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Minutes of a meeting of the Kirkbymoorside Town Council held at Church House, Kirkbymoorside, on Monday 17th September 2018 at 7.30 pm

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

Also present: County Councillor Val Arnold, District Councillor Bob Gardiner, 7 members of the public and the Town Clerk L Bolland.

Councillor Ashworth opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

18086 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Cossins.

18087 Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

Cllr Dowie expressed an interest in agenda item 19 as a member of the Rotary Club.

18188 Minutes and Matters Arising

- a) The minutes of the Meeting held on 16th July 2018 were **approved** and **signed**;
- b) There were no matters arising.

18089 Vacancy

- a) The Council **resolved** to declare Councillor Well's office to be vacant: Section 86(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended
- b) The Council **resolved** to give public notice of the vacancy on the Parish Council: Section 87(2) of the Local Government Act 1972
- c) The Council **resolved** to post the notice of the vacancy on the Town Council noticeboard, website and submit details of the same to the town blog and local press (Section 232 of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended).

18090 It was **agreed** to fill two vacancies on the Town Council by co-option

18091 Public Session - No members of the public wished to make representation.

18092 Discussions with Town, District and County Councillors

County Councillor Val Arnold confirmed that she had no news to share but would be happy to answer any questions.

Cllr Chapman asked County Councillor Arnold if she was aware that the Youth Club in Kirkbymoorside is at risk of closing due to the roles of 2 part time members of (NYCC) staff being removed. This leaves only 1 member of (NYCC) staff remaining and the expectation that the club will be run by volunteers. Cllr Chapman commended the efforts of the remaining staff member but expressed frustration that interest and attendance to the club is declining because there is a lack of

support and promotion, whereas the facility at Malton, where support is evident and there have been no reductions to the staff, is thriving.

Cllr Dowie asked for an explanation from NYCC as to why the 2 part time roles have been removed and, as with the library service, more is being expected of volunteers in order to ensure that the services are retained which is entirely unreasonable.

Since the July meeting District Councillor Bob Gardiner has been engaged with the promotion of Kirkbymoorside and the locality by arranging separate visits to the area accompanied by Kevin Hollinrake MP, the RDC Chief Executive, and the RDC Chairman of Policy & Resources. The visits included: meeting with some of the local businesses at the industrial estate including Rack Systems, Marshall Aerospace and Defence Group, Silatech Limited, and Forum Energy Technologies; a demonstration of the areas of concern to residents, in particular the former NYCC Highways Depot site and the Black Swan; and the impressive development of Ravenswick. The new Chief Executive, Stacey Bulet will be accompanying District Councillor Gardiner to Kirkbymoorside in due course and an invitation will be extended to Cllr Ashworth to accompany them.

In support of the Town Council's concerns about the lack of progress or completion on development sites District Councillor Gardiner provided the following information given by Kevin Hollinrake MP who has knowledge on the subject having spent a long time as an estate agent and now sitting on some relevant committees:

Developers sat on land: The Parliamentary Housing Communities and Local Government Committee on which Kevin Hollinrake MP sits is currently looking at the whole issue of development and 'land value capture' and more tools to allow local authorities to require developments to happen more quickly and providing the right level of affordable homes, including compulsory purchase tools. This committee will report in the autumn. Additionally, Sir Oliver Letwin MP is looking at build out rates, what policies the Government might adopt to 'close the gap' between permissions and homes completed on the largest sites and hence to increase the overall rate at which land allocated for housing is converted into new homes. He will present his recommendations on this to the Chancellor and the Housing Secretary at the time of the Budget in the autumn.

District Councillor Gardiner also suggested that a Neighbourhood Plan would allow the Town Council more control of planning in Kirkbymoorside and the Town Clerk and Cllr Brampton explained that the Town Council has previously considered a Neighbourhood Plan.

18093 Financial matters:

- a) Cheque payments were **approved** according to the list provided
- b) The Financial Summary to 31 August 2018 was **received**.
- c) Completion of the review of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) for the year ended 31 March 2018 by PKF Littlejohn LLP was **noted** 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))

Cllr Dowie wished to express thanks to the Town Clerk for her work in completing the audit exercise so competently.

