

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

Present: Cllrs D Jackson (Chairman), D Adamson, H Dalglish-Brown, W Gibson-Brown, C Hesmondhalgh, L Hunter Bell, A Trueman, S Ward

Apologies: Cllrs D Duffey (Alternative commitment), R Gladstone (Alternative commitment), F Potter (Alternative commitment)

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

C992 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Jackson declared an interest in Minute No C999(I) concerning Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall and took no part in the discussion.

C993 Police Report

There was no police representative in attendance.

C994 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk

(a) NYCC

Cllr Dadd reported that an order had been placed for marking the double yellow line parking restriction on a section of Cemetery Road which he expected would be carried out within the next few weeks.

Cllr Hunter Bell advised that a 30 mph traffic sign on Newsham Road, just beyond the junction with Cemetery Road, was faded and not clearly seen by motorists. Cllr Dadd indicated that he would raise the matter with NYCC Highways.

(b) HDC

Cllr Elders reported that Hambleton District Council planned to install a number of electric charging points in the Market Place. He advised that the work would be carried out in conjunction with the realignment of the parking bays, including alterations to the bays adjacent to the courtesy crossing near Bakers Alley. In response to a query from Cllr Hunter Bell, Cllr Elders explained that the new parking bays would be larger and, although there would be fewer bays, there would be no reduction in the number of disabled parking bays.

Cllrs Elders indicated that positive feedback had been received following the farmers market held in the Market Place on Sunday, 23 June 2019 and that the next farmers market was due to take place on Sunday, 22 September 2019. In response to a query by Cllr Jackson, Cllr Elders advised that Hambleton District Council was looking at ways to revitalise the regular Saturday market.

Cllr Elders reported that problems had arisen with the new development on land at the end of St Mary's Close, Thirsk in that the developers had raised the level of some of the ground to assist with drainage issues. He advised that planning enforcement officers had been to inspect the site and that a further planning application had been submitted.

C995 Open Forum

No members of the public were in attendance.

C996 Minutes

C996(a) Town Council Meeting held on 17 June 2019

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 17 June 2019 be approved as a correct record.

C996(b) Matters Arising

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The Clerk advised that he was still waiting for a quotation in respect of cutting down and tidying overgrown foliage on a section of verge on Sutton Road.

C987(g) Climate Emergency

Following a query by Cllr Trueman, the Clerk confirmed that a committee which would examine how the Council can be proactive with regard to climatic change would comprise the chairmen of existing Town Council committees and that a meeting would be arranged in the near future to set out the terms of the committee.

C997 Committee Minutes and Reports

C997(a) Planning Committee – 17 June 2019

The meeting received the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 17 June 2019.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

C998 Burial Board

Cllr Adamson indicated that he had considered the contents of a letter dated 18 June 2019 which had been received from Mrs P Dunning following a fall on an uneven section of the cemetery footpath. Cllr Adamson advised that he had identified a section of footpath where some tarmac had eroded and that he would arrange to meet a contractor on site and obtain a quotation for this repair and some other minor repairs to be carried out.

Resolved:

- (i) that applications for memorials for Shaun Jenkins, Norma Monica Thompson and Diane Mary Williamson be approved.**
- (ii) that Cllr Adamson obtain a quotation to repair a damaged section of footpath at the cemetery.**

C999 Correspondence/Items Raised

C999(a) Funding – Refurbishment of Scout Hut

The meeting received an email dated 4 June 2019 from 1st Thirsk Scouts concerning proposed refurbishment works to the scout hut. The Clerk advised that there was some money available to be allocated from the Shine TV community monies and a suggestion had been made that £400 could be allocated to the scouts, which would leave some funding available to purchase additional Christmas lights.

Resolved: that the Town Council approves a donation of £400 to 1st Thirsk Scouts from the Shine TV community monies to be utilised for the purpose of refurbishing the scout hut.

C999(b) Cemetery Footpaths

Dealt with above, under C998 Burial Board.

C999(c) Castle Garth – Antisocial Behaviour

The meeting received an email dated 23 June 2019 from Nicky Jenkins concerning antisocial behaviour on Castle Garth along with a suggestion that CCTV be installed to deter troublemakers from congregating in the area. It was noted that other residents had raised similar concerns. The Clerk advised that he would contact Mr S Dresser to discuss the feasibility and cost of installing a CCTV camera on Castle Garth.

Resolved: that the Town Council investigates the feasibility and cost of installing a CCTV camera on Castle Garth.

C999(d) Street Naming Consultation – Land off End St Mary’s Close, Thirsk

The meeting received a letter dated 25 June 2019 from Hambleton District Council which requested comments in respect of two proposed street names for the development on land at the end of Mary’s Close, Thirsk.

Resolved: that Town Councillors suggest that the development be named Bluebell Court.

C999(e) Planning Training for Parish and Town Councils

The meeting received an email dated 26 June 2019 from Hambleton District Council concerning planning training which the District Council may offer to parish and town councils.

Resolved: that the Town Council advises Hambleton District Council that members of the Planning Committee have expressed interest in attending a planning training event.

C999(f) Courtesy Crossing – Thirsk Market Place

The meeting received an email dated 27 June 2019 from the Thirsk Nationwide Building Society branch regarding concern over safety on the courtesy crossing outside the Nationwide Building Society (near Bakers Alley) with a proposal that the crossing be changed to a zebra crossing. The Clerk advised that certain regulations were in force applicable to the installation of pedestrian crossings. Following discussion, Town Councillors considered that the matter should be referred to NYCC Highways.

Resolved: that the matter be referred to North Yorkshire County Council Highways Department for its observations.

C999(g) Thirsk Yarnbombers – Remembrance Sunday

The meeting received an email dated 1 July 2019 from Thirsk Yarnbombers concerning a proposal to decorate the town centre with poppies for Remembrance Day, including decorating the town clock with a drape of netting covered in poppies. Town Councillors were supportive of the proposal, subject to appropriate insurance being in place for everyone involved with putting up the netting and poppies. It was also noted that the decorations would need to be removed in time for the installation of the Christmas lights.

Resolved: that the Town Council supports the proposal by Thirsk Yarnbombers to decorate the town centre and town clock with poppies for Remembrance Day.

C999(h) Annual General Meeting – Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group

The meeting received a media release dated 3 July 2019 from Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group advising of the Annual General Meeting of NHS Scarborough and Ryedale Clinical Commissioning Group to be held on Thursday, 25 July 2019.

Resolved: that the media release be noted.

C999(i) Primary Care Commissioning Committee Meeting – Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group

The meeting received a notice dated 8 July 2019 from Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group concerning a Primary Care Commissioning Committee meeting to be held on Tuesday, 16 July 2019 at Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Northallerton.

Resolved: that the notice be received and noted.

C999(j) Road Closure Notification – Masonic Lane, Thirsk

The Clerk advised that an email dated 10 July 2019 had been received from North Yorkshire County Council concerning the closure of Masonic Lane, Thirsk between 5 August and 9 August 2019 to facilitate the installation of a new water supply.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C999(k) Application for Street Trading Consent – Thirsk Industrial Estate

The Clerk indicated that an email dated 15 July 2019 had been received which attached an application for street trading consent for a mobile catering unit on Thirsk Industrial Estate.

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

C999(l) Repairs to Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall

The Clerk advised that the Town Council had received two estimates from Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall for repairs to the Town Hall roof and he understood that Sowerby Parish Council had approved the + quotation in the sum of £660.

Resolved: that the Town Council approves the quotation in the sum of £660 to carry out repairs to the Town Hall roof.

C1000 Finance

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

C1001 Reports from Members/Representatives

Cllr Dalgleish-Brown reported that the 14th Picnic in the Park held on Saturday, 6 July 2019 had been a huge success with money raised going to charities including the Freddie's Fight campaign.

Cllr Dalgleish-Brown advised that Thirsk & Sowerby Festival would take place on Sunday, 4 August 2019 on The Flatts Fields, with free entry and free bouncy castles.

Cllr Adamson reported that the developers of the new properties at the end of St Mary's Close had submitted details of a footbridge to the Millennium Green which did not comply with requirements set down by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents.

Cllr Hesmondhalgh noted that the shrubbery on the Whitemare Roundabout needed cutting back.

Cllr Gibson-Brown reported that an Art Fayre would be held in the Town Hall on Sunday, 4 August 2019.

C1002 On-Going Items

Nothing reported.

The meeting closed at 8.07 pm.