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Minutes of a meeting of the Kirkbymoorside Town Council held at Church House on Monday 17 January 2022 at 7.30pm

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

Also present: District Cllr Riby, County Cllr Arnold (arrived at 7.50pm) and Town Clerk L Bolland.

Cllr Wells welcomed all present as residing Chair in the absence of Cllr Holroyd, in accordance with Standing Order 1(o)¹.

21137 Agenda item 1. Apologies for absence

- a) Apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting were **received** from Cllrs Brown and Holroyd. Apologies for absence for anticipated late arrival to the meeting were received from County Cllr Arnold.
- b) The reasons given for absence were **approved**.

21138 Agenda item 2. There were no Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda.

21139 Agenda item 3. Minutes and Matters Arising

- a) The draft minutes of the Meeting held on 15 November 2021 were **received** and **approved**.
- b) Matters arising

The clerk confirmed the Band D equivalent for 2022/23 is 1203.16 which will equate to a 5.06% (£5.10) reduction on the council tax bill as a result of the Town Council's determination that the precept remain at £74,000 (recorded at Minute 21121 dated 15 November 2021).

| | 2021/22 | 2022/23 |
|--------------------|---------|---------|
| Precept | £74,000 | £74,000 |
| Band D equivalent | 1142.29 | 1203.16 |
| Precept per Band D | £64.78 | £61.50 |

Information verified by Victoria Malthouse, Financial Support Officer, Ryedale District Council

Pursuant to Minute 21135 under Questions to the Chair the clerk confirmed that she had contacted members of the cricket and football club to share the Town Council's concern about the condition of the club premises, specifically the doors to the club changing rooms and the state of the storage sheds. Information of current funding from Football Foundation Grants together with additional funding avenues was provided and the clubs were requested provide any information regarding plans to repair the buildings. The football club responded on 21 December confirming that they were in the process of obtaining quotations for the works.

21140 Agenda item 4. Public Session – There were no members of the public.

21141 Agenda item 5. District Cllr Riby had no matters to report in respect of questions already posed, and any new matters.

¹ Local Government Act 1972, Sch 12, paras 11 and 27.

21142 Agenda item 6. Financial matters:

- a) The report of accounts paid since the last meeting of the Council was **received** and payments **approved** according to the list provided.
- b) The Financial Summary to 31 December 2021 was **received**.
- c) The cost of £30 to purchase a new keyboard for the office computer was **agreed**.
- d) The increase of cost of the Scribe annual subscription plan from £39 to £40 per month (paid annually) from 1 March 2021 was **noted**.
- e) The cost of £40 for attendance by the Town Clerk on the YLCA Remote Conference on 25 March 2022 was **agreed**.

21143 Agenda item 7. The grant application submitted by Kirkbymoorside In Bloom for £2,189.00 to facilitate the annual planting, installation and watering of hanging baskets throughout the town was **agreed**.

21144 Agenda item 8. The request for two new seats to replace the existing benches at the skate park, 'In memory of Charlie Cornick' and allocation of the cost of supply and installation to the public seat refurbishment programme (resolution recorded at minute 21058 dated 19 July 2021) was **agreed**. Thanks to Darren Kendell for volunteering to inspect and refurbish the benches annually was also **recorded**.

21145 Agenda item 9. Old Road play area

- a) Information on proposed replacement equipment at Old Road play area at a cost of £10,742.85 + VAT was **received**. The proposal detailed replacement of the existing 'Cantilever swing' and 'Junior swings' (which have been identified as needing replacement in 2022 by the annual play inspection report) with an 'Aero Tilt' and a 'Team Swing seat'. The town clerk explained that information provided by the play specialists confirmed that utilising the existing play surfacing would be the most cost effective solution, saving on the cost of ground prep and full surfacing, in the region of £5-6k.
- b) The allocation of CIL funds associated with development at Wainds Field Planning Application 18/01313/MFUL to cover the cost of replacement play equipment was **agreed**.

21146 Agenda item 10. A report on the flood risk management meeting held on 10 January 2022 was **received**. The meeting was attended by Cllrs Dowie and Holroyd, the town clerk and representatives of the Environment Agency, North Yorkshire County Council, riparian land owners, Ryedale District Council and Yorkshire Water. The discussions were encouraging and the clerk will liaise with each respective agency over the coming months to progress the proposed actions points. Another meeting will be held in three months to review progress to date.

21147 Agenda item 11. 20's Plenty for Us

- a) Information on the 20's Plenty for Us campaign was **received**.

Cllr Wells welcomed County Cllr Arnold to the meeting upon her arrival at 7.50pm.

- b) Support of the campaign for a 20mph speed limit on roads in areas where people live, work and play in North Yorkshire was **agreed**. It was **agreed** to write to NYCC to request 20mph speed limits on streets throughout North Yorkshire where people live, work, shop, play or learn, with 30mph as the exception on those roads, where full consideration of the needs of vulnerable road users allows a higher limit.

