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Minutes of a meeting of the Kirkbymoorside Town Council held at Church House on Monday 20 September 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors J Coughlan, J Cossins, C Dowie, N Holroyd (Chair), T Shipley and J Wells.

Also present: District Councillor Riby, and 1 members of the public.

Councillor Holroyd welcomed all present

21070 Agenda item 1. Apologies for absence

- a. There were no apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting.
- b. There were no reasons given for absence given in advance of the meeting.

A telephone message was retrieved from the Town Council office voicemail on Tuesday 21 September, from Cllr Brown, recorded at 6.59pm on Monday 20 September, offering apologies for absence.

21071 Agenda item 2. There were no Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

21072 Agenda item 3. Minutes and Matters Arising

- a. The draft minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2021 were **received** and **approved**.
- b. There were no matters arising.

21073 Agenda item 4. Public Session

A member of the public introduced themselves as a resident of 6 years and explained that they were interested in Town Council business and were attending out of curiosity with no specific issues to raise.

A member of the public wished to make representation in respect of three matters:

1. Disappointment that despite the subject being raised at the Town Council meeting in June, line markings and additional signage to denote the 20mph speed limit have yet to be installed on West End.
2. Frustration that a resident had parked their vehicle, for the purpose of offloading shopping, on the pavement next to the planters that were installed by the Town Council to prevent vehicles mounting the kerb for the length of pavement from 36, to 40 West End.
3. Concern regarding the difficulty of parking in proximity to Towler's Chemist as there are no parking restrictions on Church Street. This particularly affects elderly residents who have been seen struggling to access the chemist for the purpose of collecting their prescriptions. Vehicles are frequently parked for long durations in this area. Implementation of double yellow lines to prevent parking but still allow vehicles to pull in for the purpose of collecting prescriptions would be beneficial.

Cllr Holroyd explained that information on the status of line markings and signage on West End to denote the 20mph speed limit will be received at agenda item 9.

In respect of parking on the pavement, traffic infractions should be reported to the police. If the identity of the owner of said vehicle is known then the clerk can be asked to contact them and

impress the importance of keeping the pavements clear at all times.

With regards to the parking on Church Street, Cllr Dowie recalled that the proposal for disabled car parking bays outside Towler's Chemist have been explored previously, however, it was not supported by the proprietors as it would be problematic for the delivery of supplies. Cllr Holroyd proposed that the clerk be asked to make enquiries of Towler's Chemist and NYCC Highways Authority to determine the feasibility of a parking solution and the matter should be included on the agenda of the next appropriate meeting when information is available. **Agreed.**

- 21074** Agenda item 5. Discussions with Town, District and County Councillors in respect of questions already posed, and any new matters.

District Cllr Riby explained that he has made representation to the Planning Committee in respect of the planning application for the development of Sylatech. The application will be determined by Committee.

- 21075** Agenda item 6. Financial matters:

- a. Completion of the review of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) for the year ended 31 March 2021 by PKF Littlejohn LLP Sections 20(2) and 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234) with no matters raised was **noted**.

Cllr Coughlan proposed that thanks be given to the clerk for completing this exercise with, no matters raised. **Agreed.**

- b. Accounts paid since the last meeting of the Council were **reported** and cheque payments **approved** according to the list provided.
- c. The Financial Summary to 31 August 2021 was **received**.

- 21076** Agenda item 7. Natural Flood Management Feasibility Assessment

- a. The proposal from JBA Consulting for the extension of the scope of the Natural Flood Management Feasibility Assessment to include Manor Vale so that the whole Kirkbymoorside catchment is assessed, pursuant to minute 21057 dated 19 July 2021, was **received**.
- b. The cost of £615 (+ VAT) for the assessment was **agreed**. Cllr Coughlan enquired if there was any local area funding applicable to the costs. Cllr Wells confirmed that funds are available from the CIL payment of £32,958.75 in respect of development at Wainds Field. Cllr Holroyd proposed allocation of said CIL funds to cover the additional assessment costs. **Agreed.**

- 21077** Agenda item 8. Information on the status of negotiations with Ryedale District Council in respect of Town Farm car park was **received**.

The proposal to extend the free car parking from one hour during the lunchtime period (between midday and 2pm) to three hours at any time is subject to further information being provided to Ryedale District Council demonstrating the support of local businesses and residents as evidence that the initiative will benefit the community of Kirkbymoorside. If approved, the ticket machines will be re-programmed to offer 3 hours free parking until April 2022, at which point the new District-wide scheme of 2 hours free will come into force and will replace the temporary offer.

