

Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held on Monday, 15 May 2017 at Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall

Present: Cllrs: H Dalgleish-Brown (Chairman), D Adamson, J Bell, D Duffey, J Fisher, W Gibson-Brown, C Hesmondhalgh, D Jackson

Apologies: Cllrs: A Trueman (Holiday), J Watson (Holiday)

In attendance: District/County Cllr: G Dadd

C684 Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared.

C685 Police Report

No police representative was present.

C686 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk

(a) NYCC

Cllr Dadd congratulated Cllr Dalgleish-Brown on her appointment as Mayor of Thirsk. Cllr Dadd advised that the traffic cones on Cemetery Road would be in place for a trial period of one month following which feedback would be gathered and decisions taken.

Cllr Hesmondhalgh reported that some vandalism had recently taken place at East Thirsk Community Hall and the police needed to ascertain the ownership of a utility box outside the hall. Cllr Dadd suggested that Cllr Hesmondhalgh firstly make enquiries with Thirsk Community Primary School and if it transpired that the utility box did not belong to the school he would pursue the matter with NYCC.

(b) HDC

Nothing reported.

C687 Open Forum

No members of the public were in attendance.

C688 Minutes

C688(a) Town Council Meeting held on 24 April 2017

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 24 April 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C688(b) Matters Arising

C680(g) Local Plan Alternative Sites and Local Greenspace Consultation
The Clerk advised that an extra meeting of the Planning Committee would be held on Thursday, 25 May 2017 in order to consider the documentation and plans in connection with HDC's Local Plan Alternative Sites and Local Greenspace Consultation. Cllr Adamson suggested that following the meeting the Planning Committee submits their observations on behalf of the Town Council.

C689 Committee Minutes and Reports

C689(a) Planning Committee held on 24 April 2017

The meeting received the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 24 April 2017.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

C689(b) Notes of Meeting with Police Representatives held on 21 April 2017

The meeting received the notes of a meeting held on 21 April 2017 with representatives of the police, HDC and the Town Council.

Resolved: that the notes be received and noted.

C690 Burial Board

The Clerk reported that an appointment had been made for an energy inspector to visit Cemetery Lodge on Monday, 15 May 2017 following which he would arrange for the property to be handed over to a letting agent.

Resolved: that the application for memorial for Frances Margaret Parvin be approved.

C691 Correspondence/Items Raised

C691(a) Consultation – North Yorkshire Permit Scheme (NYoPS)

The meeting received an email dated 8 May 2017 from North Yorkshire County Council concerning a consultation in respect of a new scheme to be introduced to assist with the management of street and road work activities on the public highway in North Yorkshire.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C691(b) Stone Planters Adjacent to Market Place Pedestrian Crossing

The meeting received an email dated 6 May 2017 from Mrs M Penson concerning two new signs which had been placed on the stone planters adjacent to the pedestrian crossing in the Market Place. The Clerk confirmed that the planters were owned by the Town Council and that the Rotary Club of Thirsk accepted sponsorship of planters and tubs to assist with covering the costs of purchasing plants.

Discussion took place and it was suggested that it may be more appropriate for signs to include the wording, "Sponsored by" and that when the sponsorship came up for renewal the form of wording should be reconsidered.

Resolved: that Mrs Penson be advised of the Town Council's comments concerning signage/sponsorship of planters.

C692 Finance

The Clerk indicated that it had not been possible to prepare the budget balances due to technical problems. He confirmed that these would be available for the next Town Council meeting.

Resolved: that the accounts for payment as at 15 May 2017 be approved and cheques signed.

C693 Reports from Members/Representatives

Cllr Adamson reported that his final duty as Mayor had been 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 and that it had been an excellent and well-attended service.

C694 On-Going Items

(b) Tree survey/work

The Clerk reported that the tree survey was ongoing.

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm.