

Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held on Monday, 16 April 2018 at Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall

Present: Cllrs: H Dalglish-Brown (Chairman), D Adamson, J Bell, D Duffey, J Fisher, W Gibson-Brown, C Hesmondhalgh, D Jackson, S Ward, J Watson

Apologies: Cllr A Trueman, County/District Cllr: G Dadd

C818 Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared.

C819 Police Report

PCSO Akhtar went through the monthly crime figures for Thirsk. She advised that the police were in the process of applying for a protection order so that signage could be erected on Thirsk Industrial Estate in an attempt to resolve issues in respect of waste which was being left by HGV drivers.

Cllr Fisher reported that he had observed another near accident close to the mini-roundabout on Long Street which he felt was caused by the lack of visibility created by a vehicle which was parked on the pavement very close to the roadside.

Although it was believed that the vehicle may not be parked illegally, PCSO Akhtar stated that she would pass on the concern and the Clerk indicated that he would contact North Yorkshire County Council so that they were aware of the matter.

Cllr Gibson-Brown reported that groups of youths who had been congregating in Mill Gardens appeared to have moved on to the Picnic Area and that damage had been caused recently to fencing adjacent to the river. She felt that the youths used the tall bushes in the Picnic Area to hide behind and she requested that these be reduced in height. The PCSO confirmed that the police continued to patrol the area.

C820 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk

(a) NYCC

Nothing reported.

(b) HDC

Cllr Watson reported that she had attended a meeting concerning a car parking review/provision of electric vehicle charging points and that a report was expected to go before HDC's cabinet in June.

Cllr Watson reported that a further public consultation in connection with the new Local Plan was expected to take place during the summer.

Cllr Watson advised that HDC was in the process of preparing a leaflet to be distributed to households advising of changes to refuse collections which were aimed at making operations more effective.

Following a query by Cllr Hesmondhalgh, Cllr Watson confirmed that HDC had made an offer to purchase the former Lambert Memorial Hospital but this had been rejected and it was now expected that the building would be sold on the open market to the highest bidder.

C821 Open Forum

No members of the public were in attendance.

C822 Minutes

C822(a) Town Council Meeting held on 19 March 2018

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 19 March 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C822(b) Matters Arising

C811(b) Matters Arising (C805 Reports from Members/Representatives)

Cllr Jackson advised that the litter pick which had been due to take place in March had been rescheduled to take place on Sunday, 13 May 2018.

C803(n) Further Items of Correspondence (Grass cutting)

The Clerk reported that a new grass cutting contract had been agreed with a contractor who had previously undertaken work for Dean Landscapes Ltd and that a meeting was due to be held on Thursday, 19 April 2018 to discuss the new contract.

C816 Reports from Members/Representatives

The Clerk advised that an email had been received from NYCC following complaints about the condition of the public footpath which ran alongside the river between the Picnic Area and the Holmes which confirmed that funding was available to carry out the repairs and that quotations were in the process of being obtained.

C823 Committee Minutes and Reports

(a) Planning Committee – 19 March 2018

The meeting received the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 19 March 2018

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

(b) Open Areas and Greens Committee – 27 March 2018

The meeting received the Minutes of the Open Areas and Greens Committee held on 27 March 2018.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

C824 Burial Board

There were no applications for memorials to be considered. The Clerk indicated that the former cemetery groundsman had returned to Thirsk and had commenced working for the Town Council as a subcontractor. He was carrying out various works both at the cemetery and other Town Council properties and facilities.

C825 Correspondence/Items Raised

C825(a) Hambleton Parish Liaison Meeting – 17 May 2018

The meeting received a letter dated 13 March 2018 from Hambleton District Council concerning the next Hambleton Parish Liaison Meeting which was due to be held on Thursday, 17 May 2018 at the Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Northallerton. Cllr Jackson confirmed that he would attend the meeting along with Cllr Trueman.

Resolved: that Cllrs Jackson and Trueman attend the Hambleton Parish Liaison Meeting on 17 May 2018 on behalf of the Town Council.

C825(b) Parish Survey on Vehicle Activated Speed Signs or Speed Indicator Devices

The meeting received an email dated 15 March 2018 from North Yorkshire County Council concerning a review which would examine whether to provide parish/town councils with the opportunity to fund the purchase and maintenance costs of vehicle activated speed signs (VAS) or speed indicator devices (SIDs). The Clerk noted that the closing date for responses was Monday, 21 May 2018.

Resolved: that the survey be completed in terms that the Town Council request to be provided with an indication of the likely cost of purchasing and maintaining the speed signs/devices.

C825(c) Thirsk and District Business Association Launch Event - 22 March 2018

The meeting received information from the Launch Event of Thirsk and District Business Association. Cllr Dalglish-Brown advised that she had attended the event and was happy to answer any questions. Cllr Watson asked whether the Business Association had any plans concerning the empty shops in the Market Place and Cllr Dalglish-Brown stated that she would raise the matter with the Chairman of the Business Association.

Resolved: that the information be noted.

C825(d) Donation to the Great Pilgrimage 90

The meeting received a letter dated 25 March 2018 from The Royal British Legion thanking the Town Council for its contribution towards the cost of sending a Standard Bearer and a Wreath Layer to the Great Pilgrimage 90 event.

Resolved: that the letter be noted.

C825(e) CCG Statement on the Lambert Hospital Site, Thirsk

The meeting received an email and statement dated 27 March 2018 from NHS Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group which stated that the CCG had facilitated discussions between Hambleton District Council and NHS Property Services regarding the future of the Lambert Hospital site but was disappointed that this had failed to achieve an affordable community solution.

Resolved: that the email and statement be noted.

C825(f) Pontefract Magna Carta Group

The meeting received an email dated 5 April 2018 from Mr D Tucker which attached an invitation to attend a celebration of Magna Carta Day on Friday, 15 June 2018 at Pontefract.

Resolved: that the Town Council thank the President of the Pontefract Magna Carta Society but decline the invitation to attend the Magna Carta Day celebration at Pontefract.

C826 Finance

The Clerk indicated that Mr R Dickinson, the former cemetery groundsman, was in the process of painting Millgate Public Conveniences and had submitted invoices for the work done to date.

Cllr Watson advised that she had been given contact details of two people who she understood may be able to carry out repair work to the damaged mosaic on Millennium Green. Cllr Duffey suggested that the Town Council obtain a quote for the work and that it may be possible to submit an application for funding to Tesco's Bags of Help community grant scheme. Following discussion, it was agreed that this course of action be pursued.

Resolved: that the accounts for payment as at 16 April 2018 be approved and cheques signed.

C827 Reports from Members/Representatives

Cllr Adamson reported that The Clock was about to lose its last full-time member of staff as the projects currently ongoing required the involvement of part-time employees only. He confirmed that The Clock was still receiving funding and that a substantial grant had just been received which would be in place for the next three years.

Cllr Gibson-Brown indicated that she would refurbish the interior of the notice board at the front of Thirsk Tourist Information and she would also repaint the faded sign in Bateman's Yard.

Cllr Watson reported that a partnership between the Lambert Hospital League of Friends and Herriot Hospice Homecare had been formed with the aim of expanding end-of-life care services in Thirsk and which could involve the construction of a new building to accommodate both day and overnight care. She advised that a constitution was in the process of being prepared and she anticipated that the matter would be heavily promoted in the near future.

Cllr Watson queried whether the Town Council ought to pay all its donations at the beginning of the financial year once the precept money had been received. Discussion took place and it was suggested that it would be more appropriate to wait until organisations had submitted their end-of-year accounts before making payments.

Cllr Dalgleish-Brown reported that it had been decided to postpone the mayor's ball until 2019.

Cllr Dalgleish-Brown advised that she had attended a book signing event by Tommy Banks, the Michelin star chef, at White Rose Books on Thursday, 12 April 2018.

C828 On-Going items

Nothing noted.

The meeting closed at 8.13 pm.

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Apologies: Cllrs: D Duffey, S Ward

In attendance: County/District Cllr: G Dadd

C829 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Trueman declared an interest in item no 8, Burial Board, Applications for Memorials and took no part in the discussion.

C830 Police Report

No police representative was in attendance.

C831 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk

(a) NYCC

Cllr Dadd reported that funding was available to enable repairs to be carried out to the public footpath on the Marage.

Cllr Dadd reported that there had been a change in geographical boundaries in respect of area committees.

Cllr Dadd advised that he had not received a response to an invitation he had sent to meet a former television presenter who had made some allegations about Thirsk and its residents in connection with incidents of animal cruelty which had taken place at an abattoir outside of Thirsk.

(b) HDC

Cllr Watson reported that HDC had carried out a reorganisation of household waste, recycling and garden waste collections which would result in some changes in collection days commencing Monday, 4 June 2018.

Cllr Watson advised that Cllr D Blades had been appointed Chairman of HDC and Cllr K Hardisty had been appointed Vice-Chairman of HDC.

C832 Open Forum

No members of the public were in attendance.

C833 Minutes

C833(a) Town Council Meeting held on 16 April 2018

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 16 April 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C833(b) Matters Arising

C825(c) Thirsk and District Business Association Launch Event – 22 March 2018

Cllr Dalglish-Brown advised that she had sent an email to the Chairman of Thirsk & District Business Association concerning empty shops in the Market Place.

C827 Reports from Members/Representatives

Cllr Gibson-Brown reported that she had refurbished the interiors of both of the Town Council's notice boards which were positioned at Thirsk Tourist Information and it was felt that the appearance of the notice boards was much improved.

C834 Committee Minutes and Reports

(a) Central Areas Committee – 12 April 2018

The meeting received the Minutes of the Central Areas Committee held on 12 April 2018.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

(b) Planning Committee – 16 April 2018

The meeting received the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 16 April 2018

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

C835 Burial Board

Resolved: that the applications for memorial for Eileen Hilda Ballard, Gordon Busfield, Frank Knowles & Catherine Knowles, George Benjamin Lambert, Christine Dorothy Schofield, Doreen Sickling, Peter Stopa, Victor & Phyllis Stopa and Leslie Stuart be approved.

C836 Correspondence/Items Raised

C836(a) Health Engagement Network

The meeting received a media release dated 18 April 2018 from Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group concerning local people being encouraged to join a network to enable them to learn more about health services.

Resolved: that the media release be noted.

C836(b) Community Infrastructure Levy

The meeting received a letter dated 24 April 2018 from Hambleton District Council concerning the payment to the Town Council of £6468.09 Community Infrastructure Levy monies. Members noted that the monies must be spent within five years.

Resolved:

i) that the letter be noted.

ii) that further consideration be given to the allocation of the monies

C836(c) Request for Planting Licence – Long Street, Thirsk

The meeting received an email dated 27 April 2018 from Mr A Newton concerning the planting of trees on the grassed area at the front of his property on Long Street, Thirsk. Discussion took place and Cllr Watson suggested that a contract be drawn up regarding maintenance of the trees and Cllr Bell suggested that a covenant regarding the trees could be placed on the property

Resolved: that the Clerk makes further enquiries as to the variety of tree which is to be planted and examines the future maintenance implications.

C836(d) 2018 - 2019 National Salary Award

The meeting received an email dated 23 April 2018 from Yorkshire Local Councils Associations concerning the 2018 – 2019 National Salary Awards for local council employees with effect from 1 April 2018. Members noted that the salary award amounted to a 2% cost of living increase.

Resolved: that the National Salary Award be agreed and implemented.

C836(e) 2018 National Rural Crime Survey

The meeting received an email dated 1 May 2018 from J Mulligan, Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire, regarding an online survey concerning crime and antisocial behaviour in rural communities across North Yorkshire.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C836(f) Information Commissioner's Statement on the General Data Protection Regulations

The meeting received an email dated 2 May 2018 from Yorkshire Local Councils Associations attaching the Information Commissioners Office statement on the General Data Protection Regulation.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C836(g) Bellingham Close, Thirsk – Car Parking

The meeting received an email dated 3 May 2018 from Mr A Stockham, a resident of Bellingham Close, in which he requested that yellow lines/parking restrictions be applied on the entrance road adjacent to his property. Members noted that Mr Stockham was concerned about the risk of an accident occurring due to the recent increase in traffic.

Resolved: that the matter be referred to NYCC asking for its observations, as Highway Authority, in this matter.

C836(h) Street Naming and Numbering Legislation – Masonic Lane, Thirsk

The meeting received a certificate dated 3 May 2018 from Hambleton District Council concerning the registration and formal postal address of new properties in Masonic Lane, Thirsk.

Resolved: that the Clerk request that the Town Council be consulted in respect of future street naming and numbering applications.

C836(i) Mental Health Services for New and Expectant Mothers in North Yorkshire

The meeting received an email/media release dated 8 May 2018 from Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group concerning funding which had been secured to enable the provision of enhanced specialist community mental health services for new and expectant mothers within North Yorkshire.

Resolved: that the email/media release be noted.

