

**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council
held on Monday, 15 April 2024 at Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall**

Present: Cllrs A Trueman, (Chairman), D Duffey, S Holme, D Jackson, K Mountford, F Potter, A Robinson, B Smith, D Southward

Apologies: Cllrs A Naughton (Alternative commitment), S Ward (Holiday), North Yorkshire Cllr G Dadd.

C1522 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

C1523 Police Report

There was no police representative in attendance nor had a police report been received.

C1524 Thirsk Rotary in Bloom

Mr T Jordan and Mrs K Reynard attended the meeting on behalf of Thirsk Rotary in Bloom. Mr Jordan informed that he had taken over the role of Chairman from Mr A Watson. Mrs Reynard advised that she oversaw the volunteers who did the planting. Mr Jordan stated that Thirsk Rotary in Bloom looked after approximately 100 tubs equating to 1200 plants which were changed twice a year and that it is a non-profit making concern. He advised that the committee were conscious that they were an aging committee and that members would appreciate more contact with Thirsk Town Council. It was noted that Cllr Potter was the Town Council's representative on Thirsk in Bloom. Mr Jordan stated that unfortunately Thirsk in Bloom had lost touch with Mr C Amy. It was proposed that any matters arising could be brought to the Town Council's attention via Cllr Potter. Cllr Trueman thanked Mr Jordan and Mrs Reynard for their attendance.

C1525 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk North Yorkshire Council

Cllr Jackson voiced concerns regarding North Yorkshire Council and how difficult it was to contact anyone and that face-to-face contact had been promised by North Yorkshire Council which, so far, has not taken place. Cllr Jackson also stated that there was promise from North Yorkshire Council of community networks which had also not taken place. He also noted that feedback regarding Thirsk Railway Station had not taken place. He advised of his disappointment that the new website set up to promote visits to towns by Hambleton District Council did not seem to have progressed since the new unitary authority of North Yorkshire Council took over. Cllr Jackson stated that Thirsk Town Council, as a stakeholder, should have been included in discussions. He advised that he was still awaiting a response regarding his enquiry some time ago regarding mis-issued parking tickets and that he felt that the Town Council was receiving more enquiries from members of the public who would otherwise contact North Yorkshire Council. He suggested that the Minutes of the Town Council monthly meeting be forwarded to North Yorkshire Council which outlined how many further enquiries from the public are taking place. Cllr Duffey stated that the promise of new footpaths for Thirsk Market Place had not progressed since the introduction of North Yorkshire Council and that it was difficult to contact the appropriate people. Cllr Trueman suggested that a meeting take place

with Cllr Dadd to discuss the concerns of Thirsk Town Council regarding North Yorkshire Council's communication with the Town Council. Cllr Jackson suggested that details of the community access office be obtained.

C1526 Open Forum

Resolved: that standing orders be suspended

A local resident, Mr Howe, attended the meeting and reiterated concerns in respect of youths riding bicycles on the pavements around Thirsk. Mr Howe stated that he had obtained the signatures of many local shopkeepers in support of signage in Thirsk Market Place regarding cycling on pavements. Mr Howe was disappointed with the response he had received from North Yorkshire Council. He was given Cllr Dadd's contact details to pursue the matter.

Mr R Peck of Station Road advised of his concern regarding a new housing development to be built close to his home on Station Road, Thirsk. A condition of the development was to carry out six month monitoring bi-weekly in the gravel pit area. The Clerk agreed to forward Mr Peck's email to North Yorkshire Council advising that the Town Council had been approached regarding Mr Peck's concerns.

Resolved: that standing orders be reinstated

C1527 Minutes

C1527(a) Town Council Meeting held on 18 March 2024

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 18 March 2024 be approved as a correct record.

C1527(b) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

C1528 Committee Minutes and Reports

C1528(a) Planning Committee – Minutes of Meeting held on 18 March 2024

The meeting received the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 March 2024.

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 March 2024 be received and noted.

C1529 Burial Board

Resolved: that the application for memorials for David Michael Lavin and Raymond Wilson be approved.

C1530 Correspondence/Items Raised

C1530(a) Street Trading Consent – Pearson's Ices

The meeting received an email and attachment dated 28 March 2024 from North Yorkshire Council regarding an ice cream seller who wanted to add locations to his route.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C1530(b) "No Cycling" Signage

The meeting received an email dated 28 March 2024 from North Yorkshire Council forwarded by Mr Christopher Howe relating to the request from Mr Howe for a meeting with Mr G Hind, Project Engineer.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C1530(c) Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) for Thirsk.

The meeting received an email dated 10 April 2024 from North Yorkshire Council regarding the future of cycling and walking networks as part of the Government's

strategy to increase the number of trips by foot or cycle. Cllr Duffey stated that he would attend the meeting on the 30 April 2024

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C1531 Accounts for Payment

Resolved: that the accounts for payment as at 15 April 2024 be approved and cheques signed.

C1532 Reports from Members/Representatives

Cllr Trueman reported that he had attended a meeting of the Safer Hambleton Group.

Cllr Trueman indicated that arrangements were being made for a Mayor's Ball to be held at Thief Hall, Thornton-Le-Moor, in 2025.

The meeting closed at 8.22 p.m.

Chairman