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### **Minutes of a meeting of the Kirkbymoorside Town Council held at Church House, Kirkbymoorside, on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 7.30 pm**

**Present:** Councillors A Ashworth (Chairman), D Chapman, J Cossins, J Coughlan, C Dowie, and J Wells

**Also present:** County Councillor Val Arnold and District Councillor Bob Gardiner (arrived at 7.41pm)

Councillor Ashworth opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

#### **17030 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Brampton.

#### **17031 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

#### **17032 MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING**

- a. The minutes of the Annual Town meeting held on 9th May 2017 were received.
- b. The minutes of the Meeting held on 15th May 2017 were received and **approved**.
- c. Matters Arising

The town clerk confirmed that pursuant to Minute 17028 she had ascertained from NYCC Highways Authority & Transport that re-surfacing works are scheduled to take place on Tinley Garth in 2019. The reason that the works are not being prioritised is because the condition of the road is not considered to be dangerous.

#### **17033 PUBLIC SESSION**

There were no members of the public.

#### **17034 DISCUSSIONS WITH DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Chapman raised his concern about the proposed legislation to change planning law for shale applications and the subsequent removal of local representation and normal democratic process and asked County Councillor Arnold to define NYCC's position on the proposed removal of NYCC input into the planning process. Cllr Arnold agreed to pursue the matter at County Hall and in discussion with MP Hollinrake and report back with a response.

Pursuant to Minute 17018 Cllr Chapman apologised to District Councillor Gardiner for not having provided him with the salient points of concern in respect of parking. The same will be emailed at the earliest opportunity.

District Councillor Gardiner extended his thanks to the Town Council and Kirkbymoorside Community for their support throughout his term as Chair of Ryedale District Council. The Chairman's charity events in particular received an enormous amount of support from the Kirkbymoorside Town Brass Band to whom he wished to express his gratitude.

County Councillor Arnold also thanked the Town Council for the support she received throughout her term as Chair of North Yorkshire County Council to May 2017. Going forward in her capacity as a

County Councillor she looks forward to continuing to make representation to NYCC on behalf of the residents of Kirkbymoorside.

#### **17035 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a. Cheque payments were **approved** and **signed**;
- b. The Financial Summary to 31 May 2017 was **received**.

#### **17036 Moorside Room**

- a. It was **noted** that subsequent to submission by the Town Clerk to the Valuation Office Agency the Rating List has been amended from 'Library and Premises' to 'Hall and Premises', with a revised Rateable Value of £1,050.
- b. Receipt of £3,858.76 from Ryedale District Council being the subsequent Rateable Value Adjustment and Transitional Relief from 1 April 2010 to 31 Mar 2018, was **noted**.

#### **17037 Grant Funding**

- a. The availability of grant funding for 2017/18 was **noted** as follows:
  - i. Ryedale Community Grant scheme open to any Ryedale community based organisation or group, for projects that make a positive impact on community owned or managed facilities and activities in Ryedale.
  - ii. Section 106 monies in the amount of £7636 available to Kirkbymoorside organisations or groups, for projects that provide or improve Public Open Space and Recreation facilities in line with the relevant S106 Agreements.
  - iii. Flood Grants to support community based projects that provide mitigating measures towards local flood situations in Ryedale.
- b. It was **noted** that applications will be considered by Ryedale District Council Members quarterly and the closing dates for applications are 14 July 2017, 15 September 2017, 10 November 2017 and 5 January 2018
- c. It was **agreed** to apply for S106 funding in respect of the proposed basketball half court at Old Road play area in the event that the application to the Big Lottery Fund, 'Awards For All' is unsuccessful.
- d. It was **agreed** not to make a donation to the RDC Chairman's Charity Fund.

