

**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council
held on Monday, 21 October 2024 at Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall**

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

Apologies: Cllr S Holme (Alternative commitment)

In attendance: Cllr G Dadd

C1574 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

C1575 Police Report

There was no police representative in attendance.

**C1576 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk
North Yorkshire Council**

Cllr Dadd reported that there had been some complaints from residents of Long Street regarding the latest carriageway repairs in that area.

Cllr Dadd stated that he had no further information concerning the installation of a lift at Thirsk Railway Station.

C1577 Open Forum

Resolved: that standing orders be suspended

A local resident, Mr Peck, stated that he and his wife had noticed a large rat in the area of the Tesco and Lidl supermarkets recently. Mr Peck believed that the four large bins situated in the Tesco supermarket car park near to Bamlett House were attracting the rodents. The Clerk stated that he would raise the matter with environmental health at North Yorkshire Council. Mr Peck also raised concerns relating to a large volume of leaves on Station Road which he stated were contributing to a smell.

Resolved: that standing orders be reinstated.

C1578 Minutes

C1578(a) Town Council Meeting held on 16 September 2024

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 16 September 2024 be approved as a correct record.

C1578(b) Matters Arising

Cllr Trueman advised that the clock on St Mary's Church had now been repaired.

Cllr Duffey stated that repairs to the Market Place pavements were unlikely to take place due to the estimated cost and asked that Cllr Gareth Dadd's comments regarding future costings be included in the previous Minutes for future reference.

Cllr Trueman stated that he had met with the Mayor of North Yorkshire and that he would be attending a further meeting on 30 November 2024.

C1579 Committee Minutes and Reports

C1579(a) Planning Committee – Minutes of Meeting held on 16 September 2024

The meeting received the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 September 2024.

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 September be received and noted.

It was agreed that a meeting of the Personnel & Office Committee would be held on Thursday, 7 November 2024 in the Town Council Offices.

C1580 Burial Board

Resolved: that the application for a memorial for Mary Dowson be approved.

C1581 Correspondence/Items Raised

C1581(a) Blue Plaque, Castle Garth

The meeting received emails dated 9 and 23 September 2024 from Janet Watson regarding replacement of the missing blue plaque on Castle Garth.

Resolved: that a replacement plaque be ordered for Castle Garth

C1581(b) Free Christmas Lunch at Maple Park Cafe

The meeting received an email dated 19 September 2024 from David Martin of the Maple Park Crematorium Café concerning a free lunch on Christmas Day for up to 60 guests who may be alone or struggling at Christmas.

Resolved: that Cllr Potter share the information on the Town Council's Facebook page.

C1581(c) Speeding and Cameras – North Yorkshire

The meeting received an email dated 3 October 2024 from Gillian Taylor concerning speeding traffic and cameras. Cllr Duffey noted that the Town Council was not the correct recipient for this information.

Resolved: that the Clerk responds to Gillian Taylor.

C1582(d) Sandbags Support to Communities during Flooding

The meeting received an email dated 4 October 2024 from North Yorkshire Parish Liaison concerning access to sandbags during flooding incidents. The Clerk advised that he would email Ms Wendy Gibson-Brown, the flood warden, with the details.

Resolved: that the email be noted and the link be put on the Town Councils Website and Facebook page

C1582(e) Chapel Street, Thirsk - Carriageway Patching Works

The meeting received a letter dated 1 October 2024 from North Yorkshire Council indicating that there would be carriageway repairs taking place over three evenings commencing Monday, 28 October 2024.

Resolved: that the letter be noted.

C1582(f) Improved Safety for Thirsk Town Councillors

The meeting received an email and attachment dated 29 August 2024 from David Hunter relating to improving the safety of Thirsk Town Councillors by not showing personal emails, phone numbers and addresses on the website. The Clerk noted that Councillors had to submit details of their interests in the parish, which normally included personal property/addresses, and which forms had to be put on the North Yorkshire Website under Register of Interests. The Clerk also noted that North Yorkshire Councillors' personal information was on the North Yorkshire Council website.

Resolved: that the Clerk responds to Mr Hunter's email with the appropriate information.

C1583 Accounts for Payment

Resolved: that the accounts for payment as at 21 October 2024 be approved and cheques signed.

C1584 Reports from Members/Representatives

Cllr Ward reminded all present about the Library Annual General Meeting, which was scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 6 November 2024 at 6.00 p.m.
Cllr Trueman reminded Members to inform the office if they were attending for refreshments after the Remembrance Day Service and Parade.
Cllr Potter raised the issue of the repair of the cemetery wall which had still not been undertaken, stating that she knew a builder who could provide a quotation.

The meeting closed at 7.47 p.m.

Chairman