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Minutes of the Annual Town meeting held at the Methodist Hall, Kirkbymoorside, on Thursday 9th May 2013 at 6.30 pm

Present: Mayor Christine Dowie, Councillors M Brampton, P Brewster, J Coughlan, and Town Clerk L Bolland.

Also present: County Councillor Val Arnold, PC Steven Leach and 24 members of the public

1 WELCOME FROM THE TOWN MAYOR

The Town Mayor Councillor Chris Dowie welcomed everybody to the meeting

2 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD ON 14 APRIL 2012

The minutes of the Annual Town meeting held on 14 April 2012 were approved and signed.

3 MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported on the following:

At the end of last year the Finance Committee proposed setting a precept of £76,500 for the year 2013/2014. It was later announced that a grant of just less than £8,000 was available from the government and therefore the council was able to reduce the precept to £68,500. At the same time the funding for grants was increased by £1,000.

Councillor surgeries are now held by appointment on Thursday evenings between 6pm and 7pm.

Last year the young people who are regular users of the skatepark suggested changes to the layout and the work was approved by the Play Areas committee and was completed at the end of February. Unfortunately the committee was not successful in a bid for grant funding from the District Council and is therefore looking into other sources of funding.

At the end of last year we heard that from 31 March this year Ryedale District Council staff would no longer be working in the library. This would have led to the library being closed on Monday morning and all day on Thursday. Happily we have been able to recruit over 20 volunteers and as a result the opening hours have been maintained.

The Town Council's aim of increasing people's access to Town Council services is continuing to be met as the agreement with the County Council is still in place, meaning that you can access our services whenever the library is open. In addition the Town Clerk is in the library every Wednesday from 11.15am to 2.15pm.

One of the impacts of the Ryedale District Council pulling out of the library is that car park permits can no longer be bought there, however, they are available at the Post Office.

The 10K Run is always a huge success and a great day for Kirkbymoorside and this, the 13th year, was no exception. I want to congratulate all the organisers, the runners and everyone who was involved in any way. It is a superb event for the town.

During the year the Council has awarded grants to a number of local groups including the 10K Run, All Saints Church, the Cricket Club and Kirkbymoorside Fruit Pickers.

2012 saw the completion of flood alleviation work in the Manor Vale and Manor Close areas and we are all hopeful that a solution has been found to the problems of recent years.

Work is continuing on the Community Led Plan and the Town Council has continued to cover the cost of meeting room hire and printing and distributing questionnaires.

The proposed development to the west of the town, to which the Town Council and members of the public have made a number of submissions to Ryedale District Council is ongoing. The other planning matter relates to the Tesco store at the Russell's yard site. As far as the council is aware Tesco are still planning to build here and indeed some cleaning of debris from the site has been taking place over recent weeks.

The Mayor ended by saying what a privilege it has been to be Town Mayor during the past year. She has enjoyed it very much and thanked her fellow Councillors for their support and the Town Clerk for her work since she joined the Town Council in January 2013.

4 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT ON WEST FIELDS BY GLADMAN DEVELOPMENTS LTD

A copy of the document submitted by Kirkbymoorside Town Council to Ryedale District Council Planning Authority in response to Application No 13/00342/MOUT was circulated to the meeting collective. This document is available on the town council website.

Mayor explained that the original application (12/00599/MOUT) had gone to Appeal for non-determination. The scheme is currently with the Planning Inspectorate and a Public Enquiry is due to be held in September 2013. The second attempt application (13/00342/MOUT) was submitted and registered by Ryedale District Council on 22 March 2013. This application is a resubmission of the previous scheme and includes an identical description of development with the quantum of development remaining the same.

It was stressed that any comments submitted in respect of the original application would need to be re-submitted by individuals, no later than the end of business on Friday 10 May, quoting the new application no. 13/00342/MOUT. The Town Clerk suggested that members of the public were welcome to deliver their correspondence to the Town Council Office at The Shambles, on Friday 10 May and these would be scanned and emailed to Ryedale District Council, in order that submissions were received by the aforementioned deadline.

A member of the public requested that a response to the Appeal of Application 12/00599/MOUT be submitted by the Town Council. It was agreed that this matter would be included on the Agenda for the forthcoming Town Council meeting on Monday 20th May.

