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Minutes of a meeting of the Kirkbymoorside Town Council held at Church House, Kirkbymoorside, on Monday 16th December 2019 at 7.30 pm

Present: Councillors S Brown, J Cossins, J Coughlan, and N Holroyd (Chair).

Also Present: Town Clerk L Bolland, 2 members of the public and 1 member of the press.

Cllr Holroyd welcomed all present.

19123 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Dowie.

19124 There were no declarations of interest.

19125 Minutes and Matters Arising

- a. The draft minutes of the Meeting held on 18th November 2019 were **approved** and **signed**.
- b. Pursuant to minute 19116 correspondence was sent on 25th November to the Kirkbymoorside Fire Service to ascertain if they are aware of any plans locally in respect of the replacement of fire engines with 3-person Tactical Response Vehicles (TRVs) and what their understanding of the situation is. To date there has been no response. The communication will be chased up and it is hoped that a response will be available for receipt at the January meeting.

19126 One member of the public expressed concern that the burden for any expenditure not made wisely would fall to the community in the form of the precept. Particular expenditure of concern pertain to: agenda item 7. (Vehicle Activated Traffic Signs) – traffic signs should be the jurisdiction of the police and the cost should fall to the County Council and not the town; and agenda item 12. (cost of replacement of the gate at the entrance to Manor Vale woodland) - remedial repairs could be carried out to the gate at the entrance to Manor Vale woodland at minimal cost as an alternative to being replaced.

19127 There were no District or County Councillors present.

19128 Financial matters:

- a. The cheque payments were **approved** according to the list provided.
- b. The Financial Summary to 30th November 2019 was **received**.

19129 Vehicle Activated Traffic Signs

- a. Information of the cost implications and logistics of installing Vehicle Activated Traffic Signs on the A170 pursuant to Minute 19112, was **received**.

Cllr Coughlan suggested that the information previously provided as supporting documents for the November meeting in respect of the protocol for Vehicle Activated Sign deployment could be summarised by the Town Clerk in order to clarify concerns expressed earlier by the member of the public. The Town Clerk provided an overview of the situation and clarified the considerations available to the Town Council in respect of traffic sign provision and offered to email the NYCC Executive Approved document for perusal.

Cllr Brown provided further clarification with regards to the processes undertaken by NYCC Highway Authority in determining a selection of cost effective and approved traffic signs and providers of the same.

- b. The deployment of Vehicle Activated Traffic Signs in Kirkbymoorside post March 2020 was considered. Concerns expressed earlier by a member of the public were taken into account. Clarification was given to the options available and the associated costs. The Town Clerk confirmed that the Town Council is able to afford the exercise in its entirety without any adjustments to the 2020/21 budget so there would be no impact on the precept. Furthermore the purchase of traffic signs would be more cost effective than the current arrangement for temporary VAS units.

Cllr Holroyd proposed that the Council agree their intention to deploy 2no. vehicle activated traffic signs to be deployed on the A170 post March 2020. **Agreed.** The Council recalled the availability of part funding for the project via the NYCC Environment Budget, as detailed by County Councillor Arnold at the November meeting. The Town Clerk will investigate if there are more funding opportunities available to subsidise the project. Further information will be received at the February meeting.

19130 West End – Installation of 3no. planters on the length of pavement from 36 to 40 West End

- a. It was **noted** that pursuant to Minute 19133 written acceptance of the proposal and acknowledgement of responsibility for the maintenance of planters has been received from the affected residents at 36, 38 and 40 West End.
- b. It was **noted** that the street furniture licence has been approved and issued by NYCC Highways according to the specifications detailed on the application.
- c. It was **noted** that correspondence was delivered to all West End residents on 5th December notifying them of the Town Councils decision to install planters.
- d. The cost of supply and delivery of 3no. planters at £510.00 + VAT (£165.00 each + £15 delivery), from the pre-allocated budget (Minute 19113c) was **agreed.**
- e. The initial planting of 3no. planters by Daisy Garden Centre, from the pre-allocated budget (Minute 19113c) was **agreed.**

Cllr Holroyd proposed a review after 6 months to determine if the installation of planters has had the desired effect of preventing vehicles from driving at length along the pavement. **Agreed.**

19131 Old Road Play Area

- a. Quotations for repairs to the wetpour surfaces in the toddler play area were **received** and the recommended works detailed in quotation A at a cost of £855.00 + VAT were **agreed.** Cllr Holroyd proposed that a review be carried out of all the play surfaces at a future date. **Agreed.**
- b. The Environmental Art designs for the educational panels to be incorporated in the curved gallery wall at the half outdoor basketball court were **received.** The Town Clerk will circulate additional details about the dimensions and specifications of the signs.

