside Thirsk Tourist Information and vehicles parking in the area had received parking tickets.

**C1322 Thirsk Town Council Tree Management**

Cllr Adamson enquired about tree management and byelaws and stated that placing the tree policy online would not be difficult. Cllr Adamson would prefer that the page be titled "Byelaws and Policies."

Cllr Adamson enquired whether the Town Council had a lone working policy which could also be placed online. The Clerk stated that he would locate this document.

**C1330 Committee Minutes and Reports**

**C1330(a) Planning Committee – Minutes of Meeting held on 25 April 2022**

The meeting received the Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 April 2022.

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

**C1331 Burial Board**

**Resolved: that the application for memorial for John Rees be approved.**

### **C1332 Correspondence/Items Raised**

#### **C1332(a) North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Meeting – 26 May 2022**

The meeting received an email dated 27 April 2022 from Yorkshire Local Councils Associations concerning a Zoom meeting with Ms Zoe Metcalfe, North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, on 26 May 2022.

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

#### **C1332(b) Planned Road Closure Notification – Cemetery Road, Thirsk**

The meeting received an email dated 6 May 2022 from North Yorkshire County Council concerning the closure of Cemetery Road between 20 June 2022 and 27 June 2022 to facilitate the installation of a water pipe.

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

#### **C1332(c) Thirsk Rotary in Bloom – Application for Grant 2022-2023**

The meeting received a letter dated 9 May 2022 from the Secretary of Thirsk Rotary in Bloom which contained a request that the grant from the Town Council be increased from £3,000 to £4,000. Discussion took place during which it was noted that the Town Council had budgeted for £3,000 and that there had been an increase of £500 in 2020. Cllr Gibson-Brown suggested that Thirsk Rotary in Bloom could increase its income through sponsorship and advertising for local businesses on flower tubs once again.

**Resolved: that Thirsk Rotary in Bloom be advised that the Town Council was to adhere to the £3,000 grant aid that had been included in the budget.**

#### **C1332(d) Request for Town Council Support for Provision of Double Yellow Lines**

The meeting received an email dated 9 May 2022 from a resident of Norby Estate concerning the painting of double yellow lines on the entrance slope to Norby Estate.

**Resolved: that the matter be referred to North Yorkshire County Council Highways Department.**

### **C1333 Accounts for Payment**

**Resolved: that the accounts for payment as at 16 May 2022 be approved and cheques signed.**

### **C1334 Reports from Members/Representatives**

Cllr Hesmondhalgh reported that £250 had been paid for a new lock at the East Thirsk Community Hall. She also stated that this door had been kicked so much by two youths that it was unable to be opened properly two weeks after the new lock had been fitted. Cllr Hesmondhalgh stated that the police had recently visited after a report had been made regarding various problems to the Chief Commissioner of North Yorkshire Police. The suspected youth has been placed on a Community Resolution Disposal record.

Cllr Trueman advised that Thirsk Community Primary School Trust had given a grant of £5,000 towards the youth club.

Cllr Mountford advised that the new street cleaner for Hambleton District Council appeared to be exceptional.

Cllr Potter advised that some of the bins in the Market Place did not have flaps and she had seen crows in the bins pulling out food. The Clerk stated that he would contact Hambleton District Council.

Cllr Trueman reported that he had been approached by Mrs Kath Reynard concerning communal gardening. Cllr Jackson suggested that the matter could be considered at a meeting of the Open Areas & Greens Committee. Cllr Jackson advised that he had recently spoken to a Community First Responder who had advised him of the shortage of volunteers. Before the pandemic there had been 15 volunteers and there was now only 4.

**The meeting closed at 8.03 p.m.**