

Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council, Monday 16th March 2015

Northallerton Town Council

Held 7 p.m., Upper Hall, Town Hall, Northallerton

Present: Councillors: J Forrest (Chairman)
S Anderson, K Archer, P Atkin, J Dobson,
P Forster and C Palmer

Officer: K Lambert

In attendance: One District/County Councillor and two members of the public

TC/1442	To receive apologies for absence
	Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cullen, Coulson, Hall and Turner.
Resolved:	That apologies are accepted.
	To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on agenda items
	Councillor Anderson declared a non-pecuniary interest in the application for a donation/grant for the Homegrown Food Festival.
	Councillor Dobson declared a non-pecuniary interest in items relating the Northallerton Bowling Club and Abbeyfield and also in correspondence item 15/01/06/052.
	Councillor Forrest declared a non-pecuniary interest in the application for a donation/grant for Northallerton Carnival Committee.
TC/1443	To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate
	Dispensation granted for Councillors Anderson, Dobson and Forrest to remain in the meeting.
TC/1444	To receive the Police Report
	<p>Sgt Wilson was welcomed to the meeting and made a report on the crimes and ASB for the past month. Members were informed that the Safer Neighbourhood Team are creating a Northallerton Police Facebook page to keep the community informed about crime, events, prevention advice and appeals for witnesses. They will then look at a media campaign to promote it locally.</p> <p>Inspector Sanderson and Sgt Wilson are looking to hold another webchat event on Thursday 9th April 2015. For more details and to log on, Members were advised to visit the North Yorkshire Police website.</p> <p>The Northallerton Safer Neighbourhoods have teamed up with the National Centre for Domestic Violence to promote the work they do and are able to obtain injunctions for victims free of charge thereby preventing further abuse. There is a 24 hour free phone number, text referral and online support and are currently developing a phone 'app'.</p> <p>North Yorkshire Police has launched a new Community Speed Watch pilot programme and the scheme has been championed by the Police and Crime Commissioner, Julia Mulligan on the back of research she commissioned last year. This showed that four out of five residents were concerned about road safety in North Yorkshire and 72% felt that more should be done to improve road safety through enforcement or education. The scheme will run at up to 50 sites where local people have already registered concern about speeding vehicles. Sites are mainly residential areas with 30/40 mph speed limits. Between March and August police volunteers and members of the community will visit the sites with hand-held radar gun and/or an LED speed sign. They will record vehicle speeds and anyone caught speeding will receive a letter informing them of their offence and the need to address driving behaviour. The main purpose is to draw attention to speed limits and to educate them about the effects that anti-social road use can have on local people. If successful consideration will be given to this being extended Forcewide. Surgeries are to be held on 24th March, 27th March and 28th March.</p>

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	Councillor Dobson asked about the surgeries and it was confirmed that all comers will be seen and no appointment will be necessary. Councillor Forrest thanked Sgt Wilson for attending and thanked the Police from the Council for all aspects of policing in the town.
TC/1445	To receive questions and comments from members of the public
	One item was raised.
TC/1446	To receive and adopt the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held 16th February 2015: Minutes unavailable.
TC/1447	To receive correspondence and agree action thereof:
1447.1	15/01/06/66 – application by AJ Academy of Performing Arts for use of hall for Pantomime – it was agreed that this will be permitted at the lower cost.
Resolved:	That the booking is permitted at the lower cost.
1447.2	15/01/06/54 – letter from D Goodwin re proposals for a 200m running track. The field north of the existing Stone Cross playing fields has been allocated for recreational purposes and a group of stakeholders has been set up to help to inform how that field could be developed. They would welcome a representative from Northallerton Town Council and this was agreed.
Resolved:	That a representative from the Council is nominated to attend a future meeting.
1447.3	15/01/06/052 – letter from Northallerton Bowling Club requesting permission to be allowed to use the Northallerton Crest on new letter head.
Resolved:	That permission is granted.
	The remainder of the correspondence items numbered (1) will be dealt with in private session.
TC/1448	To agree the use of the accountant for the financial year end:
	This was considered by Members and the Chairman proposed that permission is granted by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council if this is needed. Councillor Anderson said that she would support the proposal and seconded the proposal. 4 Members were in favour: 3 Members against.
Resolved:	That the Chair and Vice Chair grant permission if an accountant is needed.
TC/1449	Parish Council Elections 7th May 2015:
	Members were informed that the nomination packs are available in the office or alternatively from Hambleton District Council. Information was provided that the Notice of Election will be put up on 20 th March and forms can be returned to HDC between 23 rd March and 4 pm on 9 th April 2015. Councillor Palmer said that she had been informed that you should phone ahead to make arrangements to see somebody from the Elections Office and the Assistant Clerk said that she would make enquiries and inform Councillors of the outcome.
Resolved:	That enquiries are made and Councillors are informed.
TC/1450	To receive the Mayor's Statement and Report of functions attended:
	Members were informed of engagements that the Mayor had attended during the month. The Chairman said that there are a lot of things going on and requested that Members support each other.
TC/1451	To ask questions under Standing Order No. 24, of the Mayor concerning the business of the Council:
1451.1	Councillor Archer asked a question about the flooding in the allotments in Knotto Bottom, it was agreed at the November meeting of the Amenities Committee that we would accept the contractor's cost. It was agreed that the cost would be obtained in writing then the works could be undertaken from our side of the allotments. This has been going on for nearly two years and we have a duty of care to the ratepayers. Councillor Dobson agreed that assuming we do not cause any further problems, that the work should be undertaken. Councillor Anderson said that this has previously been agreed and the works should proceed.
TC/1452	To discuss the Battle of the Standard Celebrations and agree action: The Chairman said

