



**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Northallerton Town Council
held at 7.00pm on Monday 19th April
2022 in the Town Hall, Upper Hall.**

Present: Cllr P Eames (Mayor), Cllr P Atkin, Cllr S Barber, Cllr D Calvert, Cllr P Cornfoot, Cllr A Eames, Cllr M Holmes, Cllr C Hutson and Cllr J Hutson.

Also present: Cllr C Dickinson, Cllr G Ramsden, two representatives of NYP, a member of the press and Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

21/165 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr J Prest. Cllr C Young was not present.

21/166 To Note any Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were received from Cllrs C & J Hutson for any items relating to the BID.

21/167 No members of the public present

21/168 Minutes

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 21st March be approved

21/169 It was resolved that there was no requirement to exclude members of the press and public by virtue of Public (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

21/170 Police Report

A report from North Yorkshire Police was circulated along with the monthly summary.

Two representatives were in attendance. Cllr Cornfoot noted there has been a drop in crime figures and the NYP advised that there has been some positive work undertaken with the local youth which has been successful.

NYP and the Safer Hambleton Hub are working well together and engaging with parents where possible. Sgt Hughes reiterated the importance of continuing to report any issues including Anti Social Behaviour, so the police can understand where issues are happening, using 101.

Cllr C Hutson asked if some of the young people are also vulnerable. Sgt Hughes agreed that this can be the case and some are at risk from drugs exploitation.

Cllr Barber asked what "other crimes" were related to. Discussion took place around this and Sgt Hughes advised that police.uk offers the ability to search in more detail. The Clerk will circulate this to councillors.

Cllr Calvert asked if the police are contacted by HDC CCTV operators or vice versa or if the public are relied upon to report these matters. Sgt Hughes noted that this works all ways, however police resourcing is an issue so this is not ideal.

21/171 Reports from County and District Councillors

- Cllr Dickinson had circulated a report in advance. Cllr Cornfoot asked if there was any update in the Grammar School site and also is the NYCC giving any consideration to short term use for any local organisations. Also he requested that focus needs to stay on the strategic plan for the town for traffic management. Cllr G Ramsden noted that the Local Plan outlines this.
- Cllr Atkin requested a joint commitment from NTC re the cycleways to work with Brompton Town Council.
- Cllr Atkin has also met with Wombles and agreed to some signage noting the proximity of a dog bin. The Wombles are in need of some Warning Triangles for working on the verges and also some litter pickers that are of a better quality. The Clerk will speak to both local voluntary litter picking groups and establish what equipment is required.

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21/172 Mayor's Statement

A short verbal statement was given by the Mayor:

- On 20th March £169 was donated to Hambleton Foodshare from the public toilet donations.
- Les Oakely had planted his commemorative Oak Tree to celebrate his retirement.
- Jubilee Tree planting has been well received and is starting to bloom.
- Applegarth Community Garden is also taking shape.
- NTC collaboration with Yorwaste to support collections for Ukraine has been well used and managed

21/173 Administration and Initiatives

Standing Orders had been circulated in advance for review, based on the NALC model Standing Orders. Councillors were asked to consider these as a reflection of the work of the council, with a view to these being adopted at the annual meeting.

An updated Media Policy had been circulated in advance.

It was resolved the updated Media Policy be approved

The minutes of the Finance 12th November 2021 were noted

The minutes of the Staffing Committees on 20th November 2021 were noted

21/174 Finance

A payment schedule was presented to councillors.

1. It was resolved that payments be made & receipts noted

2. It was resolved that bank account balances be noted as follows and reconciliations signed:

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| HSBC | £61,593.64 |
| Unity Trust Bank | £11,161.85 |

21/175 Assets and Facilities

Council was updated on the Applegarth Events Area as there are ongoing issues with safety, despite clearing and using a metal detector in the field.

A safeguarding matter had been raised with Cllr A Eames, in her capacity as Governor at Applegarth Primary School as part of the schools risk assessment process.

Councillors are keen for preservation of the Public Right of Way across that land and wish to consider opportunities to use it in a better way as an amenity.

It was resolved that council will address the use of this area via its Environment and Open Spaces Committee

21/176 Planning

Planning decisions were noted and planning applications received were reviewed.

It was resolved that Northallerton Town Council has no objections to the applications

21/177 Employment and Training

The Clerk confirmed that training has been booked for amenities/office staff as follows:

- Safe Use of Pesticides
- Felling
- RHS Practical Certificate in Horticulture Level 2
- Financial Introduction to Local Council Administration

Cllr Holmes has undertaken the Roles and Responsibilities training and will complete Off to a Flying Start 1 & 2 in May.

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The Clerk has written to the YLCA to ask if they will run a face to face training session, in the Town Hall, for all councillors.

21/178 To receive late correspondence

Emails for information have been circulated between meetings and require no further action.

- a. Late correspondence requiring a decision will be placed on the next agenda.
- b. Planting sponsorship has been secured in several areas, but smaller planting is still available.
- c. BID have offered to part fund the bunting on the high street for the Jubilee weekend and also to contribute to the Christmas Illumination display to increase the lights around the Town Square and Walkland Way.

21/179 To receive items for inclusion in the agenda for the next meeting

Items to be added to the next agenda should be notified to the Clerk by midday on 9th May 2022.

- Approve the Standing Orders

21/180 Date of Next Meeting

It was resolved that the time and date of the next meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish followed by the Annual Town Council Meeting on 16th May starting at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm

Signed:
Mayor
Date: