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**Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the TOWN COUNCIL held at Church House,  
Kirkbymoorside on Monday 16 January 2012 at 7.00pm**

**Present:** Councillors C Dowie (Chairman), A Alexander, J Cossins, J Coughlan, S Ward and J Watson.

**Also present:** District Councillor D Cussins, County Councillor V Arnold, 15 members of the electorate and Clerk, Miss S Brown

11183. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Brampton and Marsden

11184. No Declarations of Interest were received

11185. Minutes and Matters arising:

- a) The Town Council **approved** the minutes of the Meeting held on 19 December 2011 after amending item 11170
- b) The Town Council **received** the Draft Minutes of the Play Areas Committee Meeting held on the 9 January 2012.
- c) The Town Council **received** the Minutes of the Staffing Committee Meeting held on the 19 December 2011.
- d) The Town Council **received** the Draft Minutes of the Staffing Committee Meeting held on the 4 January 2012.
- e) The Town Council **received** the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 19 December 2011.
- f) The Town Council **received** the Draft Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 4 January 2012.
- g) The Town Council **received** the Draft Minutes of the Finance Committee held on the 17 December 2011.
- h) The Draft Minutes of the Manor Vale Committee Meeting held on the 13 January 2012 were deferred to the next meeting
- i) There were no matters arising.

11186. Public Session – to allow members of the public to make representations, ask questions and give evidence in respect of any items of business

The Sportsfield Association advised the Town Council that they were offering the use of the fields at the Sportsfield for the celebrations of the Queens Diamond Jubilee.

Members of the public gave representation in respect of item 11 of the Agenda

11187. Discussions with District and County Councillors:

- a) County and District Councillors to respond to questions already posed.

Councillor Arnold had no further updates to report on the sale of the Old Highways depot

- b) Town Councillors had **no comments** on urgent matters.

- c) Councillor Cussins reported that sites were becoming available for planning applications in the Westfields and West Pasture area

Councillor Ward reported that a decision had been reached regarding the allocation of the New Homes Bonus. She reported that 80% of the proposed income had been allocated to Ryedale District Council and 20% had been allocated to National Parks. At Ryedale DC meeting it was decided that, after a payment to NYMNPA to reflect housing within the Park, 50% of the remainder has been ring fenced for the Kirkbymoorside Ward, the allocation being £10,502.

This money will be available under a bidding system and RDC are looking for projects based on Parish Plans and require evidence of benefits of the project to the community – this money is to be allocated by March 2013 and spent by March 2014.

The balance of the money (£100,803) will be distributed on a bid basis, with bids from properly constituted organizations including the District Council, National Park, Voluntary Organisations and Community Groups. A panel of Councillors will be established to decide on the applications.

11188. Councillor Cossins asked the Chairman to pass on congratulations to the residents' of Dale End for the display of Christmas lights

11189. The Town Council **noted** that North Yorkshire County Council's street lighting engineer has confirmed that the bus signs can go on the street lighting column outside Kitching Walker Solicitors and that the hanging baskets will need to be removed as will the connections and brackets for any Christmas illuminations.

The Town Council **approved** the siting of the signage and **agreed** that the area required clear marking once in place and also requested that full enforcement of the

restrictions were to be carried out

11190. The Town Council **noted** the contents and restrictions on storage of data within the registration for Data Protection and that compliance in respect of primary storage remains within the European Economic Area.

11191. To consider financial matters:

- a) The Town Council **amended** the cheque payments removing the invoice relating to Allgardens to await a more comprehensive breakdown of the costs. The remaining cheques listed were **approved** and signed
- b) The financial report for receipts and payments were **received** by the Town Council.
- c) The Town Council **agreed** to revolve the current £49,999 on deposit and due to mature on 24 January 2012.
- d) The Town Council **requested** that the Finance Committee make recommendations regarding further deposits of £49,999 one month apart for the subsequent 2 months resulting in a revolving monthly return.
- e) The Town Council **agreed** to continue using Scribe 2000 for the preparation of the next year's accounts and authorise the invoice for payment at a cost of £245 +VAT.

