

**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council  
held on Monday, 18 July 2022 at Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs D Jackson (Chairman), D Adamson, D Duffey, C Hesmondhalgh, K Mountford, A Trueman, S Ward

**Apologies:** Cllrs W Gibson-Brown (Personal), F Potter (Holiday), B Smith (Personal)  
County/District Cllr G Dadd

**C1345 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**C1346 Police Report**

There was no police representative in attendance. However, the police had submitted a report containing the crime figures for June 2022 which was circulated and noted.

**C1347 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk**

**(a) NYCC**

Nothing reported.

**(b) HDC**

Cllr Elders reported that staff at HDC were working hard towards the creation of the single unitary authority which will take effect on 1 April 2023.

In response to a question from Cllr Hesmondhalgh, Cllr Elders had no update concerning the installation of electricity charging points in the Market Place but advised that HDC had taken delivery of new cycle racks which were to be installed in a parking bay adjacent to Bakers Alley.

**C1348 Open Forum**

Sowerby & Topcliffe Cllr Dave Whitfield attended the meeting (but did not participate).

**C1349 Minutes**

**C1349(a) Town Council Meeting held on 20 June 2022**

**Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 20 June 2022 be approved as a correct record.**

**C1349(b) Matters Arising**

C1342(e) Play Equipment – The Holmes

The Clerk advised that a broken item of play equipment at The Holmes had been removed.

**C1350 Committee Minutes and Reports**

**C1350(a) Planning Committee – Minutes of Meeting held on 20 June 2022**

The meeting received the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2022. Cllr Jackson advised that only Cllr Trueman and himself had been present at the meeting held on 18 July 2022 and therefore there had not been a committee quorate. He went through all six planning applications which had been considered at the meeting and summarised the observations which had been made.

**Resolved:**

- (i) that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 June 2022 be received and noted;**
- (ii) that the observations outlined by Cllr Jackson in respect of the six planning applications considered at the meeting held on 18 July 2022 be accepted and confirmed.**

**C1351 Burial Board**

Cllr Adamson advised that the repair of a section of cemetery wall which had been damaged by a fallen tree would be costly and would be the subject of an insurance claim.

**Resolved: that the applications for memorial for Margaret Boyd, Margaret Echron Carver and Douglas Hodgson be approved.**

**C1352 Correspondence/Items Raised**

**C1352(a) Herriot Hospice Homecare Campaign: Celebration September**

The meeting received an email and attachment dated 5 July 2022 from Lucy Turner, Community and Events Manager at Herriot Hospice Homecare, which contained an overview of the Celebration September campaign. Cllr Jackson indicated that he had met the Chief Executive Officer of Herriot Hospice Homecare in order to clarify a number of matters. He advised that he had requested that a group of Town Councillors be shown around the Lambert Hospital premises and that some dates had been put forward. The Clerk suggested that Members email the Town Council with their availability so that a mutually convenient date could be agreed

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

**C1352(b) Thirsk & Sowerby Guide – Promoting Thirsk and Sowerby**

The meeting received an email dated 11 July 2022 from Mr P Rush of Thirsk Tourist Information which included a request that the Town Council contribute £500 towards the costs of producing and distributing the Thirsk & Sowerby Guide. It was noted that Sowerby Parish Council had agreed to donate £500 and it was suggested that the Town Council should request to view the accounts of Thirsk Tourist Information and seek clarification in respect of which other organisations had been asked to contribute.

The Clerk advised that the Town Council had received an email dated 18 July 2022 from Hambleton District Council which stated that HDC, as owner, had issued a notification of the intended sale/disposal of Thirsk Tourist Information Centre. He indicated that HDC would have to follow a set of formal procedures and that Thirsk Tourist Information could make a request to be treated as a potential bidder for the asset.

**Resolved: that the Town Council seek further information from Thirsk Tourist Information before deciding whether to contribute towards the costs of producing and distributing the Thirsk & Sowerby Guide.**

**C1352(c) Variation of Premises Licence – Black Bull, 75 Market Place, Thirsk**

The meeting received an email and attachment dated 15 July 2022 from Hambleton District Council concerning an application to vary the premises licence in respect of the Black Bull, 75 Market Place, Thirsk.

**Resolved: that Members raise no objections in respect of the application to vary the premises licence for the Black Bull, 75 Market Place, Thirsk.**

**C1353 Co-option of Town Councillor**

Members considered five applications which had been received in respect of the Town Councillor vacancy and a paper vote took place. The Clerk advised that Cllrs Potter and Smith had already submitted votes by email as they were unable to attend the meeting.

**Resolved: that Mr David Southward be co-opted on to the Town Council.**

**C1354 Accounts for Payment**

**Resolved: that the accounts for payment as at 18 July 2022 be approved and cheques signed.**

**C1355 Extraordinary Meeting**

The Clerk advised that the Town Council no longer held its regular monthly meeting in August but that an Extraordinary Meeting needed to be arranged to consider matters in relation to the annual return.

**Resolved: that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council be held on Monday, 22 August 2022 at 7.00 pm.**

**C1356 Reports from Members/Representatives**

Cllr Trueman reported that the clock at St Mary's Church appeared to be not working. The Clerk stated that the Town Council had not been made aware of this but that he would check the position.

Cllr Hesmondhalgh reported that she was unaware of any recent incidents of antisocial behaviour in the vicinity of East Thirsk Community Hall.

**The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.**