18094 Traffic Concerns on West End

- a) The response with regards to the proposal to install bollards on West End was **received** - 6 in favour: 30 in opposition
- b) It was **agreed** that the proposal to install bollards on West End was **not feasible**, on the basis of the response received.

Members of the public expressed concern at the weight and size of vehicles driving on West End. It is evident that HGVs servicing the Co-operative on Piercy End are travelling eastbound on West End in order to turn right onto Market Place and travel south down Piercy End in order to service the Co-operative as they are unable to access the supermarket entrance when travelling north up Piercy End from the A170 roundabout. Additionally the incidence of tractors and farm traffic on West End has increased.

- c) Information from NYCC Highways with regards to the feasibility of introducing a One Way traffic system westbound on West End was **received**.

Cllr Chapman asked that his disappointment be recorded that NYCC Highways Authority declare funding restrictions imposed on the County Council as the primary restriction to taking action to address the traffic concerns.

Cllr Coughlan explained that the funding restrictions imposed on the County Council are as a result of ongoing reductions in financial support from central government and not within the control of NYCC.

- d) Correspondence on behalf of Tinley Garth residents opposing a One Way traffic system westbound on West End was **received**. However, in accordance with Minute 11280 wherein the Town Council agreed that anonymous requests for information were not compliant with the Freedom of Information Act and should not be responded to, it is not possible to acknowledge the concerns therein. Residents of Tinley Garth are encouraged to make representation directly to the Town Council.

A member of the public commented that the recent closure of West End did not result in increased traffic on Tinley Garth as motorists favoured the A170 as the alternative route.

- e) Correspondence from the pupils at Kirkbymoorside Community Primary School with regards to traffic concerns on West End was **received**. Cllr Chapman proposed that a letter be sent to the Community Primary School thanking the children for their participation. Cllr Dowie agreed and suggested that the children should be encouraged to follow progress of the subject via the Town Council website, an exercise that will hopefully develop interest in the role of the Town Council in the community.

- f) On the basis of information received Cllr Dowie proposed that the Town Council apply to North Yorkshire County Council Highways Authority for an experimental Traffic Regulation Order to implement a one-way system on a trial basis. **Agreed**

In response to concerns that the introduction of one way traffic system would result in increased traffic speeds the TRO should include consideration of a weight restriction and 20mph speed limit. **Agreed.**

Cllr Dowie stated that to do nothing was not an option. **Agreed.**

County Councillor Val Arnold confirmed that she will support the Town Council's application to address the traffic concerns on West End.

18095 Insurance

- a) The summary of sums insured prior to the renewal of the Insurance on 1 November 2018 was **reviewed**.
- b) The annual premium rate of £2,680.21 inclusive of 12% insurance premium tax plus the £25.00 policy administration fee was **agreed**.

- 18096** It was **noted** that pursuant to Minute 18066 Tree Preservation Order (TPO) No 347/2018 has been made by Ryedale District Council in respect of the Silver Birch trees located at 43 Penny Piece & 48 Piercy End Kirkbymoorside YO62 6DQ.
- 18097** It was **noted** that pursuant to Minute 18067c) II. applications have been submitted to the Ryedale Community Grant fund by Kirkbymoorside Bowls, Football and Squash Clubs in conjunction with the Town Council's application for S106 monies to cover the costs of the project to resurface the car park at the sportsfield for a decision on 15 November 2018
- 18098** Correspondence regarding eligibility to participate in the Examination of the Ryedale Plan was **noted**.
- 18099** It was **noted** that North York Moors National Park Authority are seeking views on the North York Moors Draft Local Plan, comments to be received by 12 October 2018
- 18100** Governments proposal to allow the exploration phase of hydraulic fracturing (fracking) to be allowed under Permitted Development

Cllr Brampton proposed that the Council vote en bloc to agree agenda items a) to e). Cllr Coughlan seconded the proposal. The Council **unanimously agreed** the following:

- a) Correspondence was **received** from Frack Free Helmsley/Kirkbymoorside and it was agreed to reply providing details of the Town Council's consideration of agenda items 15b) to e).
- b) It was **agreed** to endorse local control of fracking by Mineral Planning Authorities;
- c) Support of the current North Yorkshire MWJP and the Definitions within it was **agreed**;
- d) It was **agreed** to support Ryedale District Council's instruction of the planning officers to respond to the government consultation accordingly, by rejecting the changes proposed for PD and NSIP as inappropriate and with the view that the North Yorkshire MWJP should have primacy for all planning decisions at all stages of fracking;
- e) It was **agreed** to support Ryedale District Council's request of NYCC to support this opposition to government policy.

