

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held on Monday, 24 April 2017 at Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs: D Adamson (Chairman), J Bell, H Dalglish-Brown, D Duffey, J Fisher, W Gibson-Brown, C Hesmondhalgh, D Jackson, A Trueman, J Watson

**Apologies:** None received

**In attendance:** District/County Cllr: G Dadd

### **C673 Declarations of Interest**

No interests were declared.

### **C674 Police Report**

No police representative was present.

### **C675 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk**

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

Cllr Dadd reported that he had received a number of complaints concerning antisocial behaviour by young people and was working with the police to try to reduce the issues. Cllr Adamson noted that there had been an incident where damage had been caused to the bus shelter during the Easter holidays.

Cllr Dadd advised that parking restrictions had been placed on part of Cemetery Road on a trial basis prior to any consultation taking place.

Cllr Dadd reported that the new community library had been awarded £5,000 from Hambleton District Council's Making a Difference Fund. Cllr Hesmondhalgh added that the library budget had received a further boost as two volunteers had offered to undertake cleaning duties.

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

Cllr Watson reported that she had received an email from a member of the public concerning litter problems in Mill Gardens and the picnic area.

Cllr Watson reported that Thirsk Yarnbombers had won the Community Group of the Year award at the Hambleton Community Awards ceremony held on Friday, 24 March 2017.

Cllr Watson advised that the parking issue adjacent to Thirsk Tourist Information formed part of HDC's ongoing car parking review and that a public consultation would be held later in the year.

### **C676 Open Forum**

No members of the public were in attendance.

### **C677 Minutes**

#### **C677(a) Town Council Meeting held on 20 March 2017**

**Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 20 March 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.**

#### **C677(b) Matters Arising**

##### **C663 Police Report**

The Clerk reported that a meeting had been held with Sergeant Perrin and PC Mayes of North Yorkshire Police, Ms Gina Allen, HDC's Community Safety Officer, and Cllrs Duffey and Gibson-Brown on Friday, 21 April 2017. He felt that the meeting had been useful and stated that notes of the meeting would be available for the next Town Council meeting. Cllr Duffey added that a Lorry Watch scheme was

being set up which would enable members of the public to report incidents/registration numbers in respect of HGVs.

**C666(b) Matters Arising**

Cllr Adamson advised that he and the Clerk had met with the Reverend and Mrs Botwright who had indicated that they would submit a new design for their memorial application.

**C667(b) Long Street Community Gardeners Meeting held on 16 February 2017**

Cllr Gibson-Brown remarked that the spring planting in the Long Street flower boxes looked very attractive.

**C678 Committee Minutes and Reports**

**C678(a) Planning Committee held on 20 March 2017**

The meeting received the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 20 March 2017.

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

**C679 Burial Board**

**Resolved: that the applications for memorial for Patricia and Kenneth Christon, Edna Garbutt, Marjorie Jackson and Margaret Jane Knock be approved.**

**C680 Correspondence/Items Raised**

**C680(a) Thirsk Cricket Club**

The meeting received a letter dated March 2017 from Thirsk Cricket Club requesting that the Town Council support the cricket club by sponsoring a match ball during the 2017 season.

**Resolved: that the Town Council supports Thirsk Cricket Club by sponsoring a match ball during the 2017 season.**

**C680(b) New End of Life Care Service for Hambleton and Richmondshire**

The meeting received a Media Release dated 29 March 2017 from Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group advising of the launch of a new service to provide end of life care across Hambleton and Richmondshire.

**Resolved: that the Media Release be noted.**

**C680(c) Hambleton Area Committee – Vacancies for Co-opted Members**

The meeting received a letter dated 5 April 2017 from North Yorkshire County Council inviting nominations from Hambleton Parish/Town Councillors who may be interested in serving as Co-opted Members on the Hambleton Area Committee.

**Resolved: that any Member interested in putting their name forward for appointment should contact the Clerk.**

**C680(d) Road Closure Notification – Finkle Street, Thirsk**

The meeting received an email dated 6 April 2017 from North Yorkshire County Council advising of the planned closure of Finkle Street on the evening of Monday, 15 May 2017.

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

**C680(e) Collation and Induction of the Reverend Derek John Simpson as the Rector of the Benefice of Thirsk**

The meeting received an invitation from the Churchwardens of St Mary's Church for Town Councillors to attend the Collation and Induction of the Reverend Derek John Simpson as the Rector of the Benefice of Thirsk on Saturday, 13 May 2017. Cllr

Adamson indicated that he would be attending the event to provide a civic welcome for the Reverend Simpson.

**Resolved: that Members respond to the invitation no later than Sunday, 30 April 2017.**

#### **C680(f) Premises Licence Variation – Golden Fleece, Thirsk**

The meeting received an email dated 18 April 2017 from Hambleton District Council attaching an amended premises licence application in respect of the Golden Fleece Hotel, Thirsk. The Clerk indicated that there had been a slight change to the layout. Town Councillors noted that the public right of way remained closed. Cllr Jackson understood that this was due to re-open on 15 May 2017.

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

#### **C680(g) Local Plan Alternative Sites and Local Greenspace Consultation**

The meeting received a letter dated 19 April 2017 from Hambleton District Council concerning the Local Plan Alternative Sites and Local Greenspace consultation. Cllr Adamson suggested that Members should view the consultation documents and supporting documents on HDC's website prior to making observations.

**Resolved: that Members view the consultation documents and supporting documents on HDC's website prior to making observations.**

#### **C680(h) Hambleton Business - Spring Conference 2017**

The meeting received a letter dated 20 April 2017 from Hambleton District Council advising of the Hambleton Business Spring Conference to be held on Friday, 19 May 2017 at The Hawkhill in Easingwold. Town Councillors noted that the meeting would provide an opportunity to share ideas on the Vibrant Market Town Strategy.

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

#### **C681 Finance**

Town Councillors noted that Broadband was now available in the Town Hall and discussed the possibility of holding Planning Committee meetings in the Town Hall. It was agreed this would be considered further once the Town Council had purchased an appropriate laptop.

**Resolved:**

**a) that the accounts for payment as at 24 April 2017 be approved and cheques signed.**

**b) that the bank balances schedule be received and noted.**

#### **C682 Reports from Members/Representatives**

Cllr Hesmondhalgh reported that the newly formed community library had a management committee in place and was now being run successfully by volunteers. Cllr Jackson reported that he had attended a seminar about the planning system which he had found to be informative and worthwhile.

Cllr Adamson reported that he had officially opened the new community library on Saturday, 1 April 2017.

Before closing the meeting Cllr Adamson announced that this was the last time he would chair a Town Council meeting. He indicated that he had enjoyed being Mayor and thanked all Town Councillors and staff for their support and guidance.

#### **C683 On-Going Items**

Nothing noted.

**The meeting closed at 8.02 pm.**