

Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held on Monday, 20 August 2018 at Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall

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

Apologies: Cllrs: J Bell (Holiday), D Duffey (Holiday), J Fisher (Illness)

In attendance: County/District Cllr: G Dadd

Before commencing the meeting Cllr Dalglish-Brown advised that she had received a letter of resignation from Cllr Janet Watson. Cllr Dalglish-Brown noted that Cllr Watson had been a hardworking member of the Town Council for many years and that her wealth of experience and knowledge would be missed.

C864 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

C865 Police Report

There was no police representative in attendance.

C866 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk

(a) NYCC

Cllr Dadd noted that Yorkshire Water had carried out additional works on Finkle Street which had resulted in a further road closure. He advised that he had written to the Chief Executive of Yorkshire Water concerning the issues in Finkle Street as he felt that they prioritised works in urban areas.

Cllr Dadd reported that NYCC's children's social care services had recently been inspected by Ofsted and been awarded an "Outstanding" grade in every category. Regrettably, he also had to report that there was a predicted overspend of £11 million in the children and young people's service and, although there was a predicted underspend in some areas, he anticipated the end result being an overspend of approximately £2.5 million.

Cllr Dadd reported that he was aware of drainage issues on Millgate and Kirkgate and that both locations were included on NYCC's programme of works. Cllr Gibson-Brown advised that there was also a drainage issue on the stretch of land between the Ritz Cinema and the Town Hall.

(b) HDC

Cllr Dadd stated that he had been sad to learn of Cllr Janet Watson's resignation from Hambleton District Council and Thirsk Town Council. He noted that she had worked extremely hard for many years for the benefit of the community and that a bi-election would be held in respect of the District Council vacancy.

Cllr Dadd noted that the meeting's agenda included an item concerning the possible purchase of a mobile CCTV camera. He indicated that he was very keen to support the Town Council in the purchase of a mobile camera and hoped that the Town Council would play its part in tackling issues of antisocial behaviour.

C867 Open Forum

Mr Richard Gladstone attended the meeting. He stated that he ran a business in Finkle Street and that when he had spoken to the contractors who had been carrying out repairs he had been advised that the works they were carrying out were planned, not emergency works. He requested that local businesses and residents be

informed in advance when such works are due to take place so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Cllr Dadd advised that contractors have a duty to inform local businesses and residents when road closures are to take place. Mrs M Penson attended the meeting. She noted that Moorsbus was on the agenda and hoped that the Town Council would contribute to the Moorsbus operation as she believed it provided an excellent service. Mrs Penson went on to report issues of antisocial behaviour, litter and drug taking at Mill Gardens/Riverside Mews. She advised that she regularly collected large amounts of rubbish on a morning. She requested that the Town Council ask the police to carry out regular patrols particularly during the evenings and that consideration be given to installing a CCTV camera. Cllr Gibson-Brown advised that the Town Council had held a meeting with the police on 7 August 2018 and that the police were fully aware of the issues. Cllr Dalgleish-Brown added that the police had advised that the public report issues via Crimestoppers.

C868 Minutes

C868(a) Town Council Meeting held on 16 July 2018

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 16 July 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C868(b) Matters Arising

C860(b) Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall – Replacement Lights

The Clerk noted that new lights for the Town Hall annexe had been installed.

C860(d) Town Council Office Lease

The Clerk advised that he had contacted the landlady to discuss the office lease and was waiting for her to respond with an update. He added that he had located suitable alternative office accommodation in the event of a new lease not being agreed.

C862 Reports from Members/Representatives

The Clerk advised that NYCC had previously indicated that the Town Council owned a piece of land adjacent to Riverside Mews on which there were some issues concerning ownership of trees. However, he had obtained and checked the deeds which showed that the Town Council did not own the land and the matter was therefore in the remit of NYCC.

Cllr Trueman advised that the Town Council's Facebook page was now up and running.

C869 Committee Minutes and Reports

(a) Planning Committee – 16 July 2018

The meeting received the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 16 July 2018.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

(b) Meeting with Police and Hambleton Community Safety Partnership

The meeting received the Notes of a meeting with the Police and Hambleton Community Safety Partnership held on Tuesday, 7 August 2018. The Clerk advised that there had been a useful exchange of information at the meeting and that the police were fully aware of issues of concern.

Resolved: that the Notes be received and noted.

