

**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council
held on Monday, 17 April 2023 at Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall**

Present: Cllrs D Jackson (Chairman), D Duffey, W Gibson-Brown, K Mountford, F Potter, D Southward, A Trueman, S Ward

Apologies: Cllrs A Naughton (Holiday), B Smith (Holiday)

In attendance: District Cllr G Dadd

C1410 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

C1411 Police Report

There was no police representative in attendance.

**C1412 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk
North Yorkshire Council**

Cllr Dadd reported that the transition from North Yorkshire County Council to North Yorkshire Council appeared to have been relatively smooth.

Cllr Dadd stated that the roadworks on York Road were drawing to a close.

Cllr Dadd informed the meeting that under the new authority £6.5 million had been allocated for road repairs.

Cllr Jackson enquired of Cllr Dadd as to whether the Highways Department could inform the Town Council of proposed road closures and repairs in advance.

Cllr Potter advised that she would forward an article to Cllr Dadd regarding double parking and blocking entrances to care homes.

C1413 Open Forum

Resolved: that standing orders be suspended

Ms Jan Marshall attended the meeting and noted that the drains were often blocked in Baker's Alley with dishwashing residue.

Resolved: that standing orders be reinstated

C1414 Minutes

C1414(a) Town Council Meeting held on 20 March 2023

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 20 March 2023 be approved as a correct record.

C1414(b) Matters Arising

No items were raised.

C1415 Committee Minutes and Reports

C1415(a) Planning Committee – Minutes of Meeting held on 20 March 2023

The meeting received the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2023.

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 March 2023 be received and noted.

C1416 Burial Board

The Clerk informed the meeting that Cemetery Lodge had been re-let.

Resolved: that the applications for memorial for Leslie Dennis Gawthorpe and John Langley Moore be approved.

C1417 Correspondence/Items Raised

C1417(a) Certificate of Registration for New Property/Address

The meeting received a certificate dated 23 March 2023 from Hambleton District Council regarding the registration of a new property address at 19 Todds Court, Thirsk.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C1417(b) Council Mowing Regimes for Grass Verges and Green Spaces

The meeting received an email and attachment dated 29 March 2023 from Thirsk Friends of the Earth concerning a review of grass cutting verges and green spaces and an email dated 4 April 2023 from Mr J Stead advising of the current schedule. Following further discussion, it was:

Resolved: that the Town Council will continue its normal grass cutting regime.

C1417(c) Application for Premises Licence – Towlers, 66-68 Market Place, Thirsk

The meeting received an email and attachment dated 3 April 2023 from the Licensing Team, North Yorkshire Council regarding the granting of a premises licence for the sale of alcohol. Concern was expressed regarding the late-night opening hours. Councillors also noted that the licence applicant lived in London and, therefore, concern was raised whether the correct supervision of the premises would be able to be achieved.

Resolved: that North Yorkshire Council be advised of the Town Council's concerns regarding the late-night opening hours and the supervision of the premises.

C1418 Committee Meetings

Cllr Jackson noted that it was intended that dates for Committee meetings for the year would be set at the Annual Town Council Meeting and requested that members brought their diaries to the meeting.

C1419 UK Shared Prosperity Fund

The meeting was advised that North Yorkshire had funding available from the Shared Prosperity Fund in the sum of £2.6 million for local investment, supporting communities and places, local businesses and people and skills. Cllr Duffey stated that he had spoken to Peter Cole and Mark Haynes regarding the market funding monies Thirsk had not received and this was being examined.

Cllr Duffey stated that there was another plan for Thirsk which has not been circulated but which he was endeavouring to obtain. Cllr Duffey informed the meeting that the Thirsk Improvement Group intended to submit a bid for funding for a feasibility study in which the siting of the market, pavements and electric charging points would all be considered. Cllr Duffey stated that it was expected that the Highways Department would support the application.

Resolved: that the Town Council pursue an application for shared prosperity funding for a feasibility study in respect of the Market Place.

C1420 Accounts for Payment

The Clerk noted that a quotation had been received from Smith of Derby in respect of issues with the church clock. The quotation was just short of £5,000. Members asked that the availability of grants be examined.

Resolved: that the accounts for payment as at 17 April 2023 be approved and cheques signed.

C1421 Reports from Members/Representatives

Cllr Potter suggested that the Town Council's media could be used in a more efficient and effective way and Cllr Potter indicated that she would be happy to assist with this matter.

Cllr Southward stated that he had attended a recent meeting regarding town centre security.

Cllr Gibson-Brown stated that on Easter Saturday (8 April) mid-morning, she had been approached at her place of work by a Tourist Information Centre volunteer who had received a complaint about the condition of the Millgate Toilets. It was noted that the Tourist Information Centre had both Cllr Duffey's telephone number and the Clerk's for such instances.

The meeting closed at 8.12 p.m.

Chairman