

**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council
held on Monday, 16 October 2023 at Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall**

Present: Cllrs A Trueman, (Chairman), W Gibson-Brown, S Holme, K Mountford, F Potter, B Smith, S Ward

Apologies: Cllrs D Duffey, D Jackson, A Naughton (Alternative commitment), D Southward (Illness)

In attendance: North Yorkshire Cllr G Dadd

C1467 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

C1468 Police Report

There was no police representative in attendance. A police report containing the crime figures for September 2023 was circulated to Members.

**C1469 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk
North Yorkshire Council**

Cllr Dadd reported that a replacement bridge had recently been installed over the Cod Beck near the picnic area.

Cllr Dadd reported that a new Local Plan was to be implemented.

C1470 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. The Clerk advised that an email had only recently been sent to North Yorkshire Council and a response was still awaited.

C1471 Minutes

C1471(a) Town Council Meeting held on 18 September 2023

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 18 September 2023 be approved as a correct record.

C1471(b) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

C1472 Committee Minutes and Reports

C1472(a) Planning Committee – Minutes of Meeting held on 18 September 2023

The meeting received the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 September 2023.

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 September 2023 and the Planning Summary be received and noted.

C1473 Burial Board

The Clerk reported there was no further progress regarding the rebuilding of the cemetery wall which was damaged in a storm in November 2021.

Resolved: that the application for memorials for Alexander Appleton, Barbara and Norman Hammerton and Rose Hill be approved.

C1474 Correspondence/Items Raised

C1474(a) Thirsk and Sowerby Remembrance Day Parade 2023 – Planned Road Closure

The meeting received an email dated 14 September 2023 from North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Council Highways concerning traffic management arrangements for Remembrance Day.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C1474(b) Hackney Carriage Zones – Statutory Notice

The meeting received an email dated 20 September 2023 from North Yorkshire Council relating to the intention to remove the old District and Borough Council Hackney Carriage zones and replacement with one North Yorkshire Council zone effective from 30 November 2023.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C1474(c) Hedgehog Highway Project

The meeting received an email and attachment dated 20 September 2023 from Hedgehogs R Us regarding the decline in hedgehog numbers and requesting the purchase of hedgehog highway boxes. Cllr Trueman advised that he would be happy for the purchase of one box of 50 at a cost of £150 to be paid out of the Mayor's Fund.

Resolved:

a) that the Town Council purchase one box of 50 hedgehog highway boxes.

b) that the cost be allocated to the Mayor's Fund.

C1474(d) Elections – Recharging for Parish By-Elections from April 2024

The meeting received an email dated 2 October 2023 from North Yorkshire Council relating to a policy for recharging the costs incurred for Parish By-Elections which was to be implemented on 1 April 2024.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C1474(e) Public Footpath No. 10 150/18, Grizzlefield House, Thirsk - Diversion Order 2023

The meeting received an email dated 5 October 2023 from North Yorkshire Council relating to a Diversion Order which had recently been confirmed. Copies of the Confirmed Order, Order Map and copy of the related Public Notice had been attached.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C1474(f) Public Footpath No. 10 150/35, Thirsk Hall Estate, Thirsk - Diversion Order 2023

The meeting received an email dated 5 October 2023 from North Yorkshire Council relating to a Diversion Order which had recently been confirmed. Copies of the Sealed Order and Order map and related Public Notice had been attached.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C1474(g) Double Devolution – Executive 17 October 2023

The meeting received an email dated 6 October 2023 from North Yorkshire Council advising that the Northallerton and Thirsk Town Councils' joint expression of interest had been successful and the recommendation to be made to the Executive would be for the Town Councils to be invited to move forward to full business case. The Clerk advised that full details and information needed to be considered.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C1475 Town Council Debit Card

The Clerk advised that, following the impending closure of Barclays Bank in Thirsk, obtaining a debit card for the Town Council had been examined. Due to the current procedure requiring three signatories on cheques, it was considered that a debit card would not adhere to the safeguarding requirements. Cllr Potter had approached HSBC Bank who would be able to take on the Town Council's banking requirements.

Resolved: that the Clerk examines setting up accounts with HSBC Bank.

C1476 Accounts for Payment

Resolved: that the accounts for payment as at 16 October 2023 be approved and cheques signed.

C1477 Reports from Members/Representatives

Cllr Smith reported that he and Cllr Mountford were hoping to provide activities around Bonfire Night from 2024.

The meeting closed at 7.46 p.m.

Chairman