5 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

PC Steven Leach reported that the local PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) left in February therefore accounting in part for a diminished police presence. There has been a recruitment drive by the Police Force in North Yorkshire and training is currently being undertaken by the new recruits. There are to be 2 new pcsos in Ryedale one for Pickering and one for Kirkbymoorside / Helmsley who will be able to assist with the problem of anti social behaviour. The replacement PCSOs will be tasked with monitoring both play areas in Kirkbymoorside. In the meantime the Pickering PCSO is available. There are 5 safer neighbourhood officers in Ryedale who are assisted by the response officers.

Frustration was expressed by both the Town Council and PC Leach that members of the public were reporting anti-social behaviour to members of the Council and the Town Clerk and then refusing to pursue the matter when contacted by the police. The importance of making reports directly to 101 was stressed. Furthermore PC Leach explained that it is not appropriate to make reports to him directly as the timing of such calls may not coincide with his shifts and therefore a report may not be immediately addressed.

6 PARKING

With effect from 30th May Scarborough Town Council on behalf of North Yorkshire County Council will be responsible for enforcing traffic laws in Kirkbymoorside. This will address parking violations such as parking on single and double yellow lines, abusing disabled bay parking, parking on the pavements, obstructing pedestrian access and parking in undesignated areas etc.

A member of the public commented that there is insufficient signage for the public car park which contributes to the congestion of the Market Place. It was requested that this item be raised at the next council meeting. County Councillor Val Arnold volunteered to pursue this with NYCC and will report her findings at the Ordinary meeting of the Town Council on 20th May.

It was commented that whilst the Market Place gets very congested there are always spaces available in the public car park. Suggestions were made that perhaps an introduction of 2 hours free parking be instated as in Malton. The Mayor explained that presently this is not an option as the car park is owned by Ryedale District Council. However, should it be feasible, the Town Council will investigate the possibility of purchasing the car park with the intentions of providing a similar facility as that in place in Malton. This matter will be discussed at the council meeting on 20th May. Furthermore the Mayor explained that presently the Town Council were in negotiations with the British Legion to establish access to the car park during the day, for use by the business owners, thereby freeing up spaces in the town centre for visitors.

The introduction of temporary parking on the cobbled area on Market Place was broached. The Mayor explained that there are complications due to legislation for temporary parking restrictions. This will be clarified with the District Council. Furthermore, feedback from the Community Led Plan and the response from the residents relating to this section will provide a clearer indication of the direction in which the public wish to proceed. The Town Council will then be in a position to take more decisive action.

It has been observed that a Morse coach is frequently parked at the bottom of Tinley Garth in the evenings causing a great obstruction to passing and oncoming vehicles. PS Leach will address the issue.

7 REPORTS FROM VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

A member of In Bloom explained that having done a volunteer drive over the winter the group was very disappointed that not enough support has been forthcoming to water the planting tubs and baskets throughout the town. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated, particularly if you have a tub or basket provided by In Bloom close by.

8 LOCAL GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS SPEAKING ON TOWN MATTERS

Unfortunately no members of the Community Led Plan were available to provide a report in person, however, assurances have been provided to the Council and Town Clerk that the findings will be provided in due course.

It was expressed that cessation of the MoorsBus service will be a huge loss to the community. County Councillor Val Arnold commented that efforts were still being made to keep this service going.

Concerns were raised that motorists are using Park Lane as a shortcut since it has been tarmacked and the speed of these vehicles is a danger to pedestrians. PC Leach explained that this road is privately owned and therefore not enforceable by law.

Frustration was expressed concerning the persistent incidents of dog fouling on the pavements. The importance of reporting each incident to the dog warden was stressed, in order that those irresponsible dog owners will be disciplined and likewise other pet owners will be aware that this form of behaviour is not tolerated.

9 OLD LIBRARY BUILDING

The Mayor reiterated the plans to renovate the old library building the Planning Application and supporting documents for which were available for public consultation at Church House from 20th March to 8th April. A number of members of the public had seen the plans and no comments were made. The Mayor provided assurances that the progress of the planning application would be made available to the public and further consultation would be made prior to taking any further action.

The meeting ended at 7.38 pm.