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MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 26 APRIL AT 7 PM IN THE BOYS SUNDAY SCHOOL OFF KIRKGATE

PRESENT:	CHAIRMAN	D Bowgett
	COUNCILLORS	P Emmott, C Stephenson & R Sweeting
	CLERK	J Crowther
	DEPUTY CLERK	J Mottershead
	ALSO PRESENT	5 members of the public

C166 APOLOGIES – (Item 1) - To receive, record and approve apologies for absence: - S Cobb, F Greig, G Lodge, D Mackay M Middlemiss.

C167 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – (Item 2) - To receive and record declarations of interest at this point or at any other point on the agenda – None.

C168 PUBLIC SESSION – SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS – (Item 3) - To allow members of the public to speak on any matter as it relates to the town – Members of the public are asked to submit any questions in advance of the meeting to the Clerk.

Members agreed to discuss item 9 at this stage of the meeting: -

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY – (Item 9) -

a. Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme Newsletter March 2022 - Members to note.

b. Environment Agency - Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme Letter to MP – Members to note.

c. Update of Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme.

• A Tadcaster Flood Prevention Group representative welcomed the TFAS Newsletter.

Following an encouraging Walk About/ meeting with the Environment Agency, Tadcaster Flood Action Group and Tadcaster Flood Prevention Group on 28 March 2022, 4 low spots which had contributed to flooding in February 2022 had been discussed: -

- West Riverbank - Footpath adjacent to the Motte & Bailey, “this was disregarded as it was repaired in 2017” however it did overtop.
- West Riverbank - The area between the Warehouse and Tadcaster Albion’s Car Park.
- East Riverbank- The Sheet Piling opposite Sainsburys.
- East Riverbank - Mill Lane

R Sweeting joined the meeting.

A resident reported that the EA were considering temporary flood defence measures for the above sites. It was felt vital that the low spots be addressed to avoid a repeat of February 2022 flooding.

A full report of low spots had been sent to the TFAS team.

• A TFAG representative resident supported the above actions and felt that temporary measures for low spots were required to limit interim flood risk, TTC support would be required. Selby District Council had secured Flood Funding of £122,056 thanks was given to the MP, MP assistant, businesses and residents for their support.

There were 2 grants available for businesses and residents.

• A business owner thanked the Council for the installation of new benches around the town.

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- A resident/ business owner asked for the Council to ascertain plans for the Selby District Council Owned empty former NatWest building.

R Sweeting agreed the empty building was unacceptable and reported that it was included as part of a regeneration scheme for Tadcaster and the Conservative group were looking at it as part of a scheme. The scheme is to be progressed following the May elections. He would like to see the use of the former NatWest building for use as a North Yorkshire Council Community Hub. The business owner had written to SDC.

The Clerk asked who at SDC was heading the regeneration of Tadcaster?

R Sweeting reported that Councillors R Musgrave and D Buckle were heading regeneration.

- K Perkins reported that as a candidate for the North Yorkshire Council elections she had attended the meeting to share positivity, was working with 4 agencies and was enthusiastic for future prospects for the town.

She had working with SDC Social Vision which was a Social Enterprise looking at all aspects of Tadcaster including the use of the former NatWest Bank. SDC had been keen to support Tadcaster and Tadcaster events for the positive good for the town.

As the meeting was the last meeting before the election she wished to send best wishes to all candidates.

- A resident reported that a Freedom of Information request had been made to Selby District Council requesting information regarding the number of empty properties in Tadcaster, the reply stated 115 in total. He had contacted the MP. He had been informed that under the Local Plan Councillors were to be empowered to propose Compulsory Purchase Orders /Empty Dwelling Management Orders.

D Bowgett reported that there were substantial costs associated to EDMOs which would be taken on by new North Yorkshire Council as the Planning Authority in 2023.

A resident reported that Government funding had been used for Compulsory Purchase in some areas.

P Emmott reported that he had applied for a Freedom or Information request in 2017 to ascertain the number of successful Compulsory Purchase orders, which had been non, the numbers had been low since then and no attempts had been made in Tadcaster over the last 5 years.

- A resident reported that they had declared an interest in the purchase of the former NatWest building 12 months ago and was awaiting a response. Interest had also been put forward regarding Edgerton Lodge with no response.

RESOLVED –

- **To write to SDC to raise major concerns regarding the unacceptable number of empty derelict buildings including the former NatWest Bank and Edgerton Lodge, and reasons why interested potential purchasers hadn't received a reply, also to request a copy of the Social Vision report.**

ACTION – Clerk to deal.

The Clerk reported that the above questions had been raised with SDC on many occasions.

- A resident reported the following: -
 - The Bridge Opening event had been a good event.
 - When were Councillor surgeries to be operational?

The Clerk reported that plans for Councillor Surgeries had been deferred until after the Elections.

- Were there any updates regarding alternative parking in the Local Plan Preferred Options Consultation?

R Sweeting reported that there were no updates as SDC were awaiting a for a local business owner to produce a scheme.

