

**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council
held on Monday, 20 May 2024 at Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall**

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

Apologies: Cllr D Duffey

C1533 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Jackson declared an interest in agenda item no 8 (Burial Board) in respect of a quotation which had been received for work at Thirsk Cemetery.

C1534 Police Report

There was no police representative in attendance. However, a police report had been received and was circulated. Members noted the unusually high number of road related incidents.

**C1535 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk
North Yorkshire Council**

Cllr Dadd reported that he had met the new Chief Constable of North Yorkshire Police earlier that day.

Cllr Dadd indicated that he was looking forward to working with the newly elected Mayor for the City of York and North Yorkshire.

Cllr Dadd referred to some misleading press coverage concerning a meeting in connection with budgeting and council tax where NYC had stated that they would not take any questions from members of the public during the meeting. He explained that prior to the meeting there had been an extensive public consultation and plenty of opportunities for the public to have their say.

Cllr Dadd reported that new white lines had recently been marked out in the Market Place. Cllr Trueman observed that the work had been carried out in an efficient and effective manner.

Cllr Dadd advised that a large number of highway works had been scheduled to be carried out in Thirsk in the late summer/autumn. Although he was not in receipt of a schedule of these works, he anticipated that there would inevitably be some disruption to traffic flows.

C1536 Open Forum

Resolved: that standing orders be suspended

A member of the public advised that some cobbles adjacent to the bus shelter in the Market Place were loose and needed to be made secure. The member of the public also commented that a bench had been removed from Station Road and was currently sited inside the racecourse fencing. Cllr Trueman indicated that the matter was being dealt with and he anticipated that the bench would be returned to its original position.

Mr Howe, a local resident, addressed the meeting in connection with his request that North Yorkshire Council erect no cycling signage around the Market Place. He advised that he had recently met with a representative from NYC Highways but he was disappointed with NYC's refusal to erect the signage as requested. Cllr Trueman stated that this was a matter for NYC Highways and not the Town Council.

Mr Howe wanted to know how to appeal NYC's decision. Cllr Jackson suggested that he contact NYC Highways for advice in this respect.

Resolved: that standing orders be reinstated

C1537 Minutes

C1537(a) Town Council Meeting held on 15 April 2024

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 15 April 2024 be approved as a correct record.

C1537(b) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

C1538 Committee Minutes and Reports

C1538(a) Planning Committee – Minutes of Meeting held on 15 April 2024

The meeting received the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 April 2024.

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 April 2024 be received and noted.

C1539 Burial Board

The Deputy Clerk circulated a quotation which had been received to remove large amounts of spoil which had been deposited at the cemetery by gravediggers. Although Members noted that the cost to remove the spoil was quite high, it was pointed out that there was a large amount of spoil which had accumulated over several years. Members were advised that an amount for soil disposal was included in the interment fee paid to the Burial Board and that a skip was provided to be used by grave diggers. Members were keen to ensure that gravediggers use the skip in future.

Resolved:

- (i) that a quotation dated 17 May 2024 from Mr E Jackson be accepted.**
- (ii) that the applications for memorial for Robert Hird and Malcolm Powell be approved.**

C1540 Correspondence/Items Raised

C1540(a) New Local Plan for North Yorkshire - Call for Sites Consultation

The meeting received an email dated 17 April 2024 from North Yorkshire Council concerning a call for sites consultation which commenced on 17 April 2024.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C1540(b) North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner - Update

The meeting received an email dated 3 May 2024 from the Office of the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner which advised of some changes to its office following the first York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority Mayoral Election which took place on Thursday, 2 May 2024.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C1540(c) New Website - Yorkshire Local Councils Associations

The meeting received an email dated 10 May 2024 from Yorkshire Local Councils Associations concerning the launch of the new YLCA website.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C1540(d) Yorkshire Local Councils Associations - Next Meeting of Hambleton Branch, 26 June 2024

The meeting received an email dated 10 May 2024 from Yorkshire Local Councils Associations which advised that the next meeting of its Hambleton Branch was scheduled to take place on 26 June 2024.

Resolved: that Cllr Trueman and Cllr Potter will attend the meeting of the Hambleton Branch of Yorkshire Local Councils Associations on 26 June 2024.

C1540(e) Consultation - Accountability Within Public Bodies

The meeting received an email dated 10 May 2024 from Yorkshire Local Councils Associations concerning an ongoing consultation being administered by the Committee on Standards in Public Life.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C1540(f) Thirsk and Sowerby Festival - Thirsk Town Council Logo

The meeting received an email dated 14 May 2024 from White Horse Web Solutions which advised that a new logo had been created for the Town Council to represent its contribution towards this year's festival. Cllr Smith indicated that he was content for the existing Town Council logo to be used.

Resolved: that the Town Council advises White Horse Web Solutions that the Town Council is content for its existing logo to be used in connection with Thirsk and Sowerby Festival.

C1541 Accounts for Payment

Resolved: that the accounts for payment as at 20 May 2024 be approved and cheques signed.

C1542 Reports from Members/Representatives

Cllr Trueman reported that a competition had been arranged for shops and businesses to decorate their shop windows to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day. He indicated that a prize in the form of a hamper from Upstairs Downstairs would be awarded for the best dressed shop window and the competition would be judged by Mrs M Worley and Mr C Northridge. Cllr Trueman also reported that on Thursday, 6 June wreaths would be laid at the cenotaph in Sowerby by the Chairmen of Thirsk Town Council and Sowerby Parish Council at 11.00 a.m. and that Mrs Worley was organising a coffee morning to take place on Saturday, 8 June in the Town Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.54 p.m.

Chairman