Cllr Chapman thanked District Councillor Bob Gardiner, as representative of Ryedale District Council, for their opposition to the governments proposal.

- 18101** The request by Cllr Chapman, on behalf of 'Let Communities Decide', for use of The Moorside Room (free of charge) on Saturday 29th September from 10am to 1pm for a public information event was considered. It was **agreed** to apply the same stipulations to the event as extended to the Repair Café, hosted by the Environment Group, with a contribution to the running costs of the building of £10.
- 18102** It was **agreed** to pursue improvements to the half basketball court at Old Road play area and to authorise the Town Clerk to consult with the young people who proposed the court, to determine their interest in the additional fixtures suggested by Cllr Chapman and to determine the cost implications of the preferred options.
- 18103** It was **noted** that pursuant to Minute 18067 10m3 of 8-40mm Play Grade Bark has been purchased and the exercise to apply the bark to the Playdale climber pit at Old Road play area and to the woodland trail at Ryedale View play area was completed on 11th September 2018 by the Community Payback team coordinated by Humberside Lincolnshire & North Yorkshire Community Rehabilitation Company Limited (HLNY CRC). The Town Clerk commended the supervisor and the team members for their conduct and enthusiasm in carrying out the exercise. On the basis of this

feedback the Town Council would like to encourage participation by the Community Payback team to carry out additional activities in the community.

- 18104** The request of the local Rotary Club for the addition of an information panel to the 'Welcome to Kirkbymoorside' sign detailing 'Home of the Moors Gateway Rotary', the costs to be met by applicant, was **agreed**.
- 18105** The Royal British Legion Remembrance Service and Parade, Sunday 11th November 2018
- a) Invitation by The Royal British Legion to take part in the Remembrance Service and Parade was **received**.
 - b) It was **agreed** to increase the contribution towards a wreath (under s137 of the Local Government Act 1972) from £35 to £50 as a mark of the centenary. 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.
- 18106** It was **noted** that the #DontBeAWaster – Reduce, Reuse, Respect campaign draws to a close.
- 18107** Correspondence from Next Steps Mental Health Resource Centre was **received**.
- 18108** Correspondence from Kirkbymoorside Town Brass Band was **received**.
- 18109** It was **noted** that Howe End will be closed for a period of 1 day between 21st September 2018 and 21st September 2018 PLANNED ROAD CLOSURE NOTIFICATION - 00017678
- 18110** It was **noted** that the spoil heap has been transferred from the town cemetery to Holt Farms, Lingmoor Farm in accordance with Regulation 12 of the Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011.
- 18111** Town Mayor's Report
- The Town Mayor attended the Yorkshire Day celebrations held on 1st August in Ripon City. The event was very impressive and after the Civic Procession there were a programme of events, inclusive to the public, including the unique historic ceremony of 'Setting the Watch' which takes place on Ripon Market Square and is a ceremony that has been carried out, without a day missed, since 886AD.
- The Town Mayor was also interviewed by BBC Radio York with regards to the imminent closure of the last bank in Filey, in which he detailed the impact on Kirkbymoorside of having no banks in the town and suggested the merits of a mobile 'Community Banking' service being provided by the banks that have withdrawn their services from the rural communities.
- The Town Mayor was happy to report that a member of the public had praised Cllr Brampton for the manner in which he had dealt with a query and complimented his professionalism and efficiency.
- 18112** There were no reports from Members representing the Town Council at meetings of outside bodies and on delegated matters.
- 18113** The Town Clerk's report was **received**. The Town Council wished to express thanks to Rita Gibson for her contribution, both of expertise and time, to the exercise of reinstating the plants on the A170 together with the Town Clerk and Phil Gospel, as the appointed contractor.
- 18114** There were no Questions to the Chairman
- 18115** It was **noted** that the date of the next ordinary meeting of the Town Council will be 15 October 2018 at 7.30 pm in Church House

The meeting ended at 8.35pm.