

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held on Monday, 16 September 2019 at Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs D Duffey (Chairman), D Adamson, H Dalgleish-Brown, W Gibson-Brown, C Hesmondhalgh, L Hunter Bell, D Jackson, A Trueman

**Apologies:** Cllrs F Potter (Personal), S Ward (Personal)

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

At the beginning of the meeting the Clerk read out a letter of resignation which had been received from Cllr R Gladstone which stated that after careful consideration due to planned and unforeseen circumstances he was not in a position to carry on being a Councillor. Cllr Duffey requested that a letter be sent to Cllr Gladstone to thank him for his hard work on behalf of the Town Council.

### **C1014 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **C1015 Police Report**

There was no police representative in attendance.

### **C1016 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk**

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

Cllr Dadd reported that there had been a delay in painting the double yellow lines parking restriction on Cemetery Road and confirmed that the work would be carried out in the near future.

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

Cllr Elders reported that an appeal had been made to the Secretary of State against Hambleton District Council's refusal to grant planning permission for a development on land adjacent to Shire Road (off Stockton Road).

Cllr Elders reported that Hambleton District Council had agreed to gift the former Lambert Memorial Hospital to Herriot Hospice Homecare for use as an end-of-life care facility and it was expected that the deal would be approved at HDC's Full Council meeting on 17 September 2019. In answer to a query by Cllr Hesmondhalgh, Cllr Elders advised that HDC had agreed to donate £90,000 to Herriot Hospice Homecare to help with the provision of the facility.

Cllr Elders advised that HDC's proposals to establish a crematorium were to be considered and hopefully approved at the Full Council meeting on 17 September 2019.

Cllr Elders reported that the 2019 UCI Road World Championships (cycling) were due to commence on 22 September and he advised road users to check routes as road closures would be in place in some areas.

Cllr Jackson expressed concern with regard to a derelict property on Long Street for which planning permission had been granted to convert the property into flats. He advised that work had commenced some time ago but appeared to have come to a halt. Councillors agreed that the property was an eyesore but noted that the owner/developer was allowed three years in which to complete the works following the grant of planning permission.

### **C1017 Open Forum**

No members of the public were in attendance.

## **C1018 Minutes**

### **C1018(a) Town Council Meeting held on 19 August 2019**

**Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 19 August 2019 be approved as a correct record.**

### **C1018(b) Matters Arising**

#### **C1007(b) Matters Arising**

#### **C999(e) Planning Training for Parish and Town Councils**

The Clerk advised that an email had been received from Hambleton District Council which indicated that two planning training sessions had been arranged for 9 and 14 October 2019 and that both sessions would be identical, covering a range of topics. He stated that he would forward the email to members of the Town Council's Planning Committee for their consideration.

#### **C1010(a) Toilet Twinning**

The Clerk reported that the Town Council had made a donation to the Toilet Twinning organisation to support the provision of toilets and clean water in poor countries and that two framed certificates had been received.

## **C1019 Committee Minutes and Reports**

### **C1019(a) Planning Committee – 19 August 2019**

The meeting received the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 19 August 2019.

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

## **C1020 Burial Board**

Cllr Adamson reported that Cemetery Lodge was still occupied at the present time, although the tenants had given notice to terminate the tenancy. He advised that there was an issue with regard to the energy performance certificate which needed to be rectified before the property could be re-let.

**Resolved: that applications for memorials for Sandra Garner and Doris Mary Pipes be approved.**

## **C1021 Correspondence/Items Raised**

### **C1021(a) Dalesman Yorkshire Village of the Year**

The meeting received an email dated 28 August 2019 from Dalesman Publishing inviting the Town Council to enter a Yorkshire Village of the Year competition.

Following discussion, members felt that it was not appropriate to enter the competition, Thirsk being a town, not a village.

**Resolved: that the Town Council does not submit an entry to the Dalesman Village of the Year Competition.**

### **C1021(b) Request for Temporary Road Closure at Thirsk and Sowerby**

The meeting received an email dated 4 September 2019 from Hambleton District Council concerning a request for temporary road closures to enable the Remembrance Sunday Parade and Remembrance Day Two Minutes Silence on 10 and 11 November 2019 to take place.

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

### **C1021(c) Entrance/Exit from Market Place Car Park (adjacent to pedestrian crossing)**

The meeting received an email dated 5 September 2019 from Hambleton District Council which indicated that surface markings would be carried out to an

entrance/exit point on a cobbled section of the Market Place (adjacent to the pedestrian crossing).

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

**C1021(d) Consultation on Proposed Reforms to Permitted Development Rights to Support the Deployment of 5G Mobile Coverage**

The meeting received an email dated 6 September 2019 from Yorkshire Local Councils Associations concerning a consultation seeking views on the principle of amending permitted development rights to grant planning permission for mobile infrastructure to support deployment of 5G and extend mobile coverage, particularly in rural areas.

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

**C1021(e) NALC – Policy Consultation E-Briefing 09-19 Independent Review into Local Audit**

The meeting received an email dated 6 September 2019 from Yorkshire Local Councils Associations concerning a Policy Consultation E-Briefing by the National Association of Local Councils.

**Resolved: that the Town Council submits a response to the NALC Policy Consultation E-Briefing 09-19 Independent Review into Local Audit.**

**C1021(f) Planned Road Closure Notification – 22698 – Riverside Mews, Thirsk**

The meeting received an email dated 9 September 2019 from North Yorkshire County Council concerning the closure of Riverside Mews for three days between 7 and 9 October 2019 to allow Yorkshire Water to carry out pollution prevention lining.

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

**C1021(g) Parking Enforcement**

The meeting received a report from Cllr Trueman concerning the parking enforcement officers attitude with regard to issuing parking tickets in Thirsk. Cllr Trueman advised that he had been made aware of several occasions where parking enforcement officers appeared to have been over-zealous in issuing tickets and had not applied understanding or common sense. He indicated that some visitors had stated that they would not return to Thirsk after being issued with parking tickets which they felt were inappropriate.

**Resolved: that the Town Council write to Hambleton District Council and Scarborough Borough Council with regard to parking enforcement in Thirsk.**

**C1022 Thirsk Past and Present – Interpretation Boards, Castle Garth**

The meeting received notes of a meeting held on Tuesday, 6 August 2019 with officers of Hambleton District Council, a volunteer from Thirsk Tourist Information and the Clerk. The Clerk advised that the proposal was to replace the three interpretation boards on Castle Garth which were in a poor state of repair and to submit a grant application to HDC's Vibrant Market Towns Team, with the Town Council making a contribution of up to 25% of the total cost of the work.

**Resolved: that the Town Council supports the proposal to replace the three interpretation boards on Castle Garth and agrees to contribute up to 25% of the total project cost.**

**C1023 Finance**

**Resolved: that the accounts for payment as at 16 September 2019 be approved and cheques signed.**

**C1024 Reports from Members/Representatives**

Cllr Dalgleish-Brown reported that seven businesses from Thirsk had reached the final stages of the Flavours of Herriot Country Awards 2019.

Cllr Dalgleish-Brown advised that the next meeting of Thirsk & District Business Association was due to take place on Wednesday, 2 October 2019 at Spilman's Farm in Sessay. She also indicated that the second Farmers Market was to be held in Thirsk Market Place on Sunday, 22 September 2019.

Cllr Trueman reported that the first meeting of the Climate Control Committee had been held on Tuesday, 10 September 2019 and that it had been a very positive meeting with a variety of issues being considered.

**C1025 On-Going Items**

Nothing reported.

**The meeting closed at 7.56 pm.**