- A resident asked for an update of item 8 Tadcaster Neighbourhood Plan as there was an anticipated review to take place. The resident was advised to contact D Gluck for a Timeline.

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- P Emmott reported that Tadcaster Brewing Heritage Centre would bring 1000s of visitors to the town. There was to be a Pop-Up event at Tadcaster Social Club during the last week of May 2022. The permanent use of Tadcaster Social Club for the Centre was subject to negotiation. The website was up and running and invited members to register their support.

C169 REIMPOSE STANDING ORDERS – (Item 4) -

C170 POLICE REPORT – (Item 5) - Members noted and discussed the Police report. Member raised concerns regarding the number of assaults in the town.

C171 PLANNING – (Item 6) -

Members noted and commented as required on the following applications received from Selby District Council and North Yorkshire County Council: -

a. Planning Applications –

43/21 - 45 Auster Bank View – Erection of part two-part single storey rear extension detached garage and installation of new dropped kerb.

RESOLVED – Members felt that the plans were an overdevelopment of the site and concerns were raised regarding overlooking.

1/22 - 19 Westfield Crescent – Erection of a single storey rear extension and an enclosed porch to the front door.

RESOLVED – Members had no objection to this application.

3/22 - 9 Fir Tree Crescent – Erection of single storey rear extension.

RESOLVED – Members had no objection to this application.

ACTION – Clerk to reply to SDC accordingly.

b. Granted Applications –

40/21 - 25 Garnet Lane – Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension.

c. Change of Use –

44/21 - 4 Ouston Villas Ouston Lane – Change of use – of domestic dwelling for short term lets (retrospective)

d. Appeals Applications –

18/20 - Land between Jackdaw & 50 Stutton Rd – LS24 9HE - Erection of a 3-bedroom detached dwelling with home office.

e. Amended Applications –

39/21 - Little Land Lower Smaws – Wetherby Road – Placement of ex static caravan to provide office, washing and dining facility for established forestry business (Retrospective)

f. TPO Applications

2/22 - 56 Station Road – TPO Application for consent to clean out crown and reduce crown by approx. 15% to 1No Sycamore Tree covered by TPO 10 /1987

C172 CORRESPONDENCE – (Item 7) - members noted and commented as required: -

a. YLCA – White Rose Weekly Bulletin – 18,25 March, 1,8,14 April 2022.

b. NALC – Practitioners Guide 2022.

c. Northern Powergrid – Freedom – Essential Work to Electricity Supply Equipment – members update of works to upgrade mains electricity on Westgate, Kirkgate, High Street, Chapel Street, Bridge Street, and News Street for approximately 10 Weeks.

d. Martin House – Letter of thanks for Chairmans Allowance Donation.

e. Yorkshire Magneteers Battle of Roses Event – Request for Magnet Fishing in River on Tadcaster Town Council owned land.

The Deputy Clerk reported that the above event organiser had asked for permission to use the Council Logo on advertising.

Members agreed for use of the Council Logo.

ACTION – Clerk to deal

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C173 TADCASTER NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN – (Item 8)

- a. **Members update** – None
- b. **Tadcaster Volunteer Car Service** – Members approved a reply letter.

C179 ENVIRONMENT AGENCY – (Item 9) -

- a. **Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme Newsletter March 2022** - Members noted.
- b. **Environment Agency - Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme Letter to MP** – Members noted.
- c. **Update of Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme** – discussed above.
- d. **Environment Agency** – Members noted a Notice of Entry onto Tadcaster Town Council owned land – Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme.

Members agreed to discuss item 13 at this stage of the meeting

C180 QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE – (Item 13)

- a. **2 June 2022 - Beacon Lighting** – Members update
R Sweeting reported that he was to arrange the gas bottle required for the event.
C Stephenson agreed to supply refreshments for the event.
- b. **5 June 2022 - Market** – Members update.
R Sweeting reported that the Market would be smaller than the Christmas Market. All plans were on course and ongoing.
The Clerk reported that hanging baskets were to be up prior to the Jubilee.
Members agreed to discuss items 13 c & d in Private Session.
- c. **Picnic Benches** – Members to consider temporary picnic benches by the river.
- d. **The Queens Greens Canopy Project** – Members to consider a “Plant a Tree for the Jubilee” initiative.

C180 UKRAINE DONATION – (Item 14) - Members discussed and considered making a Donation to The Ukraine Appeal.

Members were keen that consideration be made to all Tadcaster based refugees from any nation.
ACTION – Councillor C Stephenson to research Tadcaster Refugees as report back to the Council meeting on 21 June 2021.

C181 COUNCIL MEETINGS – (item 11) -

- a. Members discussed a location for Council meetings 2022/2023.
Members felt that the room could be set up better
Following discussion members agreed the following: -
RESOLVED – to hold meetings in the Boys Sunday School for a further 6 months following the 17 May 2022 Annual Council meeting.
ACTION – Clerk to deal
Members considered revised rates for Tadcaster Sunday School Rooms 2022/2023.
Members agreed the revised rates.
Annual Town Council Minutes – Members to consider and agree the approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes.
The Clerk reported that the Council had historically approved the Annual Town Minutes at the meeting of the following year and felt that approval at the next Council meeting of the year would be more appropriate.
RESOLVED – That Town Council Meeting Minutes be approved at the next Council meeting following the Annual Town Council meeting.

