

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council, held Monday, 16th February 2015

Northallerton Town Council
7 pm, Town Hall, High Street, Northallerton

Present: Chairman: Councillor J Forrest
Councillors S Anderson, K Archer, G Cullen, J Coulson, J Dobson,
P Forster, T Hall, C Palmer

Officer: S Fraser

In Attendance County Councillor Blackie, 3 residents of Dene Road

TC/1430	To receive apologies for absence
	Apologies were received from Councillor P Atkin
Resolved:	Apologies are received
TC/1431	To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on agenda items
	The Chairman declared an interest re item 7 of the agenda being the Chairman of the Carnival Committee
TC/1432	To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate
Resolved:	Dispensation is agreed for the Chairman to remain in the meeting
TC/1433	To receive the Police Report – Apologies for non attendance were received from Sgt. Wilson. The police report had been circulated to members’ for consideration and information prior to the meeting.
Resolved:	The report is received
TC/1434	Public Forum – To receive questions and comments from members of the public (maximum 10 minutes)
	Residents of Dene Road thanked the Town Council for resolving the parking issues at Dene Road and gave thanks to Councillor Forrest for assisting residents to mark out specified bays.
TC/1435	To receive and adopt the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held, 19th January 2015
1435.1	Councillor Coulson referred to TC/1418 and said the figure was not discussed. The Chairman confirmed the figure was presented and that he had spoken to HDC to seek clarification as to whether the TC had to stipulate a figure, who confirmed this was so.
1435.2	Councillor Coulson referred to TC/1426 and said he did not think the figure of 16K was mentioned. The Chairman confirmed this was mentioned by Councillor Turner and the Clerk and is an agenda item for further discussion.
1435.3	Councillor Archer referred to TC1410 and said he did not support the minutes being correct as it was not resolved that permits are issued to residents. Councillor Palmer said she notes the resolutions and they indicate the resolution to be correct.
	The Chairman asked members to vote as to whether the minutes are to be amended.
Resolved:	The minutes are adopted as presented 5 members agreed, 4 members against
TC/1436	To consider funding of Street Marshalls and agree action thereof
	The Chairman informed members that figures had been provided by Sgt. Wilson relating to the appointment of two Street Marshalls, and indicated the cost to be £17550 per annum for 52 weeks per year service, operating between 10am and 4pm Friday and Saturday evenings. Considerable debate ensued about if funding was provided who would manage the service and personnel.
Resolved:	i) Agreed in principle to reappoint Street Marshalls in the Town.

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	ii) The Clerk to consult with other agencies for funding and support to managed services..
TC/1437	To agree to lead the celebrations of the Battle of Standard.
Resolved:	The Chairman explained that he had been asked if the Town Council would like to be involved and lead the organisation of celebration of the Battle of Standard.
	i) Defer to the next TC Mtg. ii) Mr Furness is asked to come and address the Council
TC/1438	To agree the use of the Applegarth Park to the front of the School and use of the Bonfire site for the Town Carnival to be held on 5th July
Resolved:	Use of the land in front of Applegarth School and the Bonfire site is agreed.
TC/1439	To receive correspondence and agree action thereof
	Tabled list 15/04 was presented and discussed as follows:
1439.1	15/01/04/038 – Metal detecting on the Applegarth
Resolved:	i) Members do not agree to allowing free range to metal detect. ii) Refer to the Carnival Committee and suggest a specific area is marked out (two members against).
1439.2	15/01/04/36 Wind Farm Hamsterley Forrest
Resolved:	Members agreed the Council cannot support the request against the Wind farm as it is outside the location of Northallerton.
1439.3	15/014/04/33 – Community Defibrillator
Resolved:	i) Members support the idea of a Defibrillator in the Town Hall. ii) The Clerk seek further information and clarify if the Council qualify for a free defibrillator
TC/1440	To consider the provision of the Christmas Illuminations for 2015 onwards
	Members were informed that the current contract is due to expire in June/July 2015.
Resolved:	The Clerk to seek expressions of interest to supply like for like service
TC/1441	To receive the Mayors statement and report of functions attended.
	The Chairman said that he unfortunately had had a very quiet month.
TC/1442	To ask questions under Standing Order No. 24, of the Mayor concerning the business of the Council.
1442.1	Councillor Coulson, asked if and when any correspondence had been received re the proposed Pancake Race. The Chairman said it had arrive only one week before
1442.2	Councillor Coulson asked that Bullamoor Park is referred to as Bullamoor Memorial Park
1442.3	Councillor Archer asked for an update on works as the Allotments. The Clerk informed members that she had left two messages for the contractor to contact her and was still awaiting a response.
TC/1443	To approve the commencement of Phase 1 works for Bullamoor Memorial Park
	It was proposed and seconded that Phase 1 of the works for the development of the Park commence as soon as possible. Questions were asked about funding. Members were informed that there was currently no 106 monies allocated for this project and that monies were from the TC budget and grants. Thus the reason for engaging a Community group to work with the Town Council and apply for funding. Phase 1 costs would be funded in fully from the Town Council reserves
Resolved:	It was proposed and seconded that works for Phase 1 of the project commence as soon as the contractor can start the works.

