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### **Minutes of the meeting of the Kirkbymoorside Town Council held at Church House, Kirkbymoorside, on Monday 16 December 2013 at 7.30 pm**

**Present:** Cllrs M Brampton, P Brewster, J Cossins, J Coughlan, C Dowie (Chairman), D Turlington, S Ward and J Watson.

**Also present:** The Town Clerk and 2 members of the public.

Councillor C Dowie opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

#### **13169 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

#### **13170 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Ward declared a personal interest in items 7 and 13 as a member of Ryedale District Council.

#### **13171 MINUTES**

- a) It was agreed to amend the resolution to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 18 November 2013.

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 18 November 2013 were **approved** and signed;

- b) Minutes of the meeting of the Play Areas Committee held on 6 December 2013 were **received**;  
c) Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 6 December 2013 were **received**;  
d) There were no matters arising

#### **13172 PUBLIC SESSION**

Regarding the current Planning Application 13/01314/MOUT by Gladmans Ltd for development at Westfields, a member of the public expressed concern that only 1 Public Notice was in evidence providing details of the proposed development. It was commented that the lack of public consultation associated with this application is of great concern. Furthermore there is a discrepancy in the content on the current notice and that of previous notices and correspondence, particularly regarding the description of the site location relative to the town boundary.

The accuracy/honesty of the submissions by Gladmans was further questioned as they have made reference to a close association with Methodist Homes (MHA), for which a member of the public has contacted personally and verified that this is not the case and no such agreement has been made in relation to Gladman Developments Ltd in relation to the current development site.

#### **13173 DISCUSSIONS WITH DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

There were no matters to discuss with District Councillors.

There were no County Councillors present.

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Val Arnold.

### 13174 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cllr Ward requested that additional information be provided in the description pertaining to the payment to E Clarke from the sports field account. It was explained that Mr Clarke is the grounds man. Moore Stephens will be instructed to provide more detail.  
Cheque payments were **approved** and signed.
- b) Financial Summary was **received** for December 2013
- c) Recommendations were received from the Finance Committee in accordance with Minutes F13047 and F13048 dated 6 December 2013. A vote was taken and it was agreed to accept these recommendations and the proposed budget for 2014/15.
- d) The precept was determined at £72,502.94, being the previously agreed precept of £76,500.00, minus the Grant of £3,997.06 from Ryedale District Council.

Whilst this represents an increase of 1.5% to the tax payers there is a compensating uplift by revenue from developments of approximately 5%.

### 13175 PLANNING APPLICATION ~~1301314~~/MOUT BY GLADMAN DEVELOPMENTS LTD

- a) It was noted that a draft response to RDC Planning Committee was in progress. It was agreed to add the following items to this submission:
  - A statement within the opening paragraphs to highlight that the development is not compliant with the government approved Local Plan
  - Public consultation should accompany the application considering submissions by the public must be made for each application. It would be appropriate to hold the consultation at the Memorial Hall or another suitable venue in Kirkbymoorside.
  - Inclusion of updated statistics which clearly invalidate the 15 year projected housing needs stipulated in the Local Plan, particularly in respect of school roll. Statement that the document includes updated statistics.
  - Request that the document submitted by the Town Council be circulated to all members of the RDC Planning Committee.
  - Comments provided by a member of the public earlier in the meeting will also be considered.
- b) It was **noted** that Janet Waggot, CEO at RDC will be in attendance at the January meeting to provide a report detailing the ramifications of the new application particularly providing clarity on the conflict of the planning history with the adopted Local Plan

**13176** It was **agreed** to authorise the expenditure of £1,075 to cover the balance of the cost of new signs in Manor Vale. The remaining funds are provided by a £1000 REACT Grant and £790 remaining in the Manor Vale budget for 2013/14.

### 13177 THE RYEDALE TRAIL

- a) It was **noted** that there was a meeting held in Helmsley on Friday 22nd November to discuss funding strategies for possible cycle routes to connect local Parishes with neighbouring areas.
- b) It was agreed that an expression of interest would be made by the Town Council and Cllr Dowie volunteered to be the Steering Group representative.

**13178** Thanks were given to Helen Gundry and the remaining members of the Community Led Plan Group. It was agreed that an exhibition would be held in the Old Library building in spring 2014 in order to present the findings of the Community Led Plan to the public.

Consideration is to be given as to a suitable location for storage of the completed questionnaires.

### **13179 OLD LIBRARY**

An update was **received** regarding the progress of the works to the former library building. Cllr Watson expressed that she was suitably impressed with the level of professionalism thus far exhibited by Buffoni Hemingfield. Cllr Brampton is in the process of arranging a tour of the site with Paul Buffoni. Those members of the council who wish to attend are welcome.

**13180** The footpaths winter maintenance schedule 2013/14 provided by StreetScene was **reviewed**. It was **noted** that there were discrepancies to the revised schedule provided earlier in the year. It was **agreed** that StreetScene should refer to the previously agreed schedule.

**13181** It was **noted** that confirmation had been provided by Gary Housden that the funding applications did not need to be put to the Commissioner's Board as the bids are within the limits of the S106 funds available. Initial consideration is being given to the applications and a report will be provided upon completion of the assessment of the proposals.

**13182** It was **noted** that one of the benches located on the cobbled area outside the Spar on Market Place has been removed in the interest of safety to members of the public as it has been damaged. It was agreed that the matter should be pursued with the insurers and arrangements made for a replacement bench to be reinstated.

### **13183 TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor reported that she had attended the meeting held in Helmsley on Friday 22nd November with Sustrans to discuss funding strategies for possible cycle routes.

### **13184 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COUNCIL**

Cllr Dowie reported that there had been a meeting of the library volunteers and concerns over staffing on Thursday evenings had been raised as this shift was becoming short staffed. When NYCC were notified of this difficulty they were very encouraging and willing to cooperate in order to provide a solution.

It was suggested that volunteers might be sought via Community Payback and those striving to complete their Duke of Edinburgh award.

### **13185 REPORTS ON DELEGATED MATTERS**

None

### **13186 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

The Town Clerk's report was received.

### **13187 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Turlington queried the investment opportunities available in order to yield the greatest interest of the Town Council funds. However, it was explained that it is only permissible for the Town Council to pursue risk free investment.

Cllr Coughlan commented that the grounds man at the sports field, Ted Clarke, is due to retire on 31<sup>st</sup> December and it was hoped that the sports clubs would make an effort to show their gratitude to Mr Clarke for his efforts over the years.

Cllr Coughlan queried whether it was considered lobbying or partisanship when a member of the public sought an explanation from the council through a councillor but wished for their identity to be withheld. It was consented that there is no policy in this respect.

Cllr Cossins commented that the Christmas decorations looked very good and thanks were expressed to the volunteers who gave considerable time to make Kirkbymoorside look so festive.

It had been brought to Cllr Brewster's attention that a number of Christmas tree brackets were at Milestone Metal works which had been ordered by a previous town clerk, some years ago, but had

yet to be collected and paid for. It was agreed that if an order was presented for this work then the Town Council would be happy to honour its obligation and payment would be made.

Concern had been expressed by members of In Bloom in respect of the storage of the hanging baskets that had previously been stored at the Old Library building. The Town Clerk explained that these items were presently in safe storage inside the warehouse at Buffoni Hemmingfield and that this information had been conveyed to representatives of In Bloom in November.

**13188 NEXT MEETING**

The next Town Council meeting will be held on Monday 20 January 2014 at 7.30 pm at Church House.

The meeting ended at 9.22pm.