Cllr Dowie commented that the income generated from the car parks across Ryedale, approximately £900,000, is detailed on the District Council's budget, published on their website. However, there is no information detailing the associated expenditure. The government makes it clear that local councils should not be making a profit out of car parking. She proposed that enquiries be made of Ryedale District Council for information detailing all costs associated with Town Farm car park, to assist with ongoing and future negotiations. **Agreed.**

Cllr Holroyd wished to clarify that the offer of an interim period of extended period of free parking is not the end of the Town Council's campaign to pursue an agreement with Ryedale District Council for subsidised parking in Town Farm car parking in order that parking could be made available at no charge in Kirkbymoorside.

District Cllr Riby reassured Councillors that he has made representation to the District Council regarding the Town Council's proposal for an agreement of subsidised parking and expressed his frustration that the proposal has still not progressed sufficiently. He offered to identify the accounts associated with the car park and provide information to the clerk.

21078 Agenda item 9. NYCC Highways

- a. Information on the progress of road markings and additional signage on West End, Westfields and Tinley Garth, pursuant to Minute 21037 dated 21 June 2021 was **received**.

Information received from Tim Coyne, Improvement Manager, NYCC Highways confirmed that engineers have undertaken a site visit to assess where road markings and additional signage can be located and produced a plan. The plan is in the process of approval before the works are ordered.

Cllr Dowie commented that it would be beneficial for the Council to be provided with the plan identifying the locations of the proposed road markings and additional signage in order that there is a level of local consultation in the process. **Agreed**.

- b. It was **noted** that the disabled access ramp outside 1 Church Street is scheduled to have line markings applied on 21 October 2021.
- c. Information regarding the feasibility of designating a safe crossing place on Market Place was **received**.

Information received from Tim Coyne, Improvement Manager, NYCC Highways confirms that the matter of the crossing on Market Place has been referred to the Road Safety Team at County Hall for assessment. This was raised previously and an assessment was carried out at this location in 2014 with the result of this survey concluding that a controlled crossing facility was not justified. This was mainly due to there being no history of collisions involving pedestrians; waiting times to cross were not excessive, and there was no particular desire line where people crossed the road. The Road Safety Team have re-visited the Report and reviewed the latest collision data. There have been two injury collisions in the Market Place between 01/01/16 and 30/06/21. One of these involved a pedestrian, who was hit by a car reversing into a parking bay although this was not attributable to crossing the road. It has again been concluded that crossing movements are similar to when the last assessment was carried out. There is no one particular position where people cross the road, and waiting times are low. As such the conclusions from the 2014 report are still valid.

Cllrs **agreed** that there was sufficient justification for the necessity of a safe crossing place on Market Place and that the matter should be pursued further with NYCC Highways Authority.

A member of the public commented that it is particularly difficult to cross Piercy End in proximity to Ryedale Garages and the Co-op. Cllr Holroyd also identified the lack of a safe crossing point on the A170 east of the roundabout in proximity to the Co-op and BATA. Cllr Holroyd proposed that the clerk be asked to explore the feasibility of implementation of a safe crossing at these locations with NUCC Highways Authority **Agreed**.

- d. Information regarding the procedure for dealing with speeding concerns was **received**.

Cllr Holroyd proposed that the information could be publicised and distributed to members of the public and residents in the areas of concern. **Agreed**. Cllr Dowie proposed that the subject be included on the agenda of the next meeting to allow the council the opportunity to determine if there is any further action that is desirable. **Agreed**.

- e. It was **noted** that the street furniture licence has been issued by NYCC Highway Authority for the installation of planters at the following locations: 2no. on the cobbled area outside 16 - 22 Market Place (with permission of the Memorial Hall Committee); 2no. outside 24 and 26 Market Place; 2no. at Pump Hill outside 25 Market Place; and 2no. outside Corner Cafe on Church Street.

21079 Agenda item 10. Use of the Moorside Room by Towler's Chemist for the winter flu vaccination programme was considered and **approved**. Cllr Wells proposed that use of the Moorside Room be made available at no charge. **Agreed**.