C837 General Data Protection Regulations

The Clerk circulated a draft retention of documents policy to ensure the Town Council's compliance with the new General Data Protection Regulation and advised members in relation to the Data /Information Audit and Privacy Policy in line with NALC's GDPR toolkit.

It was noted that an amendment to the regulations had been approved resulting in Town and Parish Councils not being required to appoint a Data Protection Officer. Cllr Adamson suggested that Town Council minutes need not be retained for longer than four years.

Resolved:

- i) that the Data/Information Audit be approved.**
- ii) that the Privacy Policy be approved.**
- iii) that the Retention of Documents Policy be approved.**

C838 Finance

Resolved: that the accounts for payment as at 21 May 2018 be approved and cheques signed.

C839 Reports from Members/Representatives

Cllr Adamson reported that he had met Mr M Burnett on the Holmes to examine a large tree which was observed to have a large crack in it.

Cllr Trueman enquired as to whether the Town Council was able to claim business rates relief in respect of Millgate public conveniences and was advised that whilst it was currently not possible the government was considering enabling billing authorities to have a discretionary power to discharge the rates.

Cllr Trueman reported that he had attended the recent parish liaison meeting at Hambleton District Council along with Cllrs Jackson and Watson. It was noted that an increase in fly tipping had been recorded.

Cllr Jackson reported that the litter pick which had been re-arranged for Sunday, 13 May 2018 had been a successful event and he thanked everyone who had taken part. He advised that approximately 20 bags of litter had been collected and noted that a lot of the litter had consisted of discarded cigarette ends.

The Clerk indicated that the office lease was due to expire in the near future and that new premises were being sought. Members discussed the possibility of applying for a Public Works Loan.

Members noted that Thirsk Yarnbombers had once again produced some wonderful creations which were on display in the Market Place and which celebrated the Tour de Yorkshire which had recently passed through Thirsk and the Royal Wedding.

Cllr Jackson reported that there had been incidents of antisocial behaviour in the Market Place on the afternoon of Saturday, 19 May 2018 when 15 coaches of football supporters had stopped off in the town. It was noted that this had also coincided with a meeting of Thirsk Races.

Resolved: that the Town Council write to North Yorkshire Police to pass on the concerns of the Town Council with regard to coaches of football supporters stopping in Thirsk.

C840 On-Going items

Nothing noted.

The meeting closed at 8.38 pm.

Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held on Monday, 18 June 2018 at Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall

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Apologies: Cllr: J Bell (Prior commitment), County/District Cllr: G Dadd (Prior commitment)

C841 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

C842 Police Report

The Clerk circulated copies of an email received from PCSO Akhtar indicating that she was unable to attend the meeting and incorporating the most recent crime figures. These included offences of burglary/attempted burglary, criminal damage and several incidents of antisocial behaviour. Town Councillors expressed concern at the number of incidents of antisocial behaviour and noted that problems were ongoing in the Millgate area which it was believed were associated with the pizza shop. Cllr Adamson noted that the pizza shop was subject to a licence and it was suggested that Hambleton District Council be requested to review the licence in view of the on-going problems.

C843 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk

(a) NYCC

Following a recent Parish Liaison Meeting, Cllr Watson understood that a representative from North Yorkshire Trading Standards was to give a presentation regarding safeguarding vulnerable people and that Wednesday, 4 July 2018 had been put forward as a possible date. She indicated that she would check whether this date had been confirmed.

(b) HDC

Cllr Watson reported that work in connection with the preparation of the new Local Plan was ongoing and she expected a further public consultation to take place within the next few months.

Cllr Watson advised that she had discussed issues of antisocial behaviour at Carr's Field with Ms L Wilson, HDC's Community Manager, and they had considered whether the Trust which looked after Carr's Field could be eligible to apply to HDC's Making a Difference programme for funding to remove the hardstanding. She suggested that a meeting be arranged along with representatives of North Yorkshire Police to consider a resolution of the issues and the Clerk agreed to arrange a meeting. Cllr Duffey suggested that the Town Council also write to the Police & Crime Commissioner to advise of the issues.

The Clerk indicated that he had been contacted by a resident regarding a proposed development on land adjacent to St Mary's Close, Thirsk. The resident was concerned that vehicles/diggers had been gaining access to carry out ground testing works via The Orchard and not via St Mary's Close. Cllr Watson advised that she would contact the planning officer at HDC and request that she respond directly to the resident.

C844 Open Forum

No members of the public were in attendance.

C845 Minutes

C845(a) Town Council Meeting held on 21 May 2018

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 21 May 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C845(b) Matters Arising

C831(b) Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk

Following the re-organisation of HDC's household waste, recycling and garden waste collections, Cllr Adamson believed that the new arrangements appeared to be working well in some areas, but not in other areas.

C846 Committee Minutes and Reports

(a) Planning Committee – 21 May 2018

The meeting received the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 21 May 2018

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

C847 Burial Board

Resolved: that the application for memorial for Doreen Sickling (additional inscription) be approved.

C848 Correspondence/Items Raised

C848(a) NHS – Overview of Feedback from Capacity and Capability Review

The meeting received a briefing dated 18 May 2018 from Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group concerning feedback following a capacity and capability review.

Resolved: that the briefing be noted.

C848(b) Citizens Advice Mid-North Yorkshire Event – Annual Celebration Day

The meeting received an email dated 21 May 2018 from Citizens Advice inviting Town Councillors to take part in an Annual Celebration Day to take place at their Northallerton office on Friday, 22 June 2018.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C848(c) Neighbourhood Policing in North Yorkshire

The meeting received an email dated 21 May 2018 from J Mulligan, Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire, concerning an online survey to gather feedback following changes which had been made to North Yorkshire Police's neighbourhood policing teams.

Resolved: that Members complete the survey on an individual basis.

C848(d) North Yorkshire County Council – Area Constituency Committees

The meeting received an email dated 22 May 2018 from North Yorkshire County Council concerning the ending of the existing seven Area Committees and the creation of six Area Constituency Committees

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C848(e) Mobile Closed Circuit Television Camera

The meeting received an email dated 30 May 2018 from PC Jonathan Harrison concerning the possibility of local councils purchasing their own mobile CCTV camera which they could deploy in areas affected by antisocial behaviour. Town Councillors noted the high initial set-up cost as well as various ongoing costs and, following discussion, agreed that the provision of CCTV cameras was the

responsibility of Hambleton District Council/Safer Hambleton Community Safety Hub, rather than the Town Council.

Resolved: that the Town Council respond to the email advising that the matter should be referred to Hambleton District Council/Hambleton Community Safety Hub, copying in J Mulligan (Police & Crime Commissioner), G Allen (HDC) and M Robson.

C848(f) Renewal of Subsidised Local Bus Services in the Areas of Hambleton, Harrogate and Richmondshire

The meeting received an undated document from North Yorkshire County Council concerning the renewal of subsidised local bus services. As part of the renewal process the Council was seeking comments on these services. Cllr Watson suggested that the Town Council respond with an observation that there should not be any further erosion of bus services.

Resolved:

a) that the document be noted.

b) that the Town Council respond that there should be no further erosion of services.

C848(g) Building a Sustainable Future for the Friarage – Update

The meeting received an update dated 1 June 2018 from South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust concerning the publication of a report following the public engagement programme which took place from October to December 2017.

Resolved: that the update be noted.

C848(h) Sponsorship of Match Ball – Thirsk Cricket Club

The meeting received a letter dated April 2018 from Thirsk Cricket Club concerning the sponsorship of a cricket match ball for the 2018 season.

Resolved: that the Town Council sponsors a match ball for the 2018 season.

C849 Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2018

The Clerk indicated that he had sent an email to Town Councillors concerning their availability to attend an Extraordinary Meeting to consider/approve the Annual Return on Thursday, 28 June 2018 at 7.00 pm. He advised that prior to the Extraordinary Meeting it was necessary to hold a short meeting at which the Town Council's systems of internal control would be reviewed.

Resolved: that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council be held on Thursday, 28 June 2018 at Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall.

C850 Finance

In response to a query concerning the new grass cutting contract, the Clerk advised that a few complaints had been received concerning the standard of grass cutting, particularly in the cemetery. He felt that the issues were caused primarily by the grass cutting starting later in the season than normal. He indicated that additional cuts were being carried out at the cemetery which would hopefully improve the appearance. In addition, one or two small areas had been overlooked but it was believed these issues had now been rectified.

Resolved: that the accounts for payment as at 18 June 2018 be approved and cheques signed.

C851 Reports from Members/Representatives

Cllr Trueman reported that the next meeting of the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations was due to take place on Wednesday, 27 June 2018 and, as Cllr

Jackson was unable to attend the meeting, he offered to give a lift to any other councillor if they wished to attend.

Cllr Watson reported that the hedging on Station Road adjacent to the racecourse needed cutting back. The Clerk advised that he would request J Bell to undertake the work.

Cllr Gibson-Brown advised that a large pile of branches/leaves on Mill Gardens needed to be taken away. The Clerk advised that he would make a further request that this be done as quickly as possible.

Cllr Dalgleish-Brown reported that she had handed out prizes following a treasure hunt organised by The Connection Gallery on Saturday, 2 June 2018. She advised that she had also met the new head teacher of Thirsk School.

The Clerk indicated that he had received an email from Shine Television advising of an intention to return to Thirsk and the surrounding area to film on 4 and 5 July 2018.

C852 On-Going items

Nothing reported.

The meeting closed at 8.02 pm.

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Apologies: Cllr: J Bell (Prior commitment)

In attendance: County/District Cllr: G Dadd

C853 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

C854 Police Report

There was no police representative in attendance.

C855 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk

(a) NYCC

Cllr Dadd reported that he had contacted Yorkshire Water in connection with the burst water main in Finkle Street. He stated that he was very disappointed by the lack of urgency in completing the works but that he had been assured that the road would be reopened before the meeting of Thirsk Races on Tuesday, 17 July 2018. Cllr Jackson noted that local businesses had suffered a significant loss of trade as a result of the road being closed for four days.

Cllr Dadd referred to email communication concerning the flower boxes and planters on Long Street and hoped that a satisfactory solution would soon be found with regard to their future planting and maintenance.

Cllr Dadd reported that approval had been granted for North Yorkshire's Police and Crime Commissioner to take over responsibility for the area's fire service.

Cllr Dadd advised of difficulties which were being encountered in reaching agreement on a devolution deal for Yorkshire.

(b) HDC

Cllr Watson reported that two Artisan food and drink markets were being planned to take place on Saturday, 28 July and Saturday, 25 August and that the intention was that these would run alongside the regular market stalls.

C856 Open Forum

No members of the public were in attendance.

C857 Minutes

C857(a) Town Council Meeting held on 18 June 2018

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 18 June 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the correction of two spelling errors in Minute No C848(e) and an amendment in Minute No C851 (Cllr Duffey indicated that he had not met the new head teacher of Thirsk School at that time).

C857(b) Matters Arising

C843(b) HDC Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk

The Clerk advised that he had sent an email to the police requesting that a meeting be held to consider issues of antisocial behaviour.

C851 Reports from Members/Representatives

Cllr Dalglish-Brown indicated that she would provide an email address so that a request could be made to cut back the overgrown foliage on Station Road.

C858 Committee Minutes and Reports

(a) Planning Committee – 18 June 2018

The meeting received the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 18 June 2018.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

C859 Burial Board

Resolved: that the applications for memorials for Jean Calvert, Albert Colin Dunning, Elizabeth Mary (Betty) Macleod and Martin Anthony Patrick McAndrew be approved.

C860 Correspondence/Items Raised

C860(a) Cemetery Road, Thirsk – Proposed Parking Restrictions

The meeting received a letter dated 6 July 2018 from North Yorkshire County Council concerning a new Traffic Regulation Order to introduce no waiting at any time restriction (double yellow lines) and to decrease the area of disc parking in Cemetery Road, Thirsk

Resolved: that the letter be noted.

C860(b) Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall – Replacement Lights

The meeting received an email dated 9 July 2018 from Cllr J Watson concerning funding for replacement lights in the Town Hall annex. Cllr Jackson advised that the lights were obsolete and needed replacing as quickly as possible. He understood that Sowerby Parish Council had agreed to meet 50 per cent of the cost of new lights.

Resolved: that the Town Council agrees that new lights be purchased for the Town Hall annex (cost to be split 50/50 with Sowerby Parish Council).

C860(c) Flower Boxes – Long Street, Thirsk

The meeting received a report from the Clerk concerning the planting and maintenance of the flower boxes and planters on Long Street. Members noted that the volunteers who had previously looked after the boxes were no longer able to continue and that the Rotary Club was also unable to undertake the work. It was suggested that consideration be given to reducing the number of boxes and that a leaflet drop to residents of Long Street be undertaken.

Resolved: that a meeting of the Open Areas & Greens Committee be arranged to consider the planting and maintenance of the Long Street Flower Boxes.

C860(d) Town Council Office Lease

The Clerk reported that the current office lease was due to expire in September 2018. He advised that he had been unable to locate any suitable alternative office accommodation at the present time.

Resolved: that the Clerk contacts the landlady to discuss the options in respect of the office lease.

C861 Finance

Resolved: that the accounts for payment as at 16 July 2018 be approved and cheques signed.

C862 Reports from Members/Representatives

Cllr Dalgleish-Brown reported that she and Cllr Duffey had recently met the new head teacher of Thirsk School and that, amongst other matters, had discussed issues of disorder and antisocial behaviour. Cllr Duffey explained that the head teacher hoped to develop a new mental health/segregation unit which would require funding of approximately £50,000. The school therefore planned to organise fundraising events and would be approaching various organisations with a view to obtaining the necessary finance.

Cllr Duffey advised that he was busy organising Thirsk & Sowerby Festival which would be held on The Flatts on Sunday, 5 August 2018.

Cllr Adamson advised that The Clock had recently obtained a number of new contracts, including one contract which was due to run for three years.

Cllr Hesmondhalgh reported that the afternoon tea events for the over 50s at East Thirsk Community Hall were proving successful and that guests had recently participated in Tai Chi.

Cllr Trueman noted that some town/parish councils used social media/Facebook and wondered whether this was something that Thirsk Town Council had considered. Members agreed that the Town Council should set up a Facebook page and that a meeting be arranged to take the matter forward.

Cllr Gibson-Brown reported that a large branch had broken off one of the trees adjacent to properties at Riverside Mews. Fortunately, the branch had fallen over the river and the Environment Agency had dealt with it. She advised that other trees in the area required pollarding but that there was currently an issue concerning ownership of the land.

Cllr Watson expressed concern in respect of inadequate car parking provision for users of Thirsk Railway Station and suggested that the Town Council write to Network Rail requesting that they provide additional parking spaces. It was agreed that the Town Council write to Network Rail and also email Mr Kevin Hollinrake MP to advise of the concerns.

Cllr Dalgleish-Brown reported that she had presented medals at the annual swimming gala at Thirsk & Sowerby Leisure Centre.

Cllr Dalgleish-Brown advised that she had attended a presentation by North Yorkshire Trading Standards on the topic of safeguarding vulnerable people in rural communities on Wednesday, 4 July 2018.

Cllr Dalgleish-Brown reported that the Picnic in the Park which had taken place at Thirsk Hall on Saturday, 7 July 2018 had been a well-attended and successful event.

C863 On-Going items

Nothing reported.

The meeting closed at 8.21 pm.

Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held on Monday, 20 August 2018 at Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall

Present: Cllrs: H Dalgleish-Brown (Chairman), D Adamson, W Gibson-Brown, C Hesmondhalgh, D Jackson, A Trueman, S Ward

Apologies: Cllrs: J Bell (Holiday), D Duffey (Holiday), J Fisher (Illness)

In attendance: County/District Cllr: G Dadd

Before commencing the meeting Cllr Dalgleish-Brown advised that she had received a letter of resignation from Cllr Janet Watson. Cllr Dalgleish-Brown noted that Cllr Watson had been a hardworking member of the Town Council for many years and that her wealth of experience and knowledge would be missed.

C864 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

C865 Police Report

There was no police representative in attendance.

C866 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk

(a) NYCC

Cllr Dadd noted that Yorkshire Water had carried out additional works on Finkle Street which had resulted in a further road closure. He advised that he had written to the Chief Executive of Yorkshire Water concerning the issues in Finkle Street as he felt that they prioritised works in urban areas.

Cllr Dadd reported that NYCC's children's social care services had recently been inspected by Ofsted and been awarded an "Outstanding" grade in every category. Regrettably, he also had to report that there was a predicted overspend of £11 million in the children and young people's service and, although there was a predicted underspend in some areas, he anticipated the end result being an overspend of approximately £2.5 million.

Cllr Dadd reported that he was aware of drainage issues on Millgate and Kirkgate and that both locations were included on NYCC's programme of works. Cllr Gibson-Brown advised that there was also a drainage issue on the stretch of land between the Ritz Cinema and the Town Hall.

(b) HDC

Cllr Dadd stated that he had been sad to learn of Cllr Janet Watson's resignation from Hambleton District Council and Thirsk Town Council. He noted that she had worked extremely hard for many years for the benefit of the community and that a bi-election would be held in respect of the District Council vacancy.

Cllr Dadd noted that the meeting's agenda included an item concerning the possible purchase of a mobile CCTV camera. He indicated that he was very keen to support the Town Council in the purchase of a mobile camera and hoped that the Town Council would play its part in tackling issues of antisocial behaviour.

C867 Open Forum

Mr Richard Gladstone attended the meeting. He stated that he ran a business in Finkle Street and that when he had spoken to the contractors who had been carrying out repairs he had been advised that the works they were carrying out were planned, not emergency works. He requested that local businesses and residents be

informed in advance when such works are due to take place so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Cllr Dadd advised that contractors have a duty to inform local businesses and residents when road closures are to take place. Mrs M Penson attended the meeting. She noted that Moorsbus was on the agenda and hoped that the Town Council would contribute to the Moorsbus operation as she believed it provided an excellent service. Mrs Penson went on to report issues of antisocial behaviour, litter and drug taking at Mill Gardens/Riverside Mews. She advised that she regularly collected large amounts of rubbish on a morning. She requested that the Town Council ask the police to carry out regular patrols particularly during the evenings and that consideration be given to installing a CCTV camera. Cllr Gibson-Brown advised that the Town Council had held a meeting with the police on 7 August 2018 and that the police were fully aware of the issues. Cllr Dalgleish-Brown added that the police had advised that the public report issues via Crimestoppers.

C868 Minutes

C868(a) Town Council Meeting held on 16 July 2018

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 16 July 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C868(b) Matters Arising

C860(b) Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall – Replacement Lights

The Clerk noted that new lights for the Town Hall annexe had been installed.

C860(d) Town Council Office Lease

The Clerk advised that he had contacted the landlady to discuss the office lease and was waiting for her to respond with an update. He added that he had located suitable alternative office accommodation in the event of a new lease not being agreed.

C862 Reports from Members/Representatives

The Clerk advised that NYCC had previously indicated that the Town Council owned a piece of land adjacent to Riverside Mews on which there were some issues concerning ownership of trees. However, he had obtained and checked the deeds which showed that the Town Council did not own the land and the matter was therefore in the remit of NYCC.

Cllr Trueman advised that the Town Council's Facebook page was now up and running.

C869 Committee Minutes and Reports

(a) Planning Committee – 16 July 2018

The meeting received the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 16 July 2018.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

(b) Meeting with Police and Hambleton Community Safety Partnership

The meeting received the Notes of a meeting with the Police and Hambleton Community Safety Partnership held on Tuesday, 7 August 2018. The Clerk advised that there had been a useful exchange of information at the meeting and that the police were fully aware of issues of concern.

Resolved: that the Notes be received and noted.

C870 Burial Board

Resolved: that the applications for memorials for Christine Carter and Angela Margaret Gawthorp be approved.

C871 Correspondence/Items Raised

C871(a) Christmas Lights

The meeting received a letter dated 30 July 2018 from Mr J Howse advising that he was no longer able to install the Town Council's Christmas lights. The Clerk stated that the options were either to engage an alternative contractor or to request the Thirsk Ladies Group to take over responsibility for the whole of Thirsk's Christmas lights. Members discussed the current arrangements for the supply and installation of the Christmas tree and lights and suggested that a quotation be obtained from the contractor who installed the lights for Thirsk Ladies Group.

Resolved: that the Town Council obtains a quotation from Mr S Dresser with regard to installing and dismantling the Town Council's Christmas lights.

C871(b) Local NHS Asks for Views on Current Autism and ADHD Service

The meeting received a media release dated 1 August 2018 which indicated that the clinical commissioning groups across North Yorkshire were inviting feedback on the current service for adults with autism and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

Resolved: that the media release be noted.

C871(c) Certificate of Registration for New Property/Address

The meeting received a certificate dated 3 August 2018 from Hambleton District Council which confirmed the registration and formal postal address of a new flat on the second floor of 66-68 Market Place, Thirsk.

Resolved: that the certificate be noted.

C871(d) Update on the Thirsk Artisan Food and Drink Market

The meeting received an email dated 6 August 2018 from Hambleton District Council which attached a report following the Artisan Food and Drink Market held on Saturday, 28 July 2018. The report included feedback following the first event and notified some changes to the next event to be held on Saturday, 25 August 2018.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C871(e) Moorsbus

The meeting received an email dated 10 August 2018 from the Friends of Moorsbus which included a request for a financial contribution to support the Moorsbus operation for 2018/2019.

Resolved: that the Town Council makes a donation of £100 to help support the Moorsbus operation for 2018/2019.

C871(f) Mobile CCTV Camera

The meeting received an email dated 14 August 2018 from Cllr G Dadd concerning the possible purchase of a mobile CCTV camera by the Town Council. Cllr Dadd had offered to fund half the capital cost of the purchase of the camera. He also noted that he would extend this to a contribution towards the maintenance costs but could not guarantee that. Members were reminded that when the matter had been discussed previously there had been concerns about the costs which would be incurred. The Clerk advised that if a camera was purchased this would be under the remit of Hambleton District Council.

Resolved: that the Town Council purchases a mobile CCTV camera following the offer by Cllr G Dadd to contribute 50 per cent of the initial capital cost.

C872 Finance

The Clerk noted that, following the resignation of Cllr Watson, the Town Council only had three signatories to its bank account and suggested that two further signatories be authorised. Cllrs Dalglish-Brown and Gibson-Brown put their names forward to become bank signatories.

Resolved:

a) that the accounts for payment as at 20 August 2018 be approved and cheques signed.

b) that Cllrs Dalglish-Brown and Gibson-Brown become authorised cheque signatories

C873 Reports from Members/Representatives

Cllr Gibson-Brown advised that the police were fully aware of issues on Riverside Mews/Mill Gardens and that residents picked up litter on a regular basis. Discussion took place and members felt that there was an adequate supply of litter bins.

Cllr Trueman commented on the appearance of increasing amounts of tarmac which had been used to repair the pavements in the Market Place. The Clerk advised that the Town Council had previously complained to NYCC about the use of tarmac but that NYCC had stated that it was not feasible to purchase individual pieces of stone to carry out repairs due to cost restraints.

Cllr Dalglish-Brown reported that she had attended a Garden Party at the Frankland Arms at the weekend and that the event had raised £713.65 for The Clock. She advised that she had attended the Service of Thanksgiving for Barry Dodd CBE, Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for North Yorkshire, on Friday, 20 July 2018.

Cllr Dalglish-Brown stated that she had been on Radio York and read out a rhyme to advertise Thirsk & Sowerby Festival which had been held on Sunday, 5 August 2018. She had also attended Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall and presented slimming awards.

Cllr Gibson-Brown reported that the Art Fayre which she had organised at the Town Hall to coincide with Thirsk & Sowerby Festival had raised approximately £1,040 which would be distributed between four local charities.

C874 On-Going items

Nothing reported.

The meeting closed at 8.16 pm.

Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held on Monday, 17 September 2018 at Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall

Present: Cllrs: H Dalgleish-Brown (Chairman), D Adamson, D Duffey, J Fisher, W Gibson-Brown, C Hesmondhalgh, S Ward

Apologies: Cllrs: J Bell (Alternative commitment), D Jackson (Holiday), A Trueman (Work commitment)

In attendance: County/District Cllr: G Dadd

C875 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

C876 Police Report

There was no police representative in attendance.

C877 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk

(a) NYCC

Cllr Dadd noted that Thirsk had suffered a lack of water at the weekend and advised that he would again be writing to the Chief Executive of Yorkshire Water concerning a number of ongoing issues.

C878 Open Forum

No members of the public were in attendance.

C879 Minutes

C879(a) Town Council Meeting held on 20 August 2018

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 20 August 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the correction of a spelling error in item C867 Open Forum.

C879(b) Matters Arising

The Clerk advised that the Town Councillor vacancy was currently advertised on the Town Council's Facebook page and on the notice board and that at present four applications had been received.

C860(d) Town Council Office Lease

Following a query by Cllr Adamson, the Clerk advised that the office lease had actually expired on 31 August 2018 and therefore the occupation would be on a rolling monthly tenancy. He indicated that he and the office staff had visited the vacant premises above Thirsk Community Care and he felt that this may be suitable for office accommodation, subject to confirmation of one or two matters of detail. Cllr Duffey stated that a meeting of the Personnel & Office Committee should be arranged in order for the matter to be considered fully.

C871(a) Christmas Lights

The Clerk advised that he had contacted Mr S Dresser who had agreed to install the Town Council's Christmas lights at the same price as had been charged by the previous contractor. He noted that Cllrs Jackson and Trueman had indicated that they wanted to consider the purchase of new lights for the town clock.