It was **agreed** to notify other parish councils, and District and County Councillors of the Town Council's support of the campaign; ask Zoe Metcalfe Police Fire and Crime Commissioner, to agree to recalibrate Police Speed detection equipment to include 20mph, and enforce existing and new 20mph areas; and encourage members of the public to support the campaign.

Cllr Shipley asked County Cllr Arnold why NYCC is not supportive of the 20's Plenty campaign. County Cllr Arnold explained that NYCC has a policy in place already to determine the requirement

for reduced speed restriction zones and supports the introduction of 20mph zones outside the schools throughout the county. NYCC are prepared to assess the merits of 20mph zones upon application, similar to the successful application by Kirkbymoorside Town Council for a speed restriction for the length of Westfields, West End and Tinley Garth.

21148 Agenda item 12. Information on progress towards a new single council for North Yorkshire in 2023 was **received**.

21149 Agenda item 13. It was **noted** that the new Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's consultation to determine the precepts for North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service was held from Monday 13 December 2021 to Thursday 13 January 2022.

21150 Agenda item 14. Urban grass cutting 2022/23

- a) Correspondence from NYCC Highway Asset Management with regards to the Urban Grass Cutting 2022/23 was **received**
- b) Continuation of the urban highways visibility splays grass cutting for an annual contribution from NYCC of £982.62 was agreed.

21151 Agenda item 15. Correspondence was **received** from Ripon Motor Sport Club Ltd and it was **noted** that the Riponian Stages Rally will be taking place on Sunday 6 February 2022.

21152 Agenda item 16. In the Town Mayor's absence the town clerk reported that the Mayor participated in the Environment Agency Flood Warden Information Briefing on 15 December 2021, the purpose of which was to make sure communities, who have experienced flooding in the past, are as prepared as possible for the coming winter months. He also participated in the Flood Risk Management meeting held via Zoom on 10 January 2022 detailed at agenda item 10.

21153 Agenda item 17. There were no reports from Members representing the Town Council at meetings of outside bodies and on delegated matters.

21154 Agenda item 18. The Town Clerk's report

Ryedale District Council have confirmed that bins will not be installed at the laybys on the A170 but signage will be installed encouraging motorists to keep their litter and dispose of it responsibly.

Cllr Dowie expressed disappointment that bins would not be provided by the District Council at the laybys and requested that this information be shared with the litter pickers together with contact details for Streetscene.

The 'We're Watching You' signage has been received from Keep Britain Tidy and installation is in progress.

The programme to refurbish all the public seats and benches has started.

The tree planters, for installation on Market Place are ready for delivery and planting will be scheduled for early spring.

The valuation of the Moorside Room has been completed and the market value is represented at £125,000 and the Insurance Reinstatement value represented at £250,000. In this case, the cost of rebuilding in the event of total destruction is far in excess of the market value. This is because it is built in stone (rather than cheaper brick) and the complex nature of the site with its high ground level at the rear and the difficulty contractors would have in parking their vehicles when working on site.

The asset register has been updated to reflect the market value and insurance schedule updated with the insurance reinstatement value, with no change in premium as a result of this amendment. Cllr Coughlan commended the Council for making the decision in 2013 to responsibly refurbish The Moorside Room, without the need to inflate the precept. He added that the merits of the project are affirmed by having a current valuation report for the property.

Graffiti on the ramps at the skate park has been reported to Streetscene for removal.

21155 Agenda item 19. Questions to the Chair.

Cllr Shipley raised concern that the pavements are not regularly gritted, particularly Tinley Garth, the junction with Shaw Drive and the length of West End and Westfields leading to the school. He also observed that the grit bin on Shaw Drive is empty, and asked the Chair if it would be possible to raise the issue with Streetscene. Cllr Wells observed that the length of the footpath on the A170 has also not been gritted regularly. Cllr Dowie commented that previously the Town Council had been provided, by Ryedale District Council, a list of prioritised areas for gritting but this exercise seems to no longer be in practice. The clerk was asked to contact Streetscene and request regular gritting of the pavements and for the grit bins to be refilled, as necessary.

Cllr Dowie asked if the Town Council could engage with local groups in the town to start making arrangements for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June. The clerk confirmed that she had already contacted the Town Brass Band to determine their availability for a mini concert in the town centre. The subject will be included for consideration on the agenda of the February meeting and the clerk will contact local businesses, groups and residents to generate interest in organising a community led event.

21156 Agenda item 20. Staffing

- a) It was noted that the Town Clerk's annual appraisal was carried out on 23 November 2021.
- b) Recommendations **received** from the Staffing Committee to increase the Town Clerks salary by one NJC salary point to payscale 36, backdated to 1 April 2021 and updated accordingly when the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) have agreed the new pay scales for 2021-22, were **agreed**.

Cllr Wells expressed thanks to the Clerk, on behalf of the Town Council, for her hard work, noting that the past two years have presented many difficulties.

21157 Agenda item 21. The date of the next ordinary meeting of the Town Council on 21 February 2022 at 7.30pm in Church House was **noted**.

The meeting concluded at 8.20pm