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Minutes of a meeting of the Kirkbymoorside Town Council held at Church House, Kirkbymoorside, on Monday 18th September 2017 at 7.30 pm

Present: Councillors A Ashworth (Chairman), M Brampton, D Chapman, J Cossins, J Coughlan, C Dowie, J Watson and J Wells.

Also present: Town Clerk L Bolland, County Councillor Val Arnold and District Councillor Bob Gardiner, and 2 members of the public.

Councillor Ashworth opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

17075 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Brampton.

17076 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

17077 MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING

- a) The minutes of the Meeting held on 17th July 2017 were **approved** and signed.
- b) The minutes of the Play Areas and Sports Committee meeting held on 7th September 2017 were **received**.
- c) There were no matters arising.

17078 PUBLIC SESSION

None.

17079 DISCUSSIONS WITH DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Chapman asked District Councillor Gardiner if he was aware of any progress with regards to the roadworks on Ings Lane. District Councillor Gardiner replied that as far as he was aware currently the works in progress are to the footpaths but the major roadworks, which are under a separate project, have yet to commence.

County Councillor Arnold had no matters to report.

District Councillor Gardiner raised concern about the decline of the market and asked if there was news of progress concerning the Tesco site. Cllr Ashworth confirmed that no information has been forthcoming with regards to the site and it would seem that no parties have expressed an interest to develop.

District Councillor Gardiner suggested that the decline in the appeal of Kirkbymoorside is partly due to the lack of attractions in the town, whilst Helmsley offers a Castle, Duncombe Park and Beck, Kirkbymoorside has no attractions that offer broad appeal.

County Councillor Arnold commented that the monthly Artisan market in Helmsley is a great success and is very well attended.

Consideration should be given to the type of product that would best most attractive for Kirkbymoorside. Cllr Dowie suggested that the geography of Kirkbymoorside means that a farmer's

market in the Town Farm car park would be more practical than on the cobbles. Cllr Coughlan advised that previously when the feasibility of a Farmers market was explored by the Town Team they were advised that this would need to be confined to Church Street in association with Chisholms Monument.

17080 Financial matters:

- a. To approve cheque payments according to the list provided
- b. To receive the Financial Summary to 30 August 2017
- c. To note conclusion of Audit of the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2017 with no matters raised (Sections 20(2) and 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234))

17081 Cricket & Football Pitch

- a. The cost of £246.00, being the 2017 charge for the annual application of fertiliser and weed killer to the cricket/football pitch, was **agreed**, in accordance with item 4.1 Licensor's obligation as specified in the Cricket and Football Club Pitch Licenses (pursuant to Minute 17019c dated 15 May 2017)
- b. The proposal by Kirkbymoorside Cricket Club that the Town Council absorb the service costs of the pitch machinery, in lieu of grass cutting, whilst still satisfying item 4.1 Licensor's obligation as specified in the Cricket and Football Club Pitch Licenses (pursuant to minute 17019b dated 15 May 2017) was **received**.
 - I. It was **agreed** to cover the costs of servicing the power unit of the gang mower every 3 years, commencing winter 2018, at an estimated cost of £676.66 + VAT (additional charges incurred if it is necessary to fit additional parts or carry out further work to be charged to the pitch clubs)
 - II. It was **agreed** to cover the costs of sharpening the cutting units of the gang mower every 3 years commencing winter 2017, at an estimated cost of £710.00 + VAT (additional charges incurred if it is necessary to fit additional parts or carry out further work to be charged to the pitch clubs).

It was noted that the prices are presentative of 2017 costings and will be subject to inflation.

17082 Street Furniture

- a. Refurbishment of the railings and bench at Pump Hill, Market Place at a cost of £952.00 plus materials was **agreed**.
- b. Refurbishment of the railings and bench in proximity of 'Simply Delicious' deli, Piercy End at a cost of £816.00 plus materials was **agreed**.

A member of the public enquired as to the condition of the war memorial bench on Vivers Hill. This will be inspected.

- c. The response from NYCC Highways & Transport with regards to the street furniture licence application for installation of a bus shelter on the A170 eastbound was **noted**. Cllr Dowie expressed her disappointment at the response from NYCC as the response by the Town Council to fund the supply and installation of a bus shelter has been reactive to demand by members of the public. It is not democratic not to proceed with a proposal on the basis of one objection.
- d. It was agreed to revise the agenda item to 'consider and agree to pursue the street furniture licence on the basis that no objections have been received to the current proposal for a bus shelter, in the first instance and to only carry out the exercise of consulting residents of the neighbouring properties if it is a specific requirement of NYCC to satisfy the application process.'

It revised agenda item was **agreed**.