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	that this matter has been brought to his attention by Mr Furness, who unfortunately could not attend the meeting. Councillor Atkin said that he would consult with the Parish Church. The matter will be deferred for further information.
Resolved:	That further information is obtained.
TC/1453	To agree the Town Council Planning recommendations re tabled list 20:
	The tabled recommendations are received and agreed.
Resolved:	That the tabled recommendations are submitted to HDC.
TC/1454	To receive the Minutes of the Town Hall Management Committee held Monday 23rd February 2015:
	It was proposed and seconded that the minutes are received.
Resolved:	That the minutes are received.
TC/1455	To receive the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held Monday 2nd March 2015:
	It was proposed and seconded that the minutes are received. Councillor Dobson referred to AC/885.4, about the white lines coming off the ground at Dene Road. He suggested that Ringway, who undertake such works for NYCC is asked to assist if they are working in the area. Councillor Dobson said that the grounds team have re-painted the white lines.
Resolved:	That the minutes are received.
TC/1456	To receive the Minutes of the Staffing Meeting held 2nd March 2015:
	It was proposed and seconded that the minutes are considered in Private Session at the end of the meeting.
Resolved:	That the minutes are considered in Private Session.
TC/1457	To receive the Minutes of the Town Hall Management Committee held Monday 9th March 2015:
	Councillor Anderson asked about the resolution which had been made by THM that the lift is turned off when staff are not in attendance in the building. It was explained that this referred to a group of four youngsters who were stuck in the lift and had to wait for a considerable length of time for a lift engineer to come to free them. A complaint had been received that weekend about the lift not working.
Resolved:	That the minutes are received.
TC/1458	To receive the tabled financial reports 2014/15: Previously circulated.
TC/1459	To receive the tabled Orders and Payments:
	In respect of cheque 304090, Councillor Archer said that he understood that the card meter had been fitted to the outside of the Town Hall for the benefit of people hiring the market square. At an earlier meeting it was agreed that we would go back to Hambleton District Council for reimbursement. It was agreed that the invoice will be paid but that we look at what was agreed previously about this matter.
Resolved:	1. That we look at what was previously agreed. 2. That the Orders and Payments are received.
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.	
TC/1460	Private Session:
1460.1	To receive the Minutes of the EO Meeting held on Monday 23rd February 2015:
Resolved:	That the minutes are received.
1460.2	To receive the Minutes of the EO Meeting held on Tuesday 24th February 2015: The minutes are not available.
1460.3	To receive the Minutes of the EO Meeting held on Monday 2nd March 2015:

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Resolved:	That the minutes are received.
1460.4	To receive the Minutes of the EO Meeting held on Monday 9th March 2015:
Resolved:	That the minutes are received.
TC/1461	Correspondence items deferred from ordinary session of Minutes:
1461.2	Item 15/01/06/67
Resolved:	The matter is settled on best possible terms.
1461.3	Town Hall Booking
Resolved:	That the hirer is permitted use of the Town Hall at the agreed rate.
TC/1462	To agree Town Council Grants/Donations for 2015/2016:
Resolved:	That the grants are allocated.
TC/1463	To receive the Minutes of the Staffing Committee of 2nd March 2015:
Resolved:	That the minutes are amended and received.