#### **17038** It was **noted** that the urban grass cutting payments for 2017/18 remain at 6p per square metre.

#### **17039 Community Resilience & Emergency Plan**

- a. The draft Community Resilience and Emergency Plan was **considered**. Cllr Coughlan commended the Town Clerk on production of the CRP. The exercise in creating this document has the potential of being the beginning of a useful adjunct. Adoption of the plan would potentially allow for local groups to maximise the opportunity to make applications for funding for first aid and associated health and safety training.
- b. It was **agreed** to adopt the Community Resilience & Emergency Plan to be reviewed annually.
- c. It was **agreed** to authorise the Town Clerk to update the Community Resilience & Emergency Plan as necessary.

#### **17040** It was **agreed** to undertake works to clear the length of the public footpath, from West End to Feversham Drive, through Wainds Field to Nevilles Walk and Piercy End of all encroaching vegetation, to include removal of all arisings, at a cost of £100 based on 5 hours labour at a charge of £20 per hour in accordance with the Grounds Maintenance contract specifications (minute 16161).

## **17041 TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Town Mayor reported that he had had no civic engagements since the last meeting.

Correspondence has been received from a resident in respect of the state of the railings at Pump Hill and the weeds on the edge of the pavements, in particular at the White Horse at the corner with West End and Market Place. The Mayor confirmed that Bils & Rye are carrying out renovation to the exterior of the property which will greatly improve the street view and address the weeds at this location.

The Town Mayor has received a verbal request for the implementation of shade structures at Old Road play area. This is a matter that will be included for consideration at the Play Areas & Sports Committee meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

## **17042 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE TOWN COUNCIL AT MEETINGS OF OUTSIDE BODIES AND ON DELEGATED MATTERS**

Cllr Chapman reported that the Scouts have made great progress on the project to create a barrier across the entrance to The Pound in association with the Cornfield Flowers Project managed by the Manor Vale Management committee. The exercise has been undertaken with great enthusiasm by the Scouts.

Pursuant to minute 17023 Cllr Chapman confirmed that the Scouts are planning to undertake a 'Tidy Up' exercise of the town.

Pursuant to minute 17021 Cllr Chapman reported that he met with Kevin Jeffrey, Participation Manager, NYCC to determine the requirements for participation by Kirkbymoorside and the surrounding areas in the NYCC Youth Voice Executive. A second meeting will be arranged later in the year to explore the feasibility of setting up the initiative locally.

## **17043 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

The Town Clerk's Report was **received**.

## **17044 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIR**

In view of the fact that there are sites in the town that have planning permission but remain undeveloped, Cllr Dowie raised concerns about the proposal to develop on 2 sites on Swineherd Lane, which are currently fields and offer open space. Without the guarantee of a successful commercial enterprise there is the possibility that development of the sites will not be completed in entirety thereby adding additional abandoned building sites to the town when there are already several sites that remain undeveloped e.g. the Wainds Field and Tesco sites. She asked the Chair if it would be possible to consider and agree a position regarding the designated sites that have not yet been developed and communicate this to the Planning Authority and developers. The matter will be included on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting.

Cllr Wells asked if a letter of congratulations could be issued by the Town Mayor on behalf of the Town Council to June Cook for her tremendous achievement in being awarded an MBE for her services to charity and selfless commitment to the community.

Cllr Wells asked the Chair if it would be possible to consider and agree to initiate a Dementia Awareness campaign in Kirkbymoorside. The matter will be included on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting.

Cllr Chapman asked the Chair if each of the councillors would consider making personal representation to oppose the proposal by the government to make changes to planning law for shale applications subsequently removing local representation and normal democratic process.

Cllr Chapman asked the Chair if it would be possible for the Town Council to be involved in initiating participation in the next 'Great Get Together Weekend' celebrations which were held from Friday 16<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 18th June 2017.

Cllr Coughlan asked the Chair if any information was available on proposals for the former HSBC premises. No information has been forthcoming but it is understood that the premises are

undergoing remedial repairs to reinstate the internal structure.

Cllr Coughlan asked the Chair, with regards to the grant funding detailed in agenda item 8. if there was information available on the apportioning of funds across the quarters.

- 17045** The date of the next ordinary meeting of the Town Council on 17th July 2017 at 7.30pm in Church House was **noted**.

The meeting ended at 8.47 pm.