

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

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

Apologies: Cllr S Holme (Alternative commitment)

In attendance: North Yorkshire Cllr G Dadd

C1445 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

C1446 Police Report

There was no police representative in attendance.

**C1447 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk
North Yorkshire Council**

Cllr Dadd reported that a new Chief Executive of North Yorkshire Council had been appointed.

Cllr Smith raised the subject of car parking on footpaths in Carlton Miniott by passengers using Thirsk Railway Station in order to avoid paying for the station car park. Cllr Dadd stated that the road on the new housing development nearby had not yet been adopted by North Yorkshire Council. It was noted that there was also a parking problem in this area on race days.

C1448 Open Forum

A member of the public was in attendance but did not raise any matters.

C1449 Minutes

C1449(a) Town Council Meeting held on 19 June 2023

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 19 June 2023 be approved as a correct record.

C1449(b) Matters Arising

C1444 Reports from Members/Representatives

Cllr Jackson raised the matter of car parking enforcement. He requested that an email be sent to Members for their consideration and that the matter be placed on the agenda for the next Town Council meeting.

C1450 Committee Minutes and Reports

C1450(a) Public Conveniences Committee – Minutes of Meeting held on 8 June 2023

The meeting received the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2023.

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 June 2023 be received and noted.

(b) Open Areas & Greens Committee – Minutes of Meeting held on 14 June 2023

The meeting received the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 June 2023.

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 June 2023 be received and noted.

(c) Planning Committee – Minutes of Meeting held on 19 June 2023

The meeting received the Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 June 2023.

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 June 2023 be received and noted.

C1451 Burial Board

The Clerk advised that vehicles were apparently entering the Cemetery at night time and the tenants of Cemetery Lodge and a nearby resident had offered to lock and unlock the cemetery gates to adhere to set times. Pedestrian access would remain at all times. It was suggested that the residents of Cemetery Lodge and the other volunteer be sent letters advising that they should not engage with any person regarding the closure of the gates.

Resolved:

- (a) that vehicular access times for the Cemetery be set and the gate be closed to adhere to those times**
- (b) that the applications for memorials for Harry Cant, Joan Ferguson, Beryl Stephenson & G R 'Stevie' Stephenson and Vivienne Jean Wright be approved.**

C1452 Correspondence/Items Raised

C1452(a) Review and Renewal of Subsidised Bus Services

The meeting received an email and attachment dated 3 July 2023 from Passenger Transport, North Yorkshire Council regarding the renewal process for the supported local bus services commencing in April 2024.

Resolved: that an email be sent to Passenger Transport, North Yorkshire Council, stating that the Town Council would like to see all bus services renewed.

C1452(b) Marage Path Footbridge Replacement

The meeting received an email dated 5 July 2023 from North Yorkshire Council outlining the programme for the replacement of the Marage Path footbridge during September and October 2023.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C1452(c) Development of New Local Transport Plan

The meeting received an email dated 7 July 2023 from North Yorkshire Council concerning the development of a new Local Transport Plan. It was noted that the closing date was 11 August 2023 and that Cllr Duffey had already submitted a response.

Resolved: that Members send observations by email to the Clerk who will submit a response on behalf of the Town Council.

C1452(d) North Yorkshire Local Access Forum

The meeting received an email dated 10 July 2023 from North Yorkshire Council concerning the recruitment of new members to join the Local Access Forum.

Resolved: that Cllr Trueman stand as representative for Thirsk Town Council.

C1453 Accounts for Payment

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

C1454 Reports from Members/Representatives

The Clerk advised that it was unlikely that the Council could obtain a grant in respect of repair work to St Mary's Church clock at this point in time, particularly considering the maintenance arrangement in place. It was noted that a quotation for repairs

totalling £5,000 had been received almost three months ago. Members agreed that the Clerk should contact Smith of Derby to accept the quotation.

Cllr Trueman reported that he had attended a recent meeting of the Safer Hambleton group and that a suggestion had been made that the Youth Club had their own premises or, alternatively, land on which containers could be placed and used as a venue. Cllr Trueman suggested that Thirsk School may wish to contribute some land and requested that if anyone had any ideas to inform him. Cllr Gibson-Brown suggested St Mary's Church Crypt as a possible venue.

The meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.

Chairman