19132 King's Street

- a. Information from All Saint's Church detailing the identity of the short length of roadway leading from Crown Square to the entrance to All Saints Churchyard as King's Street was **received.**
- b. Consideration was given to the proposal to submit an Application for Street Name Allocation to Ryedale District Council to officially recognise the road identified as King's Street at a cost of £500. Cllr Brown raised concern about the associated liability to the Town Council if the road were to be adopted. Clarification will be sought from Ryedale District Council and NYCC Highway Authority.

Cllr Holroyd proposed that All Saints PCC be contacted to determine if they would like to pursue the matter, in conjunction with the Town Council, and contribute to the cost of the same. **Agreed.**

19133 Public Bench on A170

- a. It was **noted** that the public bench on the A170 between Kirkbymoorside and Kirkdale has been removed as it was damaged beyond repair.
- b. Replacement of the bench, including remedial repairs to the concrete base, at a cost of £300 was **agreed**. A member of the public suggested that it would be fitting to dedicate the new bench in memory of former councillor Barry Brooke. Cllr Coughlan acknowledged the contribution that Mr Brooke made to the community and proposed that the suggestion be approved. **Agreed**.

19134 Replacement of the gate at the entrance to Manor Vale woodland from Castlegate at a cost of £548 + VAT (supply and installation) was considered and the concerns expressed earlier by a member of the public were taken into account. Cllr Holroyd proposed that a quotation be sought for repair of the gate, to include a bridal latch and post with latch to hold the gate open during vehicular access. **Agreed**.

19135 It was **noted** that pursuant to Minute 19080 works to the planters on Piercy End have been instructed and will be carried out early in January 2020.

19136 Information was **received** from All Saints' Church Warden concerning vandalism to the footway lighting in the churchyard. The Church have reported the incidents to the police. A member of the public confirmed that the Christmas lights on the tree in the All Saints churchyard have also been disconnected. Cllr Holroyd proposed that enquiries be made of the police to determine what action is being taken in response to the reports and to liaise with the church to ascertain if they would consider the installation of CCTV, which could be funded by application to the Town Council for a grant. **Agreed**.

19137 Details of the Ryedale Learning Multi-Academy Trust Consultation were **received**.

19138 Congratulations was expressed to the winners of the 2019 Best Dressed Christmas Window:

1st Place 'Essential Health & Beauty', 3 Market Place

2nd Place 'The Fabric Room at The Home Decorating Centre', 7 Market Place

Cllr Cossins proposed that the properties on Dale End should be commended for their Christmas decorations. **Agreed**. Cllr Coughlan proposed that praise be extended to include everyone involved in the Christmas tree scheme which add to the Christmas decorations throughout the town centre. **Agreed**.

19139 The Town Mayor reported that he has had no official engagements since the last meeting. He has accepted an invitation, extended to all members of the council, to an informal gathering at Sylatech for a tour of the business and update on future growth plans, on Tuesday 17th December.

19140 There were no reports from members representing the Town Council at meetings of outside bodies.

19141 The Town Clerk reported that the biannual service and testing of the fire alarm and emergency lighting at the Moorside Room was carried out on 11th December.

Instructions for the replacement of the grit bin in Town Farm car park by NYCC Highway Authority were issued on 16th December.

The Clerk confirmed that no further information has been provided in respect of progress of the implementation of the 20mph speed limit on Westfields, Tinley Garth and West End since the consultation letter was issued by NYCC Highway Authority at the beginning of November. The Town Clerk will pursue the matter and provide an update at the next meeting.

19142 Questions to the Chair

Cllr Coughlan asked if the Chair was aware of a recent incident of contamination when an individual was observed emptying the contents of a slurry tank into the waterway at the bridge in proximity

to Kirby Mills. The incident was reported to the Environment Agency. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would pursue the matter with the Environment Agency.

Cllr Cossins asked the Chair if it would be possible to treat the cobbles and paving on Crown Square as she had been informed of two incidents when residents had slipped and fallen. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would explore the options available for the safe and environmentally friendly treatment of algae on the paving stones in the area of concern.

19143 The date of the next ordinary meeting of the Town Council on 20th January 2020 at 7.30 pm in Church House was **noted**.

The meeting concluded at 8.30pm.