11192. Streetlights:

- a) To receive an update from the clerk on the collation of prices for the replacement of concrete pillars (including updating/changing same pillars to Highway specification) and response from Acorn for the information requested regarding inspections emailed by the clerk in November. This item was **deferred** to the next meeting due to none response from other agencies.
- b) To request the Clerk to instigate tender processing for the on-going maintenance of the street lights due the cessation of the existing contract on 31 March 2012. This item was **deferred** to the next meeting for further information including the cost of the existing contract.

11193. The Town Council **agreed** to amend the agenda item to read "Tinley Garth" rather than "Piercy End"

Councillor Alexander raised Health and Safety concerns regarding cars mounting the pavement on West End to enable the traversing of two way traffic. He felt that the Council had a moral obligation to investigate alternative traffic management.

Councillor Coughlan requested that he was recorded as saying that there was no

question of the Council ignoring its moral responsibility regarding this matter.

11194. Play Areas Committee:

- a) The Town Council **agreed** to the recommendation from the Play Areas Committee that the following resolution be rescinded:

Minute 11149 'To replace the broken fence along one side of the Play Area with a wooden one at a cost £480.'

- b) The Town Council agreed to purchase Wetpour surfacing for underneath the double swings and large cantilever swing at Old Road Play Area.

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- c) The Town Council **agreed** that the Play Areas Committee can spend up to £6,750 on Wetpour surfacing once 3 quotes have been received.

Ryedale District Council have agreed to award a grant of £2,500 towards this project from the Parks and Open Spaces Fund

The Town Council also **agreed** that if as a result of this purchase the budget is overspent the funding will come from reserves

- d) The Town Council **agreed** to allow the Play Areas Committee to spend £155 to replace rubber straps on the small swings at Old Road Play Area.

11195. Old Library

The Town Council **received** the report from the Team subsequent to the meeting of 9 January 2012.

The Town Council delegated the working group to investigate the impact on the rateable value and "on costs" for public letting

Councillor Ward proposed that the Council appoint a valuer to determine whether plans presented by John Paul are likely to enhance the value of the property sufficiently to warrant the investment.

11196. The Town Council **agreed** to carry out a study of the Dog Bins around Kirkbymoorside with a view to purchasing more bins from Ryedale District Council following recent complaints of dog fouling.

A request to the Dog Warden was to be made to assist with this and Councillor Ward agreed to liaise

- 11197 Councillor Arnold advised the Town Council that whilst there were no bus shelters

currently available and no money for current additional purchases she would be happy to raise this matter at the next NYCC Area Committee Meeting.

Councillor Alexander offered to make an assessment of possible sites for bus shelters and report to the next meeting.

11198 Councillor Alexander reported that the Committee of the Community Led Plan would be publishing an initial questionnaire in March 2012

11199 Councillor Dowie reported that negotiations with NYCC are on-going and she was hopeful that Library opening hours would not be reduced

11200. The Mayor wished to thank the team of volunteers who had helped with the Christmas Lights and also the Business Partnership for organising the very successful Christmas Fair. She asked the Town Clerk to write and thank all those involved. The Mayor also wished to thank all the residents in the town who had decorated their property with Christmas lights.

11201. The Town Clerk presented her report (see appendix).

The Town Council requested the Town Clerk to contact NYCC in respect of the temporary road closure at Dale End and Gillamoor Road for 4 weeks between 20 Feb 2012 and 27 April 2012 and expressed concern regarding the considerable inconvenience for accessibility.

11202. The Town Council **noted** that the office staff have received numerous complaints from residents who did not receive a Tesco Questionnaire.

Councillors expressed regret that this had occurred.

11203. The Town Council noted the date of the next meeting as 20 February.

Meeting closed 8:33pm