C872 Finance

The Clerk indicated that he had obtained the paperwork to enable the new bank signatories to be authorised and that he would arrange to have these completed by Cllrs Dalgleish-Brown and Gibson-Brown. He also advised that he had arranged to

view an accounts package which had been specially designed for Town and Parish Councils and had been approved by the National Association of Local Councils.

C880 Committee Minutes and Reports

(a) Planning Committee – 16 August 2018

The meeting received the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 16 August 2018. The Clerk noted that the two previous Planning Committee meetings had been held on the Thursday prior to the Town Council's monthly meeting and, as this arrangement had assisted the office in organising its workload, he suggested that Planning Committee meetings continue to be held on a Thursday evening, subject to the agreement of members of the Planning Committee.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

C881 Burial Board

There were no memorial applications to consider.

C882 Correspondence/Items Raised

C882(a) Credit where credit is due

The meeting received an email dated 22 August 2018 from Hambleton District Council which attached an email from a visitor to Thirsk who had written to say that he had been very impressed with the shops, the cleanliness, the flowers and the yarnbombing displays.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C882(b) Road Closure – Finkle Street, Thirsk

The meeting received an email dated 3 September 2018 from North Yorkshire County Council advising that Finkle Street was due to be closed for two days between 19 and 20 September 2018.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C882(c) Driving Economic Vitality, Including Markets

The meeting received an email dated 6 September 2018 from Hambleton District Council concerning a review to examine how successful the Council was in "Driving economic vitality, including markets." Discussion took place and Town Councillors made a number of suggestions such as introducing different types of markets, reducing charges for stall holders and providing incentives to new traders.

Resolved: that the Clerk completes the questionnaire in accordance with the observations made by Town Councillors.

C882(d) Citizens Advice Mid-North Yorkshire Annual Report 2017-2018

The meeting received an email dated 6 September 2018 from Citizens Advice Mid-North Yorkshire which contained a request that the Town Council consider making a donation towards their running costs.

Resolved: that the Town Council makes a donation of £200 to Citizens Advice Mid-North Yorkshire.

C882(e) Road Closure – Masonic Lane, Thirsk

The meeting received an email dated 6 September 2018 from North Yorkshire County Council advising that Masonic Lane, Thirsk would be closed for a period of five days between 24 and 28 September 2018.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C882(f) Hambleton Parish Liaison Meeting

A letter dated 6 September 2018 was received from Hambleton District Council which confirmed that the next Hambleton Parish Liaison meeting was due to take

place on Thursday, 22 November 2018 at the Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Northallerton. The Clerk noted that Cllrs Jackson and Trueman normally attended Parish Liaison Meetings.

Resolved: that Members who wish to attend the Hambleton Parish Liaison Meeting on Thursday, 22 November 2018 contact the Clerk.

C882(g) National Association of Local Councils Chief Executive's Bulletin

The meeting received an email dated 7 September 2018 from the National Association of Local Councils which contained various information.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C882(h) Police & Crime Commissioner Community Mapping in Thirsk

The meeting received an email dated 7 September 2018 from the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire concerning a proposal to arrange a meeting with representatives of the Town Council to discuss a number of topics including the crime concerns of residents and improving the engagement of the Police & Crime Commissioner with the Town Council.

Resolved: that the Community Mapping Project Officer be invited to attend a Town Council meeting to discuss the issues raised in his email dated 7 September 2018.

C882(i) Carriageway Resurfacing, Signing, Bridge Works – Blakey Lane, Sowerby

An email dated 13 September 2018 was received from North Yorkshire County Council advising of carriageway resurfacing, signing and bridge works scheduled to take place at Blakey Lane, Sowerby for a period of four weeks commencing 3 October 2018.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C883 Finance

Resolved: that the accounts for payment as at 17 September 2018 be approved and cheques signed.

C884 Reports from Members/Representatives

Cllr Duffey reported that he had attended a recent meeting of Thirsk Rotary in Bloom and that Rotary was looking to undertake some works next year which included replacing some of the flower tubs/containers and improving the appearance of Bakers Alley. However, he was aware of the mess created by the pigeons in Bakers Alley and stated that this would need to be resolved prior to any works commencing. The Clerk advised that he had sent a reminder email to the owners of the former NatWest Bank premises who had previously indicated they would carry out works which would hopefully improve the situation with the pigeons and, in addition, Hambleton District Council had agreed to power wash the alley on a more frequent basis. Cllr Duffey indicated that Rotary also hoped to undertake additional work on Ingramgate.

Cllr Duffey advised that he and Cllr Dalgleish Brown had received a number of suggestions vis-à-vis the money donated by Shine Television following the filming of the television series. Cllr Dalgleish-Brown added that proposals which had been put forward included the provision of leisure activities/equipment for the disabled and the elderly and she requested that if anyone had further suggestions these should be passed on to herself or Cllr Duffey. It was also proposed that monies should be allocated to the high school towards the provision of the segregation unit planned. The Clerk advised that requests for funding from the money donated by Shine

Television should be brought to a Town Council meeting for consideration and approval.

Cllr Hesmondhalgh reported that she was in the process of submitting a funding application for East Thirsk Community Hall which, if successful, would provide free sporting activities and a lunch for children in the school holidays.

Cllr Gibson-Brown advised that the Town Hall and Rural Arts had lost revenue recently as she understood that Thirsk Community Library had provided a room to some organisations free of charge. Cllr Ward stated that, so far as she was aware, all organisations were charged for room hire but that she would raise the concern with the library's management committee.

Cllr Dagleish-Brown reported that she had attended a welcome service at Thirsk Methodist Church for the new Minister, Reverend Denise Williamson, on 30 August 2018. She had also attended the Hambleton Business Awards hosted by Hambleton District Council on 11 September 2018 and the opening of a new suite for racehorse owners and trainers at Thirsk Racecourse.

C885 On-Going items

Nothing reported.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held on Monday, 15 October 2018 at Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall

Present: Cllrs: H Dalgleish-Brown (Chairman), D Adamson, D Duffey, J Fisher, W Gibson-Brown, C Hesmondhalgh, D Jackson, A Trueman, S Ward

Apologies: Cllr: J Bell (Alternative commitment)

In attendance: County/District Cllr: G Dadd, District Cllr: D Elders

C886 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Ward declared an interest in item number 9(i), Thirsk Community Library, and took no part in the discussion.

C887 Police Report

There was no police representative in attendance.

C888 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk

(a) NYCC

Cllr Dadd reported that he had arranged for a meeting to be held with a senior official of Yorkshire Water at the Town Hall on Tuesday, 6 November 2018 to raise concerns about the ongoing problems with the water supply in Thirsk. He advised that representatives from Thirsk Town Council and Sowerby Parish Council would be invited and urged as many Town Councillors as possible to attend the meeting. Cllr Dadd indicated that North Yorkshire County Council was aware of draining issues on Millgate and that quotations were being obtained for the work to be undertaken.

(b) HDC

Cllr Dave Elders attended the meeting and introduced himself as the new District Councillor elected to serve on HDC's Thirsk ward.

Cllr Dadd reported that the sale of the former Lambert Memorial Hospital had moved one step closer and that NHS Property Services had formally accepted HDC's offer to purchase the property.

C889 Open Forum

Resolved: that standing orders be suspended.

Mrs Freda Roberts attended the meeting, firstly, as she wanted to meet the newly elected District Councillor, and secondly, to express concern in respect of a number of market stalls which she felt were being set up too close to the pavement and thereby created a trip hazard for pedestrians. She asked if the District Councillors could assist in requiring stall holders to keep their stalls a safe distance from the pavement.

Resolved: that standing orders be reinstated.

C890 Minutes

C890(a) Town Council Meeting held on 17 September 2018

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 17 September 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C890(b) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

C891 Committee Minutes and Reports

C891(a) Planning Committee – 13 September 2018

The meeting received the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 13 September 2018.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

C891(b) Open Areas & Greens Committee – 24 September 2018

The meeting received the Minutes of the Open Areas & Greens Committee meeting held on 24 September 2018.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

C892 Burial Board

Resolved: that the applications for memorials for Jacqueline Butterworth, Robert Hall and Robert White be approved.

C893 Correspondence/Items Raised

C893(a) Friarage Hospital, Northallerton – Stakeholder Update

The meeting received an email dated 17 September 2018 from South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust which gave an update on plans for delivering sustainable services at the Friarage Hospital, Northallerton.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C893(b) Street Collection Permit

The meeting received an email dated 18 September 2018 from Hambleton District Council which confirmed that a street collection permit had been issued for Thirsk Rotary Club for 1 December 2018.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C893(c) National Campaign to Improve Dementia Diagnosis Rates

The meeting received a media release dated 19 September 2018 from Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group advising of its support for the Alzheimer's Society's "Right to Know Campaign" which was calling for improved dementia diagnosis rates.

Resolved: that the media release be noted.

C893(d) Great North Air Ambulance

The meeting received a letter dated 19 September 2018 from Great North Air Ambulance requesting that the Town Council consider making a donation to support its operations.

Resolved: that the letter be noted.

C893(e) Proposed No Waiting At Any Time Restriction – Cemetery Road, Thirsk

The meeting received a letter dated 21 September 2018 from North Yorkshire County Council concerning the proposed introduction of a "No Waiting At Any Time Restriction" and decreasing the area of disc parking at Cemetery Road, Thirsk.

Resolved: that the letter be noted.

C893(f) Yorkshire Local Councils Associations – Hambleton Branch Meeting

The meeting received a letter dated 24 September 2018 from Yorkshire Local Councils Associations advising that the next meeting of the Hambleton Branch of the YLCA was to be held on Wednesday, 17 October 2018 at Northallerton Town Hall. Cllr Trueman indicated that he would be unable to attend the meeting.

Resolved: that any Members who wished to attend YLCA's Hambleton Branch Meeting on 17 October 2018 should inform the Clerk.

C893(g) Temporary Road Closure (Remembrance Sunday) – Public Notice

The meeting received an email dated 24 September 2018 from Hambleton District Council concerning temporary road closures to allow the Remembrance Sunday Parade to take place.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C893(h) Magna Carta Tree

The meeting received an email dated 26 September 2018 from Mr D Tucker concerning the possible supply of a sapling taken from an oak tree said to be 800 years old which had been offered to the Town Council as part of a programme of events to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta. Cllr Adamson suggested that the Town Council contact Mr M l'Anson of Thirsk Community Woodlands Group for advice concerning looking after a sapling.

Resolved: that the Town Council contact Mr l'Anson to seek advice regarding looking after a sapling oak tree.

C893(i) Thirsk Community Library – Room Hire

The meeting received a letter from the Chairman of Thirsk Community Library Management Group which confirmed that the library did not hire out rooms free of charge and that all organisations which used their facilities were charged agreed rates which were set by North Yorkshire County Council.

Resolved: that the letter be noted.

C893(j) Gambling Act 2005 – Statement of Principles

The meeting received an email dated 5 October 2018 from Hambleton District Council which advised of a requirement to review its Statement of Principles every three years in order to comply with the provisions of the Gambling Act 2005.

Resolved: that if Town Councillors wished to make any observations, these should be submitted no later than 14 November 2018.

C893(k) North Yorkshire Local Access Forum

The meeting received an email dated 9 October 2018 from North Yorkshire County Council indicating that the County Council was looking to recruit volunteers to become members of the North Yorkshire Local Access Forum.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C894 Town Councillor Vacancy

Members noted that four applications had been received in respect of the Town Councillor vacancy and a paper vote took place.

Resolved: that Mr Richard Gladstone be co-opted on to Thirsk Town Council.

C895 Finance

Resolved: that the accounts for payment as at 15 October 2018 be approved and cheques signed.

C896 Reports from Members/Representatives

In response to a question by Cllr Trueman concerning the allocation of monies received from Shine Television, the meeting was advised that grants had been made to Thirsk School & Sixth Form College towards the proposed Inclusion Unit and Thirsk Community Primary School towards the purchase of IT reading software. Approaches had been received from The Clock for monies to cover the cost of a new oven and fridge freezer for the refurbished café area, Thirsk Museum for a display cabinet, a singing group called Songwires to encourage children to sing.

Further discussion took place concerning other bids, including funding the publication of a leaflet aimed at promoting local businesses. However, Members noted that there were already several promotional leaflets available at Thirsk Tourist Information and felt that it would be more appropriate to allocate some funding to update the Christmas lights on the town clock. Cllr Dalgleish-Brown requested that a quotation for new lights be obtained.

Resolved: that the donations to Thirsk School & Sixth Form College of £2,000, Thirsk Community Primary School of £1,000, The Clock of £1,100, Thirsk Museum of up to £1,000 and Songwires of £300 be confirmed.

Cllr Hesmondhalgh reported that a funding application she had recently submitted which would have provided free sporting activities for children during the school holidays had not been shortlisted.

Cllr Trueman raised the issue of pigeons in the Market Place and Members noted that spikes which were designed to deter the pigeons had been fitted to the Lloyds Bank building and also to the former NatWest Bank premises in Bakers Alley.

Cllr Dalgleish-Brown announced that the next Thirsk & Sowerby Festival would be held on Sunday, 4 August 2019.

Cllr Dalgleish-Brown advised that she had made a further visit to Thirsk School & Sixth Form College and had been very impressed with the progress made in creating the new inclusion unit.

Cllr Dalgleish-Brown indicated that she had recently attended an Open Day at the Masonic Lodge in Thirsk and she had also attended a business networking event hosted by Thirsk & District Business Association at the new suite at Thirsk Racecourse.

C897 On-Going Items

Nothing reported.

The meeting closed at 7.51 pm.

Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held on Monday, 19 November 2018 at Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall

Present: Cllrs: H Dalgleish-Brown (Chairman), D Adamson, D Duffey, J Fisher, W Gibson-Brown, R Gladstone, C Hesmondhalgh, D Jackson, A Trueman, S Ward

Apologies: None

In attendance: District Cllr: D Elders

Cllr Dalgleish-Brown welcomed Cllr Gladstone to his first Town Council meeting. The Clerk then read out an email received from Cllr J Bell advising that he wished to resign from the Town Council due to other commitments.

C898 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

C899 Police Report

There was no police representative in attendance.

C900 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk

(a) NYCC

No matters were reported.

(b) HDC

Cllr Elders reported that planning permission had been approved for a development of 40 affordable dwellings on land at the end of St Mary's Close, Thirsk. Cllr Adamson noted that there was a proposal to construct a bridge to link the new development with the Millennium Green and he suggested that the Town Council take no responsibility if this was to go ahead.

In response to a query from Cllr Adamson, Cllr Elders advised that realignment of the parking bays in the Market Place was scheduled to go ahead, although the timescale for the work had not been confirmed.

C901 Open Forum

No members of the public were in attendance.

C902 Minutes

C902(a) Town Council Meeting held on 15 October 2018

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 15 October 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to Minute No C896 being amended as the donation to Songwires was for £300, not £200.

C902(b) Matters Arising

C889 Open Forum

Following a concern raised by Mrs F Roberts, Cllr Elders indicated that he had contacted the market superintendent and that they had spoken directly to stall holders to request that stalls and A boards did not encroach onto the pavement.

C893(h) Magna Carta Tree

The Clerk reported that it had not been possible to identify anyone who was able to give the necessary assurance with regard to caring for an oak sapling and he had, therefore, advised Mr Tucker that the Town Council would not pursue the matter, particularly bearing in mind the limited number of saplings which were available.

C896 Reports from Members/Representatives

Cllr Trueman reported that new Christmas lights had been purchased and fixed to the town clock ready for the switch-on event on Friday, 23 November 2018. Cllr Hesmondhalgh commented that the Christmas tree looked very good. The Clerk advised that it had taken the individuals concerned a considerable amount of time to locate, transport and erect the tree and it was agreed that they should be adequately rewarded for their efforts.

C903 Committee Minutes and Reports

C903(a) Personnel & Office Committee – 11 October 2018

The meeting received the Minutes of the Personnel & Office Committee meeting held on 11 October 2018. The Clerk considered that the move to the premises above the Community Care Association would need to be postponed until the New Year due to other commitments.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

C903(b) Planning Committee – 15 October 2018

The meeting received the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 15 October 2018.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

C904 Burial Board

Cllr Adamson indicated that a meeting of the Burial Board would take place in December to consider the budget for 2019/2020. In respect of the application for kerb sets for the grave of Tom and Violet Cunningham, the Clerk advised that a letter would be sent containing a disclaimer and requesting that the grave be maintained in perpetuity. The Clerk indicated that he and Cllr Gladstone had had a discussion regarding committee choices for Cllr Gladstone and it had been agreed that he would become a member of the Burial Board, the Central Areas Committee and the Open Areas & Greens Committee.

Resolved:

- (i) that applications for memorials for Ronald Anthony Armstrong and Tom & Violet Cunningham be approved;**
- (ii) that Cllr Gladstone be a member of the Burial Board, Central Areas Committee and Open Areas & Greens Committee.**

C905 Correspondence/Items Raised

C905(a) Thirsk Advice Surgery – Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner

The meeting received an email dated 1 November 2018 from the Police & Crime Commissioner, North Yorkshire concerning a surgery to be held on Wednesday, 5 December 2018 at The Courthouse, Thirsk to enable residents to discuss crime related issues/interactions with the Neighbourhood Policing Team. The Clerk advised that he had already booked an appointment at 5.45pm which Cllr Duffey intended to attend to raise various matters and issues.

Members noted that there did not appear to be much publicity about the surgery and it was agreed to place notices in the noticeboards and library.

Resolved: that the email and report be noted.

C905(b) Hambleton Branch Meeting – Yorkshire Local Councils Associations

The meeting received an email dated 18 October 2018 from Yorkshire Local Councils Associations concerning the latest YLCA Hambleton branch meeting and

advising that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday, 20 February 2019 at The Galtres Centre, Easingwold.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C905(c) Shine TV – Thirsk Community Primary School

The meeting received an email dated 22 October 2018 from Thirsk Community Primary School thanking the Town Council for the donation from the Shine TV community monies which was to be used to purchase IT reading software.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C905(d) Community Infrastructure Levy

The meeting received a letter dated 26 October 2018 from Hambleton District Council advising that the Town Council would shortly be receiving a further payment of Community Infrastructure Levy monies in the sum of £633.60.

Resolved: that the letter be noted.

C905(e) New Website to Support Children and Young People’s Mental Health

The meeting received a media release dated 5 November 2018 from Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group concerning the launch of a new website to support children and young people from North Yorkshire with their mental health and wellbeing.

Resolved: that the media release be noted.

C905(f) Shine TV – The Clock

The meeting received a letter dated 6 November 2018 from The Clock thanking the Town Council for the donation from the Shine TV community monies which was to be used to purchase new kitchen equipment for the newly refurbished cafe area.

Resolved: that the letter be noted.

C905(g) Shine TV - Thirsk School & Sixth Form College

The meeting received a letter dated 6 November 2018 from Thirsk School & Sixth Form College thanking the Town Council for the donation from the Shine TV community monies which was to be used for the new inclusion unit. The Clerk noted that the letter included an invitation for Town Councillors to have a tour around the unit. Cllr Duffey suggested that the Town Council post an item on the Facebook page to let the public know how the Shine TV community monies were being spent.

Resolved: that the letter be noted.

C905(h) Local GP Practices take over “Park Run”

The meeting received a media release dated 6 November 2018 from Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group advising that the Lambert Medical Centre in Thirsk and the Mowbray House Surgery in Northallerton had taken over the park run event.

Resolved: that the media release be noted.

C905(i) Transforming Mental Health Services in Hambleton and Richmondshire

The meeting received an update dated 8 November 2018 from Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group concerning the future provision of mental health services in Hambleton and Richmondshire.

Resolved: that the update be noted.

C905(j) New Premises Licence – Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall

The meeting received an email dated 8 November 2018 from Hambleton District Council which attached a new premises licence for Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall. Cllr Gibson-Brown explained that the Town Hall Management Committee had decided to submit the licensing application as the current licence only covered a limited number of events per year.

Resolved: that if Members wished to submit observations they should do so no later than 6 December 2018.

C905(k) North Yorkshire County Council – Locality Budget

The meeting received an email dated 11 November 2018 from Cllr G Dadd advising that he wished to deploy a proportion of funds from his Locality Budget to assist with weeding in a number of locations, particularly at the entrances and in the centre of Thirsk.

Resolved: that the Town Council welcome Cllr Dadd’s offer of funding to assist with weeding in various locations around Thirsk.

C905(l) Planned Road Closure Notification – Kirkgate, Thirsk

The meeting received an email dated 13 November 2018 from North Yorkshire County Council advising of the planned closure of Kirkgate, Thirsk for a period of three days between 21 and 23 November 2018.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C906 Finance

Resolved: that the accounts for payment as at 19 November 2018 be approved and cheques signed.

C907 Shine TV – Allocation of Funds

Cllr Gibson-Brown advised that she had attended a recent meeting of the Town Hall Management Committee where consideration had been given to submitting an application for funding in respect of the Shine TV community monies. Cllr Dalglish-Brown noted that a number of submissions had already been approved but that there was still some money to be allocated. The Clerk advised that all applications should be made formally in writing and agreed by the Town Council. The meeting was advised that an email had been received from Thirsk Museum requesting funding for a new display cabinet.

Resolved: that a donation to Thirsk Museum of £562.80 be approved.

C908 Event Funding

Cllr Duffey advised that Thirsk and Sowerby Festival’s organising committee had taken new people on board and that a date for the 2019 festival had been agreed. He went on to explain about the difficulties faced by organisations who wished to hold an event but where there is no funding in place and he proposed that a committee be set up to cover such events and to have an amount of funding available. He suggested that the fund be set up with £2,500, being the amount saved by the Town Council following the announcement that public toilets would be exempt from business rates as from 1 April 2018.

Resolved: that Members support Cllr Duffey’s proposal to set up an event funding committee which would cover/oversee event funding.

C909 Precept

The Clerk indicated that a date needed to be arranged to hold an Extraordinary Town Council meeting in January 2019 to consider and approve the precept for 2019/2020.

Resolved: that a date for an Extraordinary Town Council meeting be agreed at December’s Town Council meeting.

C910 Reports from Members/Representatives

Cllr Adamson reminded Members that The Clock's annual celebration/annual general meeting was to be held on Wednesday, 21 November 2018. He advised that The Clock had opened a refurbished furniture outlet in the former Woollons & Harwood premises in the Market Place.

Cllr Hesmondhalgh reported that the number of people attending the afternoon tea events at East Thirsk Community Hall had doubled since the scheme first started and that Hambleton Grange had expressed an interest in becoming involved with the event. She also advised that East Thirsk Community Hall would be hosting a Christmas meal on Saturday, 8 December 2018 for older residents in the community. In response to a query from Cllr Trueman regarding the Town Council's mobile CCTV camera, Cllr Gibson-Brown understood that some youths appeared to have moved to a different location adjacent to Riverside Mews and that some had moved to a position near to the public toilets.

Cllr Jackson reported that he had attended a meeting with representatives from Yorkshire Water on Tuesday, 6 November 2018 and that Yorkshire Water had indicated that they prioritise repairs which enable water services to be re-established and that reopening a road was not considered a priority.

Cllr Jackson indicated that he had attended a meeting of the Safer Hambleton Hub at Hambleton District Council and had also visited the CCTV control room.

Cllr Gibson-Brown advised that she had been contacted by a lady who had got her wheelchair stuck in a crack on the pavement in the Market Place. The matter had been reported to North Yorkshire County Council who had been to inspect the area. Cllr Gibson-Brown advised that she wanted to thank Cllr G Dadd who had offered some money from his community fund to enable some works to trees on Riverside Mews to be carried out.

Cllr Gibson-Brown indicated that she had been present in the Market Place on Remembrance Sunday and noted that there had been nothing to signal the observation of two minutes' silence. Cllr Dalglish-Brown advised that two minutes' silence had been observed at Sowerby War Memorial and also later at St Mary's Church. It was noted that because the 11th November fell on a Sunday this year that there had been no separate commemoration as there normally is in the Market Place.

Cllr Dalglish-Brown reported that she had attended an exclusive screening of an episode of The Heist, the new Shine TV series, at the Ritz Cinema on Sunday, 4 November 2018.

Cllr Dalglish-Brown announced that arrangements were in hand for a Mayor's Ball to be held on 23 March 2019. She advised that the event would be held in the new suite at Thirsk Racecourse and that profits would be donated to Herriot Hospice Care and the new inclusion unit at Thirsk School & Sixth Form College.

C911 On-Going Items

Nothing reported.

The meeting closed at 8.13 pm.

Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held on Monday, 17 December 2018 at Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall

Present: Cllrs: H Dalglish-Brown (Chairman), D Adamson, J Fisher, W Gibson-Brown, R Gladstone, C Hesmondhalgh, D Jackson, A Trueman, S Ward

Apologies: Cllr D Duffey (Alternative commitment)

In attendance: District Cllr D Elders

C912 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Hesmondhalgh declared an interest in respect of Item 9(g) concerning Thirsk Community Care Association. Cllrs Gibson-Brown and Jackson both declared an interest in respect of Item 9(f) concerning Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall.

C913 Police Report

Before the arrival of a police community support officer, the Clerk advised that he had sent an email to Thirsk Police concerning police attendance at Town Council meetings. The sergeant had apologised for the lack of police representation and had requested that they be sent an agenda prior to each meeting. The PCSO gave members an overview of criminal activity in Thirsk over the past 11 months as well a breakdown of incidents between 1 and 30 November 2018. Cllr Jackson raised the matter of the Shopwatch radio link and hoped that the scheme would be given appropriate attention to ensure its success.

Resolved: that an agenda be emailed to the police prior to Town Council meetings.

C914 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk

(a) NYCC

No matters were reported.

(b) HDC

Cllr Elders reported that detailed plans had been submitted to develop The Treadmills on the site of the former prison in Northallerton.

Cllr Elders advised that HDC had “wrapped” one of the empty shops in Thirsk Market in vinyl in order to enhance its appearance and to promote local businesses.

Cllr Elders reported that there was a significant problem with the road adjacent to St Mary’s Church which had suffered a substantial amount of flooding. It was understood that the problem would require substantial investigation and works by engineers.

C915 Open Forum

Resolved: That standing orders be suspended

Peter Rush from Thirsk Tourist Information attended the meeting and advised that the latest tourist information booklet was almost out of print. He indicated that over the past two years Thirsk Tourist Information had distributed over 20,000 copies and that printing and distribution had cost £1,400 over the past three years. The Clerk noted that a formal request for a financial contribution was on the agenda under correspondence.

Resolved: that standing orders be reinstated.

C916 Minutes

C916(a) Town Council Meeting held on 19 November 2018.

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 19 November 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C916(b) Matters Arising

C905(a) Thirsk Advice Surgery – Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner

Cllr Gibson-Brown advised that she had attended the surgery and that Ms Mulligan had stated that she was concerned about the opening hours of Thirsk Police Station. Overall Cllr Gibson-Brown had felt it was a positive meeting.

C905(j) New Premises Licence - Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall

Cllr Gibson-Brown informed Members that a premises licence had been granted for the Town Hall.

C917 Committee Minutes and Reports

C917(a) Planning Committee – 19 November 2018

The meeting received the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 19 November 2018.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

C918 Burial Board

Cllr Adamson reported that a meeting of the Burial Board had taken place and had welcomed two new members, Cllrs Dalgleish-Brown and Gladstone. He advised that the Burial Board had agreed that cemetery fees be increased by five per cent overall.

Resolved: that the application for memorial for Keith Butcher be approved.

C919 Correspondence/Items Raised

C919(a) Shine TV Finance – Thirsk Community Primary School

The meeting received a letter dated 20 November 2018 from Thirsk Community Primary School thanking the Town Council for the donation of £1,000.

Resolved: that the letter be noted.

C919(b) Single Accountable Officer appointed for three North Yorkshire CCGs

The meeting received a briefing dated 22 November 2018 from three North Yorkshire NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups regarding the appointment of a single accountable officer.

Resolved: that the briefing be noted.

C919(c) North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority - Change in Governance

The meeting received an email dated 23 November 2018 from the office of the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner concerning the transfer of responsibility for governance and oversight of North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service to the elected North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C919(d) Shine TV Finance – Thirsk Tourist Information

The meeting received a letter dated 24 November 2018 from Thirsk Tourist Information requesting that the Town Council consider making a contribution towards the costs of printing and distributing the Thirsk Guide tourist information leaflets. Cllr Gladstone stated that he had been requesting a map for independent traders and suggested that this could be merged with the Tourist Information leaflets. Cllrs Adamson and Jackson felt that Town Council monies should be used rather than the Shine TV money as the Tourist Information leaflet was ongoing. Cllr Hesmondhalgh suggested that £400 be allocated from contingency funds.

Resolved: that a contribution of £400 from the contingency fund be made to Thirsk Tourist Information.

C919(e) Remembrance Sunday Wreaths 2018

The meeting received a letter dated 24 November 2018 from The Royal British Legion Thirsk and District Branch thanking the Town Council for its contribution towards the costs of the Remembrance Sunday commemorations.

Resolved: that the letter be noted.

C919(f) Shine TV Finance – Thirsk Town Hall Committee

The meeting received an email dated 26 November 2018 from Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall Committee requesting that the Town Council consider making a donation towards the purchase of new tables and chairs. Additional information was circulated and following further discussion it was agreed that £1,000 be allocated to the Town Hall.

Resolved: that the Town Council approve a donation of £1,000 from the shine TV monies to Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall for the purchase of new tables and chairs.

C919(g) Shine TV Finance – Thirsk Community Care

The meeting received an email dated 4 December 2018 from Thirsk Community Care requesting that the Town Council consider making a donation of £1,000 towards a project to support vulnerable women living in the Hambleton area. Councillors noted that there was no guarantee that the funding, if given, would be used purely to benefit women from Thirsk in view of the project covering the whole Hambleton area. It was noted that the money may also be used towards ongoing running costs.

Resolved: that Thirsk Community Care's request for a donation for the project be refused.

C919(h) Planned Road Closure Notification – Masonic Way Thirsk

The meeting received an email dated 10 December 2018 from North Yorkshire County Council informing of the close of Masonic Way, Thirsk for one day on 28 January 2019.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C919(i) New Premises Licence Application – Black Lion, Market Place

The meeting received an email dated 13 December 2018 from the Licensing Team at Hambleton District Council concerning amendments to the premises licence for the Black Lion, Market Place, Thirsk. Members noted that the Black Lion had announced it was opening on Thursday, 20 December 2018.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C920 Extraordinary Town Council Meeting – January 2019

Resolved: that an Extraordinary Town Council Meeting to agree the precept be held on Thursday, 10 January 2019 at 7.00 pm at the Town Hall.

C921 Finance

Resolved: that the accounts for payment as at 17 December 2018 be approved and cheques signed.

C922 Reports from Members/Representatives

Cllr Adamson stated that with regard to the Millennium Green and the proposed development of land off St Mary's Close that the committee would withdraw objection to the bridge with the conditions that the Trustees would not accept ownership,

maintenance and liability, that the title stays with the developer and that there will be no play areas to take responsibility for maintenance.

Cllr Gladstone thanked Cllr Dalglish-Brown for selecting the winner of a video urging shoppers to purchase from independent traders in Thirsk. This had over 14,000 "views" on Facebook.

Cllr Hesmondhalgh reported that a Christmas meal with wine and sherry had taken place in the East Thirsk Community Hall for 70 older residents of the area.

Cllr Dalglish-Brown reported that the competition for the Best Dressed Window in Thirsk had been won by Kristinas. Cllr Dalglish-Brown advised that she had attended a meeting of the Trustees of Thirsk & Sowerby Swimming Baths and noted that there was a problem with the operation of the car park which needed to be addressed. She reported that the Christmas Lights Switch On weekend had once again been very successful. Cllr Dalglish-Brown reported that she had prepared a number of certificates which were to be distributed to various voluntary organisations in Thirsk in recognition of their efforts and achievements.

C923 On-Going Items

Nothing reported.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held on Monday, 21 January 2019 at Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall

Present: Cllrs: H Dalglish-Brown (Chairman), D Adamson, D Duffey, J Fisher, W Gibson-Brown, C Hesmondhalgh, D Jackson, S Ward

Apologies: Cllrs: R Gladstone (delayed in traffic), A Trueman (Holiday)

In attendance: County/District Cllr G Dadd, District Cllr D Elders

C924 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Adamson and Hesmondhalgh declared an interest in respect of Items 9(g) and 9(i) concerning Thirsk Community Care and East Thirsk Community Association and took no part in the discussion.

C925 Police Report

Members were disappointed that no police representative was in attendance as there was a number of issues which they wanted to raise. The Clerk circulated an update received from the police which incorporated the crime figures for Thirsk for the whole of 2018 as well as a breakdown of incidents which the police had attended during December 2018. Members were concerned about an apparent increase in incidents of antisocial behaviour and criminal damage and also about difficulties which had been encountered in reporting incidents to the police. It was agreed that the Town Council would write to Julia Mulligan, Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire, about these issues. Cllr Dadd also expressed concern and suggested that the Town Council write to the Chief Constable of North Yorkshire Police.

C926 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk

(a) NYCC

Cllr Dadd reported that NYCC's budget for 2019/2020 was in the process of being finalised. He anticipated an increase of approximately 2.99%, with an additional 2% for adult social care.

(b) HDC

Cllr Elders reported that Hambleton District Council's cabinet had approved the introduction of a Public Space Protection Order at the industrial estate at Leeming Bar for a trial period of six months which was to prohibit drivers of heavy goods vehicles staying overnight in their cabs. If the trial period at Leeming Bar proved to be successful, the intention was to introduce the restriction at Thirsk Industrial Park. Cllr Elders advised that the purpose of the restriction was to reduce issues of antisocial behaviour and mess/litter in these locations and that efforts were being made to identify a suitable alternative location for HGVs to park overnight. Cllr Dadd was also concerned about the possibility of HGVs dispersing into unsuitable locations in and around Thirsk.

Cllr Elders reported that members of HDC's cabinet had agreed to set up an investment strategy which it was hoped would bring in sufficient income to safeguard the delivery of services in the years ahead.

C927 Open Forum

No members of the public were in attendance.

C928 Minutes

C928(a) Town Council Meeting held on 17 December 2018

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 17 December 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C928(b) Matters Arising

C922 Reports from Members/Representatives

In respect of the proposed development of land adjacent to St Mary's Close, Cllr Adamson indicated that the Millennium Green Trust had also stated that any bridge erected by the developers would need to comply with requirements set by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents.

C929 Committee Minutes and Reports

C929(a) Personnel & Office Committee – 6 December 2018

The meeting received the Minutes of the Personnel & Office Committee held on 6 December 2018.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

C929(b) Burial Board – 10 December 2018

The meeting received the Minutes of the Burial Board held on 10 December 2018.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

C929(c) Public Conveniences Committee – 13 December 2018

The meeting received the Minutes of the Public Conveniences Committee held on 13 December 2018.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

C929(d) Planning Committee – 17 December 2018

The meeting received the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 17 December 2018.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

C929(e) Central Areas (& Christmas Festivities) Committee – 18 December 2018

The meeting received the Minutes of the Central Areas (& Christmas Festivities) Committee held on 18 December 2018.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

C930 Burial Board

Cllr Adamson advised that he had received reports of drug taking at the cemetery and that the police had been requested to carry out patrols of the area. He indicated that consideration was being given to installing gates at the cemetery entrance which would prevent vehicles entering the cemetery at night-time.

Resolved: that the application for memorial for Dorothy Mary Marshall be approved.

C931 Correspondence/Items Raised

C931(a) Parish Council Elections – 2 May 2019

The meeting received an email dated 18 December 2018 from Hambleton District Council concerning District and Parish Council elections due to take place on Thursday, 2 May 2019.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C931(b) Shine TV Finance – Songwires Singing Group

The meeting received a note dated 3 December 2018 from the Songwires Singing Group thanking the Town Council for the donation from the Shine TV community

monies along with an invitation to attend a performance at the Town Hall on 9 February 2019.

Resolved: that the note be received.

C931(c) Castle Garth – Antisocial Behaviour/Request for Additional Street Lighting

The meeting received email correspondence dated 7 January 2019 and 9 January 2019 concerning antisocial behaviour and a request for additional street lighting in the Castle Garth area. Members noted that the response from Hambleton District Council indicated that the incidents reported in the email of 7 January 2019 had not been reported to the police and that the starting point for the Safer Hambleton team's involvement was that matters must be reported to the police.

Resolved: that the people requesting additional lighting be advised of Hambleton District Council response.

C931(d) Newsletter – Friarage Hospital/Health and Social Care Services

The meeting received an email dated 19 December 2018 from Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group concerning a newsletter which included articles about the Friarage Hospital and related health and social care services.

Resolved: that the Town Council wish to continue to receive the CCG's newsletter.

C931(e) GP Online Consultations launched across Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby

The meeting received a media release dated 19 December 2018 from Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group concerning a new online consultation service which was being trialled in a number of GP practices in the area.

Resolved: that the media release be noted.

C931(f) Piper Lane, Thirsk – Planned Road Closure Notification

The meeting received an email dated 21 December 2018 from North Yorkshire County Council concerning the road closure of Piper Lane, Thirsk for two days on 23 and 24 January 2019 in order to replace a fire hydrant on behalf of Yorkshire Water.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C931(g) Shine TV Finance – Thirsk Community Care

The meeting received an email dated 21 December 2018 from Thirsk Community Care requesting that the Town Council consider making a donation from the Shine TV community monies to enable its supported shopping service to continue operating after March 2019.

Resolved: that the Town Council approves a donation of £500 from the Shine TV community monies to Thirsk Community Care to enable the supported shopping service to continue operating after March 2019.

C931(h) Registration of New Development – Former Austin Reed Site, Station Road, Thirsk

The meeting received a certificate dated 9 January 2019 from Hambleton District Council which confirmed the registration and formal postal addresses of the above development as Edgar Drive, Thirsk and Olivette Crescent, Thirsk.

Resolved: that the certificate be noted.

C931(i) Shine TV Finance – East Thirsk Community Association

The meeting received an email dated 12 January 2019 from East Thirsk Community Association requesting that the Town Council consider making a donation from the Shine TV community monies to enable additional tables to be purchased. Members noted that the monthly afternoon teas and annual Christmas lunch events which

were provided for older members of the community had become increasingly popular and that additional tables were needed to accommodate the number of guests who wished to attend.