17083 Committee membership

- a. It was **noted** that Stuart Temple ceases to be a member of the Play Area and Sports Committee due to persistent absence(LGA 1972, s85(1) and (2))
- b. It was **agreed** to co-opt Edward Strickland and Alex Strickland to the non-councillor vacancies on the Play Area & Sports Committee

17084 The response from Ryedale District Council in response to the position statement regarding development sites was **noted**.

Cllr Dowie expressed her immense dissatisfaction with the response by RDC and referred to District Councillor Gardiner for his comments. District Councillor Gardiner had not familiarised himself with the content and was asked to consider the details therein and provide a response at the October meeting.

17085 It was **agreed** to support the RDC Community Team's campaign 'Don't Be A Waster – Reduce, Reuse, Respect'

17086 The Royal British Legion Remembrance Service and Parade, Sunday 12th November 2017

- a. Receipt of an invitation by The Royal British Legion to take part in the Remembrance Service and Parade was **noted**.
- b. It was agreed to contribute £35.00 towards a wreath under s137 of the Local Government Act 1972. This is in addition to the £100 donation to the Kirkbymoorside Town Brass Band for their performance in the Remembrance Parade and the £40 contribution to In Bloom for maintenance of the War memorial.

17087 It was agreed to donate any replaced street signs to the Kirkbymoorside History Group to be added to the archive situated at Ryedale Auctioneers.

17088 TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

In July the Town Mayor attended the Ryedale Shaw and was invited to accompany the judges to various classes, together with the Chair of Ryedale District Council, Will Oxley. On behalf of Ryedale the Town Mayor offered thanks to the Shaw family for their hospitality in facilitating the annual event. The Town Mayor also had the opportunity to promote Kirkbymoorside when he participated in a radio interview with Minster FM.

The Town Mayor attended the Yorkshire Day celebrations hosted in Sheffield on 1st August.

The Mayor attended the Ryedale Market Towns Promotion meeting with the Town Clerk on 13th September, at Ryedale House.

The Town Mayor received a complaint about the state of The Pound following the introduction of the Cornfield Flower Project. The matter was referred to Don Davies (Tree & Countryside Officer, RDC) arboriculturalist and expert member of the Manor Vale Management committee who advised that contrary to the impressions of members of the public the project is progressing better than expected. The matter will be reviewed at the next Manor Vale Management committee meeting.

The Town Mayor responded to a complaint about the smell of pigs and accompanying flies at a farm on the western outskirts of Kirkbymoorside. The nature of the complaint is beyond the remit of the Town Council.

The Town Mayor has been approached by several local business owners and an expression of interest has been made in the formation of a Business Group to co-ordinate efforts and promote the local businesses. A meeting is being arranged to progress matters.

The Awards For All grant application has been approved and funding by the Big Lottery secured for the project to supply and install an outdoor half basketball court at the Old Road play area. The opportunity to promote engagement amongst the younger community was identified.

Cllr Wells explained that it would be beneficial to share the success of the grant funding to the children at the schools and local groups who were involved in the process, together with an

explanation of the role of the children who proposed the project and those who supported it. This would encourage participation by the younger community in local projects. A means to achieve this would be for the Mayor and a Councillor to make representation at Ryedale School, either to the School Council or at a suitable year group assembly, to personally congratulate the proposers.

Cllr Dowie proposed that the two boys who initiated the project should be invited, together with their friends, to the November meeting of the Town Council in order that they can share their experience and receive acknowledgement for their efforts.

17089 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE TOWN COUNCIL AT MEETINGS OF OUTSIDE BODIES AND ON DELEGATED MATTERS

None.

17090 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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

An assessment of trees has been carried out by JK Arboriculture at Manor Vale Woodland, Ryedale View and Old Road play areas in accordance with insurance requirements. Quotations for the recommended works will be sought for consideration by the Manor Vale Management committee and Play Area & Sports Committee at the next respective meetings.

Notification has been received of the temporary road closure on Swineherd Lane - 00013987

The Closure will be in place for a period of six weeks between 1st October 2017 and 30th March 2019.

17091 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIR

Cllr Coughlan asked if consideration could be given to establishing a working group to support the local businesses and promote Kirkbymoorside. This will be included on the October agenda.

Cllr Chapman asked that the Council acknowledge the start of test fracking at KM8 in Kirbymisperton on Tuesday 19th September 2017 and requested that consideration be given to a proposed Environment Monitoring Plan. This will be included on the October agenda.

Cllr Chapman asked if damage to the public bench on the cobbles outside the Spar on Market Place had been reported.

17092 The date of the next ordinary meeting of the Town Council on 16th October 2017 at 7.30pm in Church House was **noted**.

The meeting ended at 9.47 pm.