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TC/1444	<p>To agree the date(s) of Reception and BON Twinning Visit</p> <p>Members were informed that the BON visit is scheduled for the 14th to 17th May 2015. Concerns were raised as to how the date had been agreed in spite of the pending elections as there would be no Council in place until Monday 20th May. It was proposed that group should be asked to reorganise the dates. The Chairman said it would be too late now as arrangements had been made. The Chairman said he would remain Chairman until a new one is elected on the 20th and would be in attendance as part of the BON twinning group.</p>
TC/1445	<p>To adopt the recommended NALC model for Councillors commencing May 2015 onwards</p> <p>Members discussed the document and said they felt it should be left for the new Council to determine if they wished to adopt the model.</p>
Resolved:	Add to the first agenda of the new Council
TC/1446	<p>To agree to rescind TC/1386 and reconsider the decision taken to re to adopt the Communications Policy</p> <p>Members were informed that the Policy had been developed following a resolution re a staffing issue. Councillor Dobson said he had tabled comments about the document to the Clerk (following adoption) and commented that the policy was illegal and poorly drafted. Questions were raised asking how the document was deemed illegal. Councillor Dobson responded saying 'the Council has no ethics, therefore it is illegal'. Councillor Anderson said that considerable time and debate had been put into formulating the document and all members of the F&GP had discussed and had an opportunity to comment before it was formally adopted. It was proposed that the policy is entered into rescission and redrafted. Two Councillors against the proposal.</p>
Resolved:	Adoption of the policy is rescinded and it is redrafted.
TC/1447	<p>To determine the whereabouts of the recently replaced central banister and agree action thereof.</p> <p>Councillor Archer had asked for this item to be tabled on the agenda. The Clerk said she had received confirmation from both the Caretaker and the Contractor that the banister had been placed in the basement post fitting of the new one. Councillor Coulson asked the Clerk if she had seen the banister in the basement, the answer was No.</p>
Resolved:	The Clerk writes a letter to the contractor requesting a written response as to the whereabouts of the banister where it was placed and when.
TC/1448	<p>To agree the Town Council Planning recommendations re tabled list 15/19</p> <p>None to receive</p>
TC/1449	<p>To receive the Minutes of the Town Hall Management Meeting held Monday, 26th January 2015</p>
Resolved:	Minutes THM/485 to THM/500 are received.
TC/1450	<p>To receive the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held Monday, 2nd February 2015</p>
Resolved:	Minutes AC/872 to AC/880 are received
TC/1451	<p>To receive the Minutes of the Finance and General Purpose Meeting held Monday, 9th February 2015</p>
Resolved:	Minutes FGP/476 to FGP/482.6 are received.
TC/1452	<p>To receive the tabled Financial Reports:</p>
1452.1 Resolved:	<p>Financial Reports for 2014/15</p> <p>The financial reports are received.</p>
1452.2 Resolved:	<p>Reconciliation Report</p> <p>The reconciliation report is received</p>

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TC/1453	To receive the tabled Orders and Payments
Resolved:	Tabled orders and payments 15/160215 are received
TC/1454	The Chairman proposed that due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 and LGA 1972, ss 100A to 100K, and ACA 1998 s10, the meeting adjourns into private session.
1454.1	To consider a contractual variation of the current Apprentice
Resolved:	The Apprentice is employed to a permanent position from 1 st June 2015 on a fixed term contract to 31 st March 2016
1454.2	To consider the future provision of the Apprentice post
Resolved	Appointment of a new Apprentice to be deferred until the new Council is appointed
1454.3	To discuss progress of the Staffing Review and agree action
Resolved:	i) The Clerk requests an update as to when the report is to be completed.
	ii) A special meeting is called when the report is received.
1454.4	To agree action re a whistle blowing matter
Resolved:	i) Grievances will be dealt within Council policy and protocol
	ii) The Mayor will carry out an investigation of the whistle blowing and report back to an extra Ordinary meeting of this Council before or after the Town Hall Management Meeting, Monday 23 rd February 2015.