

**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council
held on Monday, 18 November 2024 at Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall**

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

Apologies: Cllr D Jackson (Holiday), Cllr A Robinson (Alternative Commitment), Cllr A Trueman (Holiday)

C1585 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

C1586 Police Report

There was no police representative in attendance, and a report had not been provided.

**C1587 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk
North Yorkshire Council**

Cllr Jackson stated that he had wanted to raise the issue of the large number of flyers that had been posted around the Market Place. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Town Council contact any company responsible for putting up illegal flyers to advise that they would be prosecuted.

C1588 Open Forum

Resolved: that standing orders be suspended

A local resident, Mrs Peck, advised the meeting that there was still no pavement drop at the Bellway Park development on Station Road.

Resolved: that standing orders be reinstated.

C1589 Minutes

C1589(a) Town Council Meeting held on 21 October 2024

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 21 October 2024 be approved as a correct record subject to the following amendment: -

Minute no C1576

Replacement of footpaths in the Market Place was not scheduled to take place in view of the costs involved.

C1590 Committee Minutes and Reports

C1590(a) Planning Committee – Minutes of Meeting held on 21 October 2024

The meeting received the Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 October 2024.

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 October be received and noted.

C1591 Burial Board

Resolved: that the applications for memorial for Sarah Mair and June Shaw be approved.

C1592 Correspondence/Items Raised

C1592(a) North Yorkshire Council – “Let’s Talk Money” Campaign

The meeting received an email dated 21 October 2024 from North Yorkshire Council regarding the "Let's Talk" campaign which is an annual statutory budget consultation asking people how they think the Council should spend its money. It was noted that the consultation runs until 9 December 2024.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C1592(b) Royal Garden Party 2025

The meeting received an email dated 23 October 2024 from Yorkshire Local Councils Associations concerning nominations for the 2025 Royal Garden Party.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C1592(c) Parish Portal – Update to Parish Councils

The meeting received an email dated 29 October 2024 from North Yorkshire Council indicating that there was to be a forthcoming change to the Parish Portal.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C1592(d) Donation to North Yorkshire Citizens Advice and Law Centre.

The meeting received an email dated 31 October 2024 from North Yorkshire Citizens Advice and Law Centre thanking the Town Council for its recent donation.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C1592(e) The Yorkshire Wolds – Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The meeting received an email dated 1 November 2024 from North Yorkshire Council concerning views regarding the Yorkshire Wolds to become an area of outstanding natural beauty.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C1592(f) Long Street, Thirsk – Planned Road Restriction Notification

The meeting received an email dated 7 November 2024 from North Yorkshire Council regarding roadworks to be carried out on the mini roundabout on Long Street.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C1592(g) Sutton Bank – Drainage Improvement Works

The meeting received a letter and attachment dated 11 November 2024 from North Yorkshire Council concerning drainage works to be carried out on Sutton Bank. Cllr Potter indicated that the work had been postponed due to the bad weather forecast.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C1593 Citizen of the Year Award 2025

Cllr Trueman had put forward the names of John and Andrea Potter who have been volunteers for over 35 years at the Ritz Cinema and John and Maureen Worley for their involvement with Thirsk Brass Band for many years.

Resolved: that the Town Council accepts the proposed nominations, and that Cllr Trueman present the awards in the new year.

C1594 Accounts for Payment

Members agreed that ROSPA reports would in future be emailed to members of the Open Areas and Greens Committee, to save printing costs, but that Mr C Amy, the amenity contractor, would continue to receive the reports in hard copy.

Resolved: that the accounts for payment as at 18 November 2024 be approved and cheques signed.

C1594 Reports from Members/Representatives

The Clerk stated that it would not be possible to place any decoration at the top of the Market Place Christmas tree as it was considered that the top of the tree was not strong enough to safely support it.

The Clerk advised that he had received an email from Cllr Mountford concerning funding for Thirsk & Sowerby Festival. The meeting was informed that the running costs for the festival approached £13,000 to £14,000 each year. Cllr Mountford advised that four sponsors had withdrawn their sponsorship for next year. Members agreed that the Town Council would take into account the requirement of £2,000, as requested by the Festival Committee, when considering the budget.

The meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.

Chairman