Resolved: that the Town Council approves a donation of £899.32 from the Shine TV community monies to East Thirsk Community Association for the purchase of six new tables.

C931(j) Thirsk Yarnbombers – Insurance Renewal

The meeting received an email dated 13 January 2019 from Thirsk Yarnbombers requesting that the Town Council consider making a contribution towards the cost of renewing its insurance policy. The Clerk indicated that Members had already approved a donation to the Yarnbombers at the Extraordinary Town Council Meeting and that the email was on the agenda for information only. Members agreed that the Yarnbombers should be requested to supply a copy of their annual accounts.

Resolved: that the Town Council endorses a donation towards the cost of renewing the insurance policy for Thirsk Yarnbombers.

C932 Town Councillor Vacancy

Members considered the four applications which had been received for the Town Councillor vacancy and a paper vote took place.

Resolved: that Ms Fiona Potter be co-opted on to Thirsk Town Council.

C933 Finance

The Clerk advised that he had written out two further cheques (donations to Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall and Thirsk Tourist Information) which needed to be added to the monthly accounts for payment schedule.

Resolved: that the accounts for payment as at 21 January 2019 be approved and cheques signed.

C934 Reports from Members/Representatives

Cllr Gibson-Brown reported that a number of trees adjacent to Riverside Mews which had been causing concern for some time were due to be pollarded on 22 January 2019.

Cllr Dalgleish-Brown advised that she was in the process of presenting some certificates of appreciation to several organisations in Thirsk in recognition of the valuable contribution made by volunteers.

Cllr Dalgleish-Brown reported that arrangements were ongoing in respect of the Mayor's Ball to be held on Saturday, 23 March 2019 at Thirsk Racecourse and that if anyone wished to purchase tickets they should contact her directly.

C935 On-Going Items

Nothing reported.

The meeting closed at 8.09 pm.

Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held on Monday, 18 February 2019 at Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall

Present: Cllrs: H Dalglish-Brown (Chairman), D Adamson, D Duffey, W Gibson-Brown, R Gladstone, C Hesmondhalgh, D Jackson, F Potter, A Trueman

Apologies: Cllrs: J Fisher (Illness), S Ward (Alternative Commitment)

In attendance: County/District Cllr: G Dadd, District Cllr: D Elders

C936 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

C937 Police Report

PCSO Kate Graham circulated a crime report covering general incidents and crimes reported during January 2019. Members noted that, in addition to several reports of violence, arson/criminal damage, burglary and road traffic incidents, there were 20 reported incidents of antisocial behaviour. The report also contained information concerning Operation Checkpoint which the officer explained was a major operation targeting rural crime involving six police forces across the north of England.

Cllr Dadd expressed concern in respect of the police 101 non-emergency number as people had complained that calls frequently took too long to be answered so that they were deterred from reporting incidents. He requested that the PCSO pass on his comments via the appropriate channels.

Cllr Duffey requested that additional information be provided in the police report so as to include the locations where incidents of antisocial behaviour had occurred.

The PCSO advised that incidents in January had occurred in various locations, including Mill Gardens, the Market Place and housing estates. The officer stated that she would also pass on Cllr Duffey's observations.

C938 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk

(a) NYCC

Cllr Dadd reported that NYCC's council tax was expected to increase by an overall 4.99% which comprised a 2.99% increase in general council tax plus an additional 2% to fund social care services. He advised that NYCC still faced a significant financial shortfall and that the priority would be to continue to deliver services for the county's most vulnerable residents.

(b) HDC

Cllr Elders advised that Hambleton District Council was set to increase its council tax by £5 for a band D property for the 2019/2020 financial year.

Cllr Elders reported that Hambleton District Council had introduced a new discretionary rate relief scheme whereby many small businesses would benefit from a one-third reduction in business rates.

Cllr Elders reported that three farmers markets were to be held in Thirsk on 23 June, 22 September and 17 November 2019 as part of the Vibrant Market Towns initiative. Cllr Elders indicated that the public meeting held on 11 February 2019 to discuss the future use of the Lambert Hospital building had been well attended with a number of proposals being put forward.

C939 Open Forum

No members of the public were in attendance.

C940 Minutes

C940(a) Town Council Meeting held on 21 January 2019

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 21 January 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C940(b) Matters Arising

C931(c) Castle Garth – Antisocial Behaviour/Request for Additional Street Lighting

The Clerk referred to email correspondence concerning antisocial behaviour in the Castle Garth area and noted that there had been a request for additional street lighting on Picks Lane as well as on Castle Garth. Discussion took place concerning the current lighting on Castle Garth and Members considered that this came under the remit of Hambleton District Council whereas street lighting on Picks Lane would be a matter for North Yorkshire County Council. The Clerk stated that he would refer the request for extra lighting on Picks Lane to NYCC.

C931(i) Shine TV Finance – East Thirsk Community Association

Cllr Hesmondhalgh advised that the new tables for East Thirsk Community Hall had been obtained at a reduced price of £863.32, rather than £899.32 as had been originally quoted.

C934 Reports from Members/Representatives

Cllr Gibson-Brown reported that the trees on a piece of land adjacent to Riverside Mews had been pollarded.

C941 Committee Minutes and Reports

C941(a) Planning Committee – 21 January 2019

The meeting received the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 21 January 2019.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

C942 Burial Board

Resolved: that the applications for memorials for Brian Haw and George Thomas Turner be approved.

C943 Correspondence/Items Raised

C943(a) Certificate of Registration for New Property/Address

The meeting received a certificate of registration dated 17 January 2019 from Hambleton District Council which confirmed the registration and formal postal address of a new property as No 4A Barbeck, Thirsk.

Resolved: that the certificate of registration be noted.

C943(b) Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall – Shine TV monies

The meeting received a letter dated 18 January 2019 from Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall thanking the Town Council for approving a donation from the Shine TV community monies to be utilised for the purchase of new furniture.

Resolved: that the letter be noted.

C943(c) Royal British Legion Band – Application for Shine TV donation

The meeting received a letter dated 18 January 2019 from Thirsk Royal British Legion Band requesting that the Town Council consider making a donation from the Shine TV community monies towards the cost of purchasing new uniform blazers.

Resolved: that the Town Council approves a donation of £500 to Thirsk Royal British Legion Band to be utilised for the purchase of new uniform blazers.

C943(d) Thirsk Tourist Information – Thirsk Guide

The meeting received a letter dated 23 January 2019 from Thirsk Tourist Information thanking the Town Council for the donation towards the cost of printing and distributing the new Thirsk Guide leaflet.

Resolved: that the letter be noted.

C943(e) Planned Road Closure Notification – LA19406 – Masonic Lane, Thirsk

The meeting received emails dated 29 and 30 January 2019 from North Yorkshire County Council advising of the closure of Masonic Lane, Thirsk for one night between 20 and 21 February 2019 and one day on 22 February 2019.

Resolved: that the emails be noted.

C943(f) Hambleton District Council Standards Hearing Panel – Appointment of Parish Council Representatives

The meeting received a letter dated 29 January 2019 from Hambleton District Council concerning nominations for parish council representatives on the District Council's Standards Hearing Panel.

Resolved: that any nomination be submitted no later than Friday, 1 March 2019.

C943(g) New Website to help Local People Access Mental Health Therapies/ Mental Health Services in Hambleton and Richmondshire

The meeting received a media release dated 31 January 2019 from Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust concerning the launch of a new website to make it easier for people experiencing mental health difficulties to access help and support.

Resolved: that the media release be noted.

C943(h) Thirsk Christmas Lights

The meeting received a letter dated 7 February 2019 from Thirsk Ladies Group/Business Association requesting that the Town Council make a donation of £500 towards the cost of installing, removing and running the Christmas lights. The Clerk confirmed that he had received a copy of the previous year's accounts.

Resolved: that the Town Council approves a donation of £500 to Thirsk Ladies Group/Business Association towards the cost of Thirsk Christmas lights.

C943(i) Update – Parish Council Elections – 2 May 2019

The meeting received an email dated 8 February 2019 from Hambleton District Council giving further guidance in respect of the Parish Council elections due to take place on Thursday, 2 May 2019.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C944 Finance

Resolved: that the accounts for payment as at 18 February 2019 be approved and cheques signed.

C945 Reports from Members/Representatives

Cllr Duffey reported that he had enjoyed watching a performance given by the Songwires singing group at the Town Hall on 9 February 2019.

Cllr Duffey advised that preparations were being made for the Thirsk and Sowerby Festival to be held in August 2019 and he requested that the Town Council consider making a donation of £500 towards the costs of the event.

Resolved: that the Town Council approves a donation of £500 to Thirsk and Sowerby Festival 2019.

Cllr Adamson referred to a letter which he understood the Town Council had received concerning the planting and maintenance of a planted area at which the Thirsk/Carlton Miniott sign was sited near to Thirsk railway station. He noted that Mrs Loveden had looked after this location for many years on a voluntary basis and suggested that the Town Council send a letter of thanks to Mrs Loveden for her hard work.

Resolved: that the Town Council send a letter of thanks to Mrs Loveden for maintaining the planted area at the location of the Thirsk/Carlton Miniott sign.

Cllr Trueman noted that the metal sign above Bakers Alley appeared to be in poor condition and queried whether it would be possible to have the sign repainted. Cllr Gibson-Brown stated that she would be happy to assist with repainting, subject to appropriate safety measures being put in place.

Cllr Dalgleish-Brown advised that she had recently visited Holyrood House and had been advised that a number of fund raising events were to be held to enable the freehold of the property to be purchased.

Cllr Dalgleish-Brown reported that she had taken part in a photoshoot to promote the installation of the new mobile CCTV camera and Hambleton District Council's Shopwatch scheme.

Cllr Dalgleish-Brown indicated that she had presented further certificates of appreciation to several organisations in Thirsk in recognition of the contribution made by volunteers. She thanked Cllr Gibson-Brown for undertaking the calligraphy work on the certificates.

Cllr Dalgleish Brown reported that she had been interviewed on Radio York to talk about an unclaimed National Lottery ticket in the Hambleton area.

Cllr Adamson reported that a proposed merger between Thirsk Community Care Association and The Clock was to go ahead. Following the merger, the number of trustees would be reduced from 14 to 10 and there would be no representatives from Thirsk Town Council or Sowerby Parish Council.

C946 On-Going Items

Nothing reported.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held on Monday, 18 February 2019 at Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall

Present: Cllrs: H Dalglish-Brown (Chairman), D Adamson, D Duffey, W Gibson-Brown, R Gladstone, C Hesmondhalgh, D Jackson, F Potter, A Trueman

Apologies: Cllrs: J Fisher (Illness), S Ward (Alternative Commitment)

In attendance: County/District Cllr: G Dadd, District Cllr: D Elders

C936 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

C937 Police Report

PCSO Kate Graham circulated a crime report covering general incidents and crimes reported during January 2019. Members noted that, in addition to several reports of violence, arson/criminal damage, burglary and road traffic incidents, there were 20 reported incidents of antisocial behaviour. The report also contained information concerning Operation Checkpoint which the officer explained was a major operation targeting rural crime involving six police forces across the north of England.

Cllr Dadd expressed concern in respect of the police 101 non-emergency number as people had complained that calls frequently took too long to be answered so that they were deterred from reporting incidents. He requested that the PCSO pass on his comments via the appropriate channels.

Cllr Duffey requested that additional information be provided in the police report so as to include the locations where incidents of antisocial behaviour had occurred.

The PCSO advised that incidents in January had occurred in various locations, including Mill Gardens, the Market Place and housing estates. The officer stated that she would also pass on Cllr Duffey's observations.

C938 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk

(a) NYCC

Cllr Dadd reported that NYCC's council tax was expected to increase by an overall 4.99% which comprised a 2.99% increase in general council tax plus an additional 2% to fund social care services. He advised that NYCC still faced a significant financial shortfall and that the priority would be to continue to deliver services for the county's most vulnerable residents.

(b) HDC

Cllr Elders advised that Hambleton District Council was set to increase its council tax by £5 for a band D property for the 2019/2020 financial year.

Cllr Elders reported that Hambleton District Council had introduced a new discretionary rate relief scheme whereby many small businesses would benefit from a one-third reduction in business rates.

Cllr Elders reported that three farmers markets were to be held in Thirsk on 23 June, 22 September and 17 November 2019 as part of the Vibrant Market Towns initiative. Cllr Elders indicated that the public meeting held on 11 February 2019 to discuss the future use of the Lambert Hospital building had been well attended with a number of proposals being put forward.

C939 Open Forum

No members of the public were in attendance.