C182 COUNCIL COMPUTERS (Item 12) –

- Members agreed to discuss this item in Private Session.**
- a. **Computer Backup** - Members to discuss a way forward for Council Computer Backup.

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b. Business Care – Members to discuss and consider a Business Care Package for Council Computers.

C183 QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE – (Item 13) This was discussed at Minute C180

a. 2 June 2022 - Beacon Lighting – Members update

b. 5 June 2022 - Market – Members update.

c. Picnic Benches – Members to consider temporary picnic benches by the river.

d. The Queens Greens Canopy Project – Members to consider a “Plant a Tree for the Jubilee” initiative.

C184 CIL & S106 STATEMENTS – (Item 14) -

a. Members noted the CIL Statement.

b. Members to note the S106 Statement.

The Clerk reported that S106 funding had been used for the purchase of benches for the town. There was £1493 CIL funding remaining.

C185 FINANCE - Payment of Accounts – (Item 15) - Three Councillors approved and signed the cheques and stubs. Schedule to be circulated at the meeting.

9832	G C Electronics	99.00	19.80	118.80
9833	Broxap	1037.00	207.40	1244.40
9834	Mike Dando	1473.60	0	1473.60
9835	YLCA	929.00	0	929.00
9836	Firesolve	166.05	33.21	199.26
9837	B K Parnaby & Sons	293.50	58.70	352.20
9838	B K Parnaby & Sons	174.08	34.81	208.89
9839	B K Parnaby & Sons	95.70	19.14	114.84
9840	D C Cleaning Solutions	84.00	0	84.00
9841	ICCM	95.00	0	95.00
9842	NYCOM	135.00	27.00	162.00
9843	Pullan Landscapes	180.00	0	180.00
9844	S P Memorials	60.00	0	60.00
9845	Tadsigns	20.00	0	20.00
9846	Vision ICT	65.00	13.00	78.00
9847	North Yorkshire County Council	1927.15	385.43	2312.58
9848	J Crowther (Sonic Wall)	428.80	0	428.80
9849	Stephenson Memorial Works	166.00	0	166.00
9850	B K Parnaby & Sons	2596.99	519.39	3116.38
9851	Tadcaster Brewery Heritage Centre	234.00	0	234.00
9852	Marc Mottershead Garden Services	90.00	0	90.00
9853	Administration	5826.42	0	5826.42
9857				
9858	Administration	134.70	0	134.70
9859	Administration	61.20	0	61.20

DD1	Business Stream	24/03/22	45.20	0	45.20
DD2	Selby District Council	1/04/22	435.30	0	435.30
		1/05/22 – 1/10/23	9X 434.00		3906.00
DD3	Selby District Council	1/04/22	391.20	0	391.20
		1/05/22 – 1/10/22	9X389.00		3501.00

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DD4	Business Stream	21/04/22	9.95	0	9.95
DD5	BT	2/04/22	295.67	59.13	354.80
DD6	RICOH	10/04/22	222.52	44.50	267.02

C186 REPORTS BY DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS – (Item 16) - Members update regarding County and District matters.

R Sweeting reported that he was in contact with SDC regarding unsatisfactory street cleansing.

C187 WEBSITE NEWSLETTER AND MEDIA ITEMS – (Item 17) - To suggest appropriate matters from this meeting to place on the website, Newsletter, Facebook and before the media.

The Website link for The Brewing Heritage Centre on the Councils Website.

C188 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – (Item 18) – Members approved as a correct record the Minutes of the following Council and Committee meetings: -

a. Council held 15 March 2022

To consider exclusion of the press and public by virtue of the Public (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed at the following agenda items only.

C189 COUNCIL EMAIL TO SELBY DISTRICT COUNCIL – (Item 19) - Members discussed an email sent to Selby District Council requesting funding for shops and businesses in the town following recent flooding.

Following a Councillors negative comments regarding the content of the above email the Councillor concerned apologised to the Clerk.

R Sweeting reported that information regarding Government Funding was due.

Members raised concerns regarding the number of businesses unable to continue owing to the cost and lack of flood insurance.

C190 QUOTATION COUNCIL COMPUTERS (Item 20) -

a. Members considered a quotation received for the purchase of a Council Computer and backup equipment.

The Clerk reported that the Council presently had 3 computers which was the same age as the NAS. The computers were usable however the NAS was failing and would need replacing.

Replacement of all 3 computers would be required at the same time.

The Clerk explained the requirement for Laptop for meeting purposes and efficiency.

b. Members considered a quotation received for Computer Support.

The Clerk explained the monthly Business Support Package.

RESOLVED - Members agreed the following: -

- **The purchase of a laptop and a NAS.**
- **The purchase of Computer Business Support**

ACTION – Clerk to seek further quotes for replacement computers at the next appropriate F&GP meeting

C191 QUOTATION – QUEEN PLