

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held on Monday, 17 June 2019 at Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall**

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

**Apologies:** Cllrs L Hunter Bell (Prior commitment), S Ward (Prior Commitment), County/District Cllr G Dadd

**In attendance:** District Cllr D Elders

### **C980 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **C981 Police Report**

PCSO Warby went through the crime report which showed the previous month's crime figures. This included seven reports of arson/criminal damage, one burglary and eight reports of violence against a person. The report also contained information in respect of Operation Owl which was an initiative implemented by North Yorkshire Police to reduce the number of illegal attacks on birds of prey.

### **C982 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk**

#### **(a) NYCC**

Nothing reported.

#### **(b) HDC**

Cllr Elders reported that a trench which had been recently dug in the central part of the Market Place was a precursor towards the installation of electric charging points for vehicles and that they would also be able to be used for market traders and would eliminate the use of generators. Cllr Elders understood that it was intended to install further power points on the opposite side of the Market Place.

Cllr Elders advised that cobbles had now been replaced in an area which had been previously Tarmacadamed.

### **C983 Open Forum**

#### **Resolved: that standing orders be suspended**

Mr David Tonge addressed the meeting regarding climate change and advised that several councils around the country had already declared a climate emergency. Mr Tonge suggested that if Thirsk Town Council were to become a part of the move against climate change they would be "on the right side of history."

#### **Resolved: that standing orders be reinstated.**

### **C984 Minutes**

#### **C984(a) Town Council Meeting held on 20 May 2019**

**Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 20 May 2019 be approved as a correct record subject to the amendment of Minute number C978 which should indicate that the grant application by East Thirsk Community Hall was to enable the parent, baby and toddler group to operate for a further five years, as opposed to three years.**

### **C984(b) Matters Arising**

#### **C967 Reports from Members/Representatives**

The Clerk advised that he had requested the Town Council's grass cutting contractor to provide a quotation in respect of cutting down and tidying overgrown foliage on a section of verge on Sutton Road.

#### **C975 Burial Board**

The Clerk indicated that he had contacted Mr D Pickles of Agriweld concerning the damaged railings at the cemetery. Mr Pickles had observed that this type of railings sometimes came under certain provisions as a result of their historic value and, if this was the case, only approved contractors were allowed to carry out any repair work. Mr Pickles had stated that he would visit the cemetery to ascertain whether he considered that the railings fell within this remit. The Clerk stated that he was examining the installation of a CCTV camera at the cemetery.

#### **C978 Reports from Members/Representatives**

Cllr Trueman noted that the licensing department at Hambleton District Council had been advised of the concerns of a local resident in respect of race-goers drinking alcohol outside licensed premises in the Market Place on race days and that licensing officers were to visit the premises in question.

### **C985 Committee Minutes and Reports**

#### **C985(a) Planning Committee – 20 May 2019**

The meeting received the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 20 May 2019.

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

#### **C985(b) Open Areas and Green Committee – 16 May 2019**

The meeting received the Minutes of the Open Areas and Greens Committee held on 16 May 2019. Cllr Gladstone reported that it had been necessary to cancel the two walkabouts of public open spaces on 7 June and 14 June due to wet weather. Cllr Duffey noted that the mobile CCTV camera was now in place overlooking East Thirsk Play Area. The meeting was advised of the poor condition of some of the old play equipment on The Holmes and that a quotation had been obtained from Park Lane Playgrounds to carry out necessary repair works.

**Resolved:**

**(i) that the Minutes be received and noted.**

**(ii) that the quotation from Park Lane Playgrounds to repair play equipment on The Holmes be accepted.**

#### **C986 Burial Board**

Nothing reported.

### **C987 Correspondence/Items Raised**

#### **C987(a) Certificate of Registration for New Property/Address**

The meeting received a certificate dated 14 May 2019 from Hambleton District Council which confirmed the registration and formal postal address of a property as 54A Long Street, Thirsk YO7 1AU.

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

#### **C987(b) Planned Road Closure Notification – Cemetery Road, Thirsk**

The meeting received an email dated 14 May 2019 from North Yorkshire County Council concerning the closure of Cemetery Road, Thirsk for a period of 12 days between 17 and 28 June 2019.

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

### **C987(c) Hambleton Parish Liaison Meeting**

The meeting received a letter dated 21 May 2019 from Hambleton District Council concerning the next Hambleton Parish Liaison Meeting to be held on Thursday, 18 July 2019.

**Resolved: that Cllrs Gladstone, Jackson and Trueman will attend the Hambleton Parish Liaison Meeting on Thursday, 18 July 2019.**

### **C987(d) Certificate of Registration for the Add of Alias Name**

The meeting received a letter dated 29 May 2019 from Hambleton District Council which confirmed the registration of a property at 3 The Crescent, Thirsk with an alias name of Farrow House.

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

### **C987(e) Resolutions for Debate at the YLCA Joint Annual Meeting – 13 July 2019**

The meeting received an email dated 29 May 2019 from Yorkshire Local Councils Associations concerning resolutions for debate at the YLCA joint annual meeting to be held on 13 July 2019.

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

### **C987(f) Climate Change**

The meeting received a letter from local schoolchildren concerning climate change and included some ideas which it was thought might assist in this respect.

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

### **C987(g) Climate Emergency**

The meeting received an email dated 3 June 2019 from Mr David Tonge concerning his proposal that the Town Council declare a climate emergency. It was noted that Hambleton District Council had now committed to the installation of electric charging points for vehicles in the Market Place.

**Resolved:**

- (i) that the Town Council recognises that there is a climate emergency situation;**
- (ii) that a committee consisting of the chairs of existing committees be set up to examine how the Council can help alleviate and be proactive with regard to climatic change;**
- (iii) that the Planning Committee takes into account renewable energy regulations/implications when considering new build applications.**

### **C987(h) Funding - Refurbishment of Scout Hut**

The meeting received an email dated 4 June 2019 from 1<sup>st</sup> Thirsk Scouts concerning proposed refurbishment works to the scout hut. Town Councillors noted that the latest accounts were attached.

**Resolved: that the matter be adjourned to the next Town Council meeting to enable further information to be obtained.**

### **C987(i) Great British High Street Awards 2019**

The meeting received an email dated 5 June 2019 from Hambleton District Council concerning entries for the Great British High Street Awards for 2019. It was suggested that the Town Council liaise with Thirsk & District Business Association.

**Resolved: that Cllr Gladstone discuss the matter with Mr G Baragwanath of Thirsk & District Business Association.**

### **C987(j) Standards Hearings Panel - Appointment of Parish Council Representative**

The meeting received a letter dated 7 June 2019 from Hambleton District Council concerning the appointment of a third Parish Council representative on the Standards Hearings Panel.

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

### **C987(k) Return of the Farmers' Market**

The meeting received a press release dated 10 June 2019 from Hambleton District Council concerning a farmers' market to be held in Thirsk Market Place on Sunday, 23 June 2019.

**Resolved: that the press release be noted.**

### **C988 Meetings**

#### **(i) Extraordinary Town Council Meeting**

**Resolved: that an Extraordinary Town Council Meeting to consider the Annual Return for 2018/19 be held on Thursday, 27 June 2019 at 7.00 pm.**

#### **(ii) Internal Control Review Committee**

The Clerk advised that it was necessary to hold a meeting of the Internal Control Review Committee prior to the Extraordinary Town Council Meeting.

**Resolved: that a meeting of the Internal Control Review Committee be held on Tuesday, 25 June 2019 in the Town Council office.**

### **C989 Finance**

**Resolved: that the accounts for payment as at 17 June 2019 be approved and cheques signed.**

### **C990 Reports from Members/Representatives**

Cllr Dalgleish-Brown indicated that a recent school reunion at Thirsk School was a success with over 200 visitors. The school has now been open for 62 years.

Cllr Dalgleish-Brown indicated that £250,000 had now been raised for Freddie's Fight by the local community.

Cllr Adamson advised that damage had been occasioned to a greenhouse by children on the Millennium Green. Gina Allen had responded to the occupiers of the property concerned advising that the CCTV camera that had been positioned at the East Thirsk Play Area would also cover the area that was causing them concern. It was noted that C Amy had now locked the gate allowing access past Yorkshire Water and Yorkshire Water's pumping station and the electricity substation.

Cllr Adamson also indicated that a smell was reported as coming from the Tranmire Ditch and this was reported to Hambleton District Council. This stretch of water is not fast flowing and comes from St Mary's Close and not from Millennium Green.

Cllr Duffey reported that he had been to the opening ceremony of the Offices of Continuing Care for the Elderly and Young.

Cllr Hesmondhalgh reported that a grant of £150,000 to £180,000 was applied for regarding the East Thirsk Community Hall. This matter will be checked and sent for approval.

Cllr Trueman reported that the May Bank Holiday market was set up in different areas of the Market Place. Following complaints about parking bays being prevented from use by market stalls, new arrangements were to be put in place for the next Bank Holiday market.

**C991 On-Going Items**

Nothing reported.

**The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.**