- 21080** Agenda item 11. The public wi-fi usage report for Q2 2021 was **received**.
- 21081** Agenda item 12. Correspondence from Neil Irving Assistant Director for Policy, Partnerships and Communities, North Yorkshire County Council regarding Local Government Reorganisation was **received**. Cllr Dowie commented that it would be useful to have the opportunity to participate with the group of representatives from Town and Parish Councils, to work with them on the creation of the new authority.
- 21082** Agenda item 13. It was **noted** that it will be necessary to further extend the stay of the temporary relocation of the mini recycling centre in Town Farm Car Park
- 21083** Agenda item 14. Information of the Resilience Strategy Call for Evidence, closing date 27 September 2021, was **received**. The clerk will be asked to submit the consultation response online on behalf of the Town Council as a transition town.
- 21084** Agenda item 15. Information on the consultation by Philip Allott, Police Fire and Crime Commissioner, on the 'Police and Crime Plan' and the 'Fire and Rescue Plan' for 2021-25, closing date 7 November 2021, was **received**.
- 21085** Agenda item 16. The NALC policy consultation briefing – Local Nature Recovery Strategies, closing date 2 November 2021, was **received**.
- 21086** Agenda item 17. Information regarding the Minerals and Waste Joint Plan – Main Modifications Consultation was **received**.
- 21087** Agenda item 18. The York and North Yorkshire Climate Action Practitioner's update was **received**.
- 21088** Agenda item 19. An introduction from Richard Daffern, Watch Manager on Red Watch based at Malton Fire Station was received.
- 21089** Agenda item 20. There were no reports from Members representing the Town Council at meetings of outside bodies and on delegated matters.
- 21090** Agenda item 21. The Town Mayor's report

The Town Mayor attended the site inspection at West Lund Lane in respect of the proposed development of Sylatech, on 13 September 2021.

On Wednesday 14 September the Town Mayor attended an event at Ganton Hall, arranged by Carers Plus and hosted by Venetia Wrigley, High Sherriff of North Yorkshire. The purpose of the event was to thank volunteers for everything they have done in Ryedale over the past 18 months.

On Saturday 18 September the Town Mayor attended the Ryedale Eco Fair at Pickering Memorial Hall, invited by Ryedale Environmental Group as part of the Great Green Week 2021. Congratulations to Ryedale Environmental Group for a very well co-ordinated event. Cllr Dowie explained that this is the second Eco Fair co-ordinated by the Group and it was very well attended. As well as passing on information to the public it was a very good opportunity for networking and exchanging ideas. It was acknowledged that the Kirkbymoorside Environment Group is a leading light in Ryedale as the first group to hold 'Give and Take' days and information about many other initiatives, for example the Moorsbus, and the Fruit Project, which started in Kirkbymoorside. The week's series of events are published on the Ryedale Environmental Group website with links to the talks. The recording of the 'Climate change and what you can do about it' presentation, is highly recommended.

- 21091** Agenda item 22. Questions to the Chair

Cllr Wells explained that the Community Fridge are making arrangements for an event of 3 June 2022 to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee, and asked if the subject could be included for consideration on the agenda of the next meeting.

Cllr Dowie confirmed that the Town Council co-ordinated a town event to mark the Golden Jubilee, which involved all the local groups.

Cllr Shipley asked if there were any further measures that the Town Council could take to address the continued issue of dog fouling. Cllr Wells commented that when visiting Scotland she noticed that in certain areas dog waste bags were provided in public open spaces and the provision of bags might alleviate the issue locally. Cllr Coughlan confirmed that previously there were dispensers for dog waste bags in Kirkbymoorside but instead of taking one bag at a time people were taking multiple bags for their own use so the stock was constantly depleted. Cllr Dowie added that bags are available to members of the public at no charge (purchased by the Town Council), from the library and this information has previously been publicised in The Moorsider. Cllr Holroyd proposed that an article be featured in the next issue of The Moorsider to remind dog owners to be responsible and detailing access to the dog waste bags.

A member of the public commented that the bins are not emptied frequently enough by Ryedale District Council Streetscene and there is an issue with cigarette ends littering the pavements.

21092 Agenda item 23. The date of the next ordinary meeting of the Town Council on 18 October 2021 at 7.30pm in Church House was **noted**.

Cllr Holroyd concluded the meeting, commenting that it is important that if for any reason a councillor cannot attend then apologies for absence should be given to the clerk in reasonable advance of the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 8.25pm.