

**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council
held on Monday, 20 February 2023 at Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall**

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

Apologies: Cllrs D Jackson (Holiday), D Duffey (Holiday)

Cllr Trueman opened the meeting by paying tribute to Cllr Derek Adamson who, sadly, passed away on Tuesday, 14 February 2023. He observed that Cllr Adamson had been a very effective Town Councillor for over 25 years, former Mayor on four occasions, and friend to many. All present expressed their sorrow at Derek's passing and acknowledged that his calm approach and extensive knowledge of the Town Council and the Burial Board would be greatly missed.

In attendance: County/District Cllr G Dadd

C1389 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

C1390 Police Report

There was no police representative in attendance.

C1391 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk

(a) NYCC

Cllr Dadd reported on the traffic difficulties relating to the road works on York Road and gave an assurance that these road works were not related to any proposed or existing development on York Road which may carry on for approximately four more weeks. This work had been planned since 2016 and that, without such repairs, the road would collapse.

Cllr Dadd stated that he had given approval for extra funding of £65,000 at the sports village for new changing rooms.

Cllr Dadd advised that he expected council tax payments would rise by approximately 5%.

Cllr Smith enquired of Cllr Dadd as to re-painting of parking places in the Market Place. It was also discussed that the yellow road marking box nearby to the fire station had worn away.

(b) HDC

Nothing reported. Cllr Elders had submitted his apologies.

C1392 Open Forum

There were no members of the public in attendance.

C1393 Minutes

C1393(a) Town Council Meeting held on 16 January 2023

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 16 January 2023 be approved as a correct record.

C1393(b) Matters Arising

No matters were raised.

C1394 Committee Minutes and Reports

C1394(a) Planning Committee – Minutes of Meeting held on 16 January 2023

The meeting received the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2023.

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 January 2023 be received and noted.

C1395 Burial Board

There were no memorial applications.

The Clerk stated that, following part of the cemetery wall being destroyed by a falling tree during Storm Arwen in November 2021, the insurance company had approved a quotation for the repair of the wall.

C1396 Correspondence/Items Raised

C1396(a) Registration of change of address – 101 St James Green, Thirsk

The meeting received an email dated 13 January 2023 from Hambleton District Council advising that the access door to this property was now on St James Green and no longer on Bridge Street.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C1396(b) Thirsk Christmas Lights – Donation

The meeting received a letter dated 19 January 2023 from Thirsk Ladies Group regarding funding for the Christmas Lights.

Resolved: that the letter be noted and that a £500 donation be sent to the group.

C1396(c) Publicly Accessible Locations – Hambleton District Council

The meeting received an email dated 19 January 2023 from Hambleton District Council asking for representatives of the Town Council to be part of a steering group.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C1396(d) Urban Highway Grass Cutting

The meeting received an email dated 26 January 2023 from North Yorkshire County Council informing of the arrangements for urban highway grass cutting in 2023/2024. The email set out the current method of payment which is to continue and stating the annual amount which would be received.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C1396(e) Planned Road Closure Notification – Newsham Road, Thirsk

The meeting received an email dated 26 January 2023 from North Yorkshire County Council informing that the road would be closed for two days between 11 April and 12 April 2023 to enable Yorkshire Water to renew a fire hydrant.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C1396(f) Planned Road Closure Notification – Newsham Road and A167 Thirsk

The meeting received an email dated 27 January 2023 from North Yorkshire County Council which contained the details of the road closure for three hours between 9.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. on 12 March 2023.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C1396(g) Proposed Diversion of Public Footpath No.10. 150/18 Grizzlefield House.

The meeting received an email and attachments dated 31 January 2023 from North Yorkshire County Council outlining the proposed diversion of a public right of way.

Resolved: that the Town Council accept the proposal.

C1396(h) Temporary Speed Restriction – York Road, Thirsk

The meeting received an email dated 2 February 2023 from North Yorkshire County Council outlining a temporary speed restriction of 30 mph between 13 March 2023 and 12 September 2024.

C1396(i) Request for Temporary Installation – Thirsk Clock

The meeting received an email and attachment dated 10 February 2023 from Herriot Hospice Homecare requesting permission to install a capital appeal indicator on the clock tower in the Market Place for a temporary period.

Resolved: that the Town Council licence Herriot Hospice Homecare to install a capital appeal indicator on the clock tower subject to confirmation that all necessary permissions are in place and receipt of details of the indicator.

C1396 (j) Draft Parish Charter Consultation – North Yorkshire Council

The meeting received the Draft Parish Charter Consultation from North Yorkshire. Cllr Trueman advised that Cllr Jackson had filled in the consultation for consideration. The Clerk advised that he would examine the consultation and discuss the response with Cllr Jackson.

Resolved: that the Clerk and Cllr Jackson submit a response to the Consultation.

C1397 Accounts for Payment

Resolved: that the accounts for payment as at 20 February 2023 be approved and cheques signed.

C1398 Reports from Members/Representatives

Cllr Smith stated that several Thirsk Town Councillors had attended a high school performance which had been very enjoyable.

Cllr Smith stated that he could assist with some of the previously held jobs of Cllr Adamson.

The meeting closed at 7.47 p.m.