C940 Minutes

C940(a) Town Council Meeting held on 21 January 2019

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 21 January 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C940(b) Matters Arising

C931(c) Castle Garth – Antisocial Behaviour/Request for Additional Street Lighting

The Clerk referred to email correspondence concerning antisocial behaviour in the Castle Garth area and noted that there had been a request for additional street lighting on Picks Lane as well as on Castle Garth. Discussion took place concerning the current lighting on Castle Garth and Members considered that this came under the remit of Hambleton District Council whereas street lighting on Picks Lane would be a matter for North Yorkshire County Council. The Clerk stated that he would refer the request for extra lighting on Picks Lane to NYCC.

C931(i) Shine TV Finance – East Thirsk Community Association

Cllr Hesmondhalgh advised that the new tables for East Thirsk Community Hall had been obtained at a reduced price of £863.32, rather than £899.32 as had been originally quoted.

C934 Reports from Members/Representatives

Cllr Gibson-Brown reported that the trees on a piece of land adjacent to Riverside Mews had been pollarded.

C941 Committee Minutes and Reports

C941(a) Planning Committee – 21 January 2019

The meeting received the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 21 January 2019.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

C942 Burial Board

Resolved: that the applications for memorials for Brian Haw and George Thomas Turner be approved.

C943 Correspondence/Items Raised

C943(a) Certificate of Registration for New Property/Address

The meeting received a certificate of registration dated 17 January 2019 from Hambleton District Council which confirmed the registration and formal postal address of a new property as No 4A Barbeck, Thirsk.

Resolved: that the certificate of registration be noted.

C943(b) Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall – Shine TV monies

The meeting received a letter dated 18 January 2019 from Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall thanking the Town Council for approving a donation from the Shine TV community monies to be utilised for the purchase of new furniture.

Resolved: that the letter be noted.

C943(c) Royal British Legion Band – Application for Shine TV donation

The meeting received a letter dated 18 January 2019 from Thirsk Royal British Legion Band requesting that the Town Council consider making a donation from the Shine TV community monies towards the cost of purchasing new uniform blazers.

Resolved: that the Town Council approves a donation of £500 to Thirsk Royal British Legion Band to be utilised for the purchase of new uniform blazers.

C943(d) Thirsk Tourist Information – Thirsk Guide

The meeting received a letter dated 23 January 2019 from Thirsk Tourist Information thanking the Town Council for the donation towards the cost of printing and distributing the new Thirsk Guide leaflet.

Resolved: that the letter be noted.

C943(e) Planned Road Closure Notification – LA19406 – Masonic Lane, Thirsk

The meeting received emails dated 29 and 30 January 2019 from North Yorkshire County Council advising of the closure of Masonic Lane, Thirsk for one night between 20 and 21 February 2019 and one day on 22 February 2019.

Resolved: that the emails be noted.

C943(f) Hambleton District Council Standards Hearing Panel – Appointment of Parish Council Representatives

The meeting received a letter dated 29 January 2019 from Hambleton District Council concerning nominations for parish council representatives on the District Council's Standards Hearing Panel.

Resolved: that any nomination be submitted no later than Friday, 1 March 2019.

C943(g) New Website to help Local People Access Mental Health Therapies/ Mental Health Services in Hambleton and Richmondshire

The meeting received a media release dated 31 January 2019 from Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust concerning the launch of a new website to make it easier for people experiencing mental health difficulties to access help and support.

Resolved: that the media release be noted.

C943(h) Thirsk Christmas Lights

The meeting received a letter dated 7 February 2019 from Thirsk Ladies Group/Business Association requesting that the Town Council make a donation of £500 towards the cost of installing, removing and running the Christmas lights. The Clerk confirmed that he had received a copy of the previous year's accounts.

Resolved: that the Town Council approves a donation of £500 to Thirsk Ladies Group/Business Association towards the cost of Thirsk Christmas lights.

C943(i) Update – Parish Council Elections – 2 May 2019

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C944 Finance

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Resolved: that the Town Council send a letter of thanks to Mrs Loveden for maintaining the planted area at the location of the Thirsk/Carlton Miniott sign.

Cllr Trueman noted that the metal sign above Bakers Alley appeared to be in poor condition and queried whether it would be possible to have the sign repainted. Cllr Gibson-Brown stated that she would be happy to assist with repainting, subject to appropriate safety measures being put in place.

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C946 On-Going Items

Nothing reported.

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Apologies: None

In attendance: County/District Cllr G Dadd, District Cllr D Elders

C947 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Ward declared an interest in Items 9(q) and 9(r) concerning Thirsk Community Library and took no part in the discussion.

C948 Police Report

PCSO Graham went through a police update which showed that the police had attended 35 reported incidents of antisocial behaviour and 17 road traffic incidents within Thirsk during February 2019. There were also seven reported incidents of arson/criminal damage and 15 reported incidents of violence against a person. The report also contained information about a week of action launched by North Yorkshire Police to raise awareness of knife crime and the dangers of carrying a knife or weapon.

C949 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk

(a) NYCC

Cllr Dadd reported that there appeared to have been a good deal of support for the new double yellow lines traffic restriction on Cemetery Road and he expected the restriction to be approved.

Cllr Dadd advised that the proposed increase of 4.99% in NYCC council tax had been confirmed.

(b) HDC

Cllr Elders reported that approximately 3,000 applications had been submitted to Hambleton District Council's Making a Difference Fund and that £1,000 had been awarded to the organisers of Thirsk & Sowerby Festival.

C950 Open Forum

There were no members of the public in attendance.

C951 Minutes

C951(a) Town Council Meeting held on 18 February 2019

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 18 February 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C951(b) Matters Arising

C938 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk

Cllr Dalgleish-Brown reported that she had spoken to Mr Peter Cole of Hambleton District Council concerning the Vibrant Market Towns initiative and understood that there would be a variety of stalls as well as music and entertainment at the farmers markets to be held in 2019.

C943(b) Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall – Shine TV Monies

Cllr Gibson-Brown advised that the new tables and chairs were in situ at Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall.

C945 Reports from Members/Representatives

Cllr Gibson-Brown indicated that she had examined the decorative sign in Bakers Alley which it was felt needed repainting. The Clerk advised that the alley may need to be closed to the public if the work was done on site or alternatively the sign could be taken away to be painted. Cllr Jackson noted that the sign may need to be sand-blasted and powder coated. The Clerk advised that he would make further enquiries.

C952 Committee Minutes and Reports

C952(a) Planning Committee – 18 February 2019

The meeting received the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 18 February 2019.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

C953 Burial Board

Resolved: that the applications for memorials for Raymond Abbott, Iris Alderson, Raymond John Baker, Henry Harker and Keith William Sowden be approved.

C954 Correspondence/Items Raised

C954(a) National Salary Award – New Pay Scales for 2019 - 2020

The meeting received a briefing dated 7 December 2018 from National Association of Local Councils concerning new pay scales for clerks and other employees to take effect from 1 April 2019.

Resolved: that the briefing be noted.

C954(b) Pedestrian Distance Signs – Units of Measurement

The meeting received a letter dated 15 February 2019 from British Weights and Measures Association concerning the use of metric units of distance for pedestrian signs.

Resolved: that the letter be noted.

C954(c) Antisocial Behaviour – Castle Garth

The meeting received an email dated 19 February 2019 from L & A Ross concerning antisocial behaviour in the Castle Garth area. The Clerk advised that he had explained about issues in respect of street lighting and about the possibility of changing the lighting to all-night operation if sufficient reports were received by the police of antisocial behaviour. Cllr Duffey reported that Ms G Allen, Hambleton Safety Co-Ordinator, had suggested the setting up of a group which could meet on a regular basis to exchange information with a view to resolving issues in respect of antisocial behaviour. The Clerk noted that the group would consist of various representatives from a number of agencies and bodies and representative numbers needed to be kept to a minimum.

Resolved: that Cllr Duffey attend the meetings being organised by the Hambleton Safety Co-Ordinator to consider issues and exchange information in respect of antisocial behaviour in Thirsk.

C954(d) Feedback from Thirsk, Easingwold & Bedale Neighbourhood Policing Team

The meeting received an email dated 20 February 2019 from Sergeant J Perrin in response to feedback which had been passed to him following the previous Town Council meeting.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C954(e) NHS Community Equipment Amnesty

The meeting received a media release dated 20 February 2019 from Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group concerning the return of loaned equipment to the National Health Service.

Resolved: that the media release be noted.

C954(f) Northallerton and Thirsk Rail Users Committee

The meeting received an email dated 22 February 2019 from Mr C Purser concerning the nomination of a representative by the Town Council to attend meetings of the Northallerton and Thirsk Rail Users Committee.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C954(g) Variation of Premises Licence – Frankland Arms, Thirsk

The meeting received an email dated 25 February 2019 from the Licensing Team, Hambleton District Council concerning an application for the variation of a premises licence in respect of the Frankland Arms, Thirsk. Members noted that the applicant wanted to increase the licensing hours by one hour each day.

Resolved: that the Town Council raise no objection to the application for the variation of the premises licence for the Frankland Arms, Thirsk.

C954(h) Planned Road Closure Notification – Chapel Street, Thirsk

The meeting received an email dated 27 February 2019 from North Yorkshire County Council concerning a planned road closure notification for Chapel Street between 1 and 3 April 2019. Cllr Ward pointed out that the notification appeared to relate to Chapel Street in Easingwold, not Thirsk.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C954(i) Friarage Hospital, Northallerton – Temporary Changes to Critical Care Services

The meeting received a briefing dated 27 February 2019 from Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group concerning temporary changes to critical care services at the Friarage Hospital, Northallerton.

Resolved: that the briefing be noted.

C954(j) Antisocial Behaviour in Thirsk

The meeting received a letter dated 28 February 2019 from J Mulligan, North Yorkshire Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner, which was written in response to the Town Council's letter to the Chief Constable of North Yorkshire Police.

Resolved: that the letter be noted.

C954(k) Royal Air Force Night Flying

The meeting received an email dated 4 March 2019 from RAF Linton-on-Ouse advising of a period of night flying on weekdays between 18 and 29 March 2019.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C954(l) Certificate of Registration for New Property/Address

The meeting received a certificate of registration dated 5 March 2019 from Hambleton District Council which confirmed the registration and formal postal address of properties above No 2 Castlegate to be Flats 1 to 3, The Chambers, 2A Castlegate, Thirsk.

Resolved: that the certificate of registration be noted.

C954(m) Certificate of Registration for New Property/Address

The meeting received a certificate of registration dated 6 March 2019 from Hambleton District Council which confirmed the registration and formal postal address of a property at the rear of No 2 Castlegate to be Clerks Cottage, Chapel Street, Thirsk.

Resolved: that the certificate of registration be noted.

C954(n) Keeble Gateway Academy School - Sowerby Gateway

The meeting received an email dated 7 March 2019 from Renew Planning inviting Town Councillors to a public exhibition which had been arranged to showcase the development plans for the proposed Keeble Gateway Academy School on Wednesday, 20 March 2019

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C954(o) Richmondshire Care Campus

The meeting received a media release dated 8 March 2019 from Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group concerning a proposal by the CCG and the Ministry of Defence to develop a new joint care facility in the Catterick area.

Resolved: that the media release be noted.

C954(p) Certificate of Registration for the Change of Name/Address

The meeting received a certificate of registration dated 8 March 2019 from Hambleton District Council which confirmed the registration and formal postal address of a property on Sutton Road to be Moorside, Sutton Road, Thirsk.

Resolved: that the certificate of registration be noted.

C954(q) Thirsk Community Library – Application for Shine TV Donation

The meeting received a letter from Thirsk Community Library requesting that the Town Council consider making a donation from the Shine TV community monies in order to improve the children's area and activities for children.

Resolved: that the Town Council approves a donation of £200 to Thirsk Community Library to be utilised for the purchase of Lego and construction toys.

C954(r) Dementia Friendly Communities Meeting

The meeting received an email dated 12 March 2019 from Thirsk Community Library concerning a meeting of the North Yorkshire and East Riding group of Dementia Friendly Communities to be held on Wednesday, 20 March 2019.

Resolved: that Cllr Jackson attend the meeting of Dementia Friendly Communities on Wednesday, 20 March 2019 on behalf of the Town Council.

C955 Finance

Resolved: that the accounts for payment as at 18 March 2019 be approved and cheques signed.

C956 Reports from Members/Representatives:

Cllr Adamson reported that new regulations had recently been introduced requiring all public bodies to have websites available to be viewed by members of the public. Cllr Hesmondhalgh advised that she had resigned as a trustee of the Community Care Association.

Cllr Gibson-Brown reported that she had painted over some out-of-date lettering on several fingerpost signs in the Market Place.

Cllr Dalgleish-Brown reported that she had attended an excellent performance of "Hairspray" at Thirsk School & Sixth Form College as well as a fashion show organised by pupils of Thirsk School & Sixth Form College which had raised funds for local charities.

Cllr Dalgleish-Brown referred to the Freddie's Fight campaign which had been set up to pay for treatment in America for a young boy who was suffering from a rare form of cancer and noted that approximately £110,000 had been raised so far.

C957 On-Going Items

Nothing reported.

The meeting closed at 8.02 p.m.