

Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held on Monday, 18 June 2018 at Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall

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

Apologies: Cllr: J Bell (Prior commitment), County/District Cllr: G Dadd (Prior commitment)

C841 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

C842 Police Report

The Clerk circulated copies of an email received from PCSO Akhtar indicating that she was unable to attend the meeting and incorporating the most recent crime figures. These included offences of burglary/attempted burglary, criminal damage and several incidents of antisocial behaviour. Town Councillors expressed concern at the number of incidents of antisocial behaviour and noted that problems were ongoing in the Millgate area which it was believed were associated with the pizza shop. Cllr Adamson noted that the pizza shop was subject to a licence and it was suggested that Hambleton District Council be requested to review the licence in view of the on-going problems.

C843 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk

(a) NYCC

Following a recent Parish Liaison Meeting, Cllr Watson understood that a representative from North Yorkshire Trading Standards was to give a presentation regarding safeguarding vulnerable people and that Wednesday, 4 July 2018 had been put forward as a possible date. She indicated that she would check whether this date had been confirmed.

(b) HDC

Cllr Watson reported that work in connection with the preparation of the new Local Plan was ongoing and she expected a further public consultation to take place within the next few months.

Cllr Watson advised that she had discussed issues of antisocial behaviour at Carr's Field with Ms L Wilson, HDC's Community Manager, and they had considered whether the Trust which looked after Carr's Field could be eligible to apply to HDC's Making a Difference programme for funding to remove the hardstanding. She suggested that a meeting be arranged along with representatives of North Yorkshire Police to consider a resolution of the issues and the Clerk agreed to arrange a meeting. Cllr Duffey suggested that the Town Council also write to the Police & Crime Commissioner to advise of the issues.

The Clerk indicated that he had been contacted by a resident regarding a proposed development on land adjacent to St Mary's Close, Thirsk. The resident was concerned that vehicles/diggers had been gaining access to carry out ground testing works via The Orchard and not via St Mary's Close. Cllr Watson advised that she would contact the planning officer at HDC and request that she respond directly to the resident.

C844 Open Forum

No members of the public were in attendance.

C845 Minutes

C845(a) Town Council Meeting held on 21 May 2018

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 21 May 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C845(b) Matters Arising

C831(b) Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk

Following the re-organisation of HDC's household waste, recycling and garden waste collections, Cllr Adamson believed that the new arrangements appeared to be working well in some areas, but not in other areas.

C846 Committee Minutes and Reports

(a) Planning Committee – 21 May 2018

The meeting received the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 21 May 2018

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

C847 Burial Board

Resolved: that the application for memorial for Doreen Sickling (additional inscription) be approved.

C848 Correspondence/Items Raised

C848(a) NHS – Overview of Feedback from Capacity and Capability Review

The meeting received a briefing dated 18 May 2018 from Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group concerning feedback following a capacity and capability review.

Resolved: that the briefing be noted.

C848(b) Citizens Advice Mid-North Yorkshire Event – Annual Celebration Day

The meeting received an email dated 21 May 2018 from Citizens Advice inviting Town Councillors to take part in an Annual Celebration Day to take place at their Northallerton office on Friday, 22 June 2018.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C848(c) Neighbourhood Policing in North Yorkshire

The meeting received an email dated 21 May 2018 from J Mulligan, Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire, concerning an online survey to gather feedback following changes which had been made to North Yorkshire Police's neighbourhood policing teams.

Resolved: that Members complete the survey on an individual basis.

C848(d) North Yorkshire County Council – Area Constituency Committees

The meeting received an email dated 22 May 2018 from North Yorkshire County Council concerning the ending of the existing seven Area Committees and the creation of six Area Constituency Committees

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C848(e) Mobile Closed Circuit Television Camera

The meeting received an email dated 30 May 2018 from PC Jonathan Harrison concerning the possibility of local councils purchasing their own mobile CCTV camera which they could deploy in areas affected by antisocial behaviour. Town Councillors noted the high initial set-up cost as well as various ongoing costs and, following discussion, agreed that the provision of CCTV cameras was the

responsibility of Hambleton District Council/Safer Hambleton Community Safety Hub, rather than the Town Council.

Resolved: that the Town Council respond to the email advising that the matter should be referred to Hambleton District Council/Hambleton Community Safety Hub, copying in J Mulligan (Police & Crime Commissioner), G Allen (HDC) and M Robson.

C848(f) Renewal of Subsidised Local Bus Services in the Areas of Hambleton, Harrogate and Richmondshire

The meeting received an undated document from North Yorkshire County Council concerning the renewal of subsidised local bus services. As part of the renewal process the Council was seeking comments on these services. Cllr Watson suggested that the Town Council respond with an observation that there should not be any further erosion of bus services.

Resolved:

a) that the document be noted.

b) that the Town Council respond that there should be no further erosion of services.

C848(g) Building a Sustainable Future for the Friarage – Update

The meeting received an update dated 1 June 2018 from South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust concerning the publication of a report following the public engagement programme which took place from October to December 2017.

Resolved: that the update be noted.

C848(h) Sponsorship of Match Ball – Thirsk Cricket Club

The meeting received a letter dated April 2018 from Thirsk Cricket Club concerning the sponsorship of a cricket match ball for the 2018 season.

Resolved: that the Town Council sponsors a match ball for the 2018 season.

C849 Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2018

The Clerk indicated that he had sent an email to Town Councillors concerning their availability to attend an Extraordinary Meeting to consider/approve the Annual Return on Thursday, 28 June 2018 at 7.00 pm. He advised that prior to the Extraordinary Meeting it was necessary to hold a short meeting at which the Town Council's systems of internal control would be reviewed.

Resolved: that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council be held on Thursday, 28 June 2018 at Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall.

C850 Finance

In response to a query concerning the new grass cutting contract, the Clerk advised that a few complaints had been received concerning the standard of grass cutting, particularly in the cemetery. He felt that the issues were caused primarily by the grass cutting starting later in the season than normal. He indicated that additional cuts were being carried out at the cemetery which would hopefully improve the appearance. In addition, one or two small areas had been overlooked but it was believed these issues had now been rectified.

Resolved: that the accounts for payment as at 18 June 2018 be approved and cheques signed.

C851 Reports from Members/Representatives

Cllr Trueman reported that the next meeting of the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations was due to take place on Wednesday, 27 June 2018 and, as Cllr

Jackson was unable to attend the meeting, he offered to give a lift to any other councillor if they wished to attend.

Cllr Watson reported that the hedging on Station Road adjacent to the racecourse needed cutting back. The Clerk advised that he would request J Bell to undertake the work.

Cllr Gibson-Brown advised that a large pile of branches/leaves on Mill Gardens needed to be taken away. The Clerk advised that he would make a further request that this be done as quickly as possible.

Cllr Dalgleish-Brown reported that she had handed out prizes following a treasure hunt organised by The Connection Gallery on Saturday, 2 June 2018. She advised that she had also met the new head teacher of Thirsk School.

The Clerk indicated that he had received an email from Shine Television advising of an intention to return to Thirsk and the surrounding area to film on 4 and 5 July 2018.

C852 On-Going items

Nothing reported.

The meeting closed at 8.02 pm.