C870 Burial Board

Resolved: that the applications for memorials for Christine Carter and Angela Margaret Gawthorp be approved.

C871 Correspondence/Items Raised

C871(a) Christmas Lights

The meeting received a letter dated 30 July 2018 from Mr J Howse advising that he was no longer able to install the Town Council's Christmas lights. The Clerk stated that the options were either to engage an alternative contractor or to request the Thirsk Ladies Group to take over responsibility for the whole of Thirsk's Christmas lights. Members discussed the current arrangements for the supply and installation of the Christmas tree and lights and suggested that a quotation be obtained from the contractor who installed the lights for Thirsk Ladies Group.

Resolved: that the Town Council obtains a quotation from Mr S Dresser with regard to installing and dismantling the Town Council's Christmas lights.

C871(b) Local NHS Asks for Views on Current Autism and ADHD Service

The meeting received a media release dated 1 August 2018 which indicated that the clinical commissioning groups across North Yorkshire were inviting feedback on the current service for adults with autism and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

Resolved: that the media release be noted.

C871(c) Certificate of Registration for New Property/Address

The meeting received a certificate dated 3 August 2018 from Hambleton District Council which confirmed the registration and formal postal address of a new flat on the second floor of 66-68 Market Place, Thirsk.

Resolved: that the certificate be noted.

C871(d) Update on the Thirsk Artisan Food and Drink Market

The meeting received an email dated 6 August 2018 from Hambleton District Council which attached a report following the Artisan Food and Drink Market held on Saturday, 28 July 2018. The report included feedback following the first event and notified some changes to the next event to be held on Saturday, 25 August 2018.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C871(e) Moorsbus

The meeting received an email dated 10 August 2018 from the Friends of Moorsbus which included a request for a financial contribution to support the Moorsbus operation for 2018/2019.

Resolved: that the Town Council makes a donation of £100 to help support the Moorsbus operation for 2018/2019.

C871(f) Mobile CCTV Camera

The meeting received an email dated 14 August 2018 from Cllr G Dadd concerning the possible purchase of a mobile CCTV camera by the Town Council. Cllr Dadd had offered to fund half the capital cost of the purchase of the camera. He also noted that he would extend this to a contribution towards the maintenance costs but could not guarantee that. Members were reminded that when the matter had been discussed previously there had been concerns about the costs which would be incurred. The Clerk advised that if a camera was purchased this would be under the remit of Hambleton District Council.

Resolved: that the Town Council purchases a mobile CCTV camera following the offer by Cllr G Dadd to contribute 50 per cent of the initial capital cost.

C872 Finance

The Clerk noted that, following the resignation of Cllr Watson, the Town Council only had three signatories to its bank account and suggested that two further signatories be authorised. Cllrs Dalglish-Brown and Gibson-Brown put their names forward to become bank signatories.

Resolved:

- a) that the accounts for payment as at 20 August 2018 be approved and cheques signed.**
- b) that Cllrs Dalglish-Brown and Gibson-Brown become authorised cheque signatories**

C873 Reports from Members/Representatives

Cllr Gibson-Brown advised that the police were fully aware of issues on Riverside Mews/Mill Gardens and that residents picked up litter on a regular basis. Discussion took place and members felt that there was an adequate supply of litter bins.

Cllr Trueman commented on the appearance of increasing amounts of tarmac which had been used to repair the pavements in the Market Place. The Clerk advised that the Town Council had previously complained to NYCC about the use of tarmac but that NYCC had stated that it was not feasible to purchase individual pieces of stone to carry out repairs due to cost restraints.

Cllr Dalglish-Brown reported that she had attended a Garden Party at the Frankland Arms at the weekend and that the event had raised £713.65 for The Clock. She advised that she had attended the Service of Thanksgiving for Barry Dodd CBE, Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for North Yorkshire, on Friday, 20 July 2018.

Cllr Dalglish-Brown stated that she had been on Radio York and read out a rhyme to advertise Thirsk & Sowerby Festival which had been held on Sunday, 5 August 2018. She had also attended Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall and presented slimming awards.

Cllr Gibson-Brown reported that the Art Fayre which she had organised at the Town Hall to coincide with Thirsk & Sowerby Festival had raised approximately £1,040 which would be distributed between four local charities.

C874 On-Going items

Nothing reported.

The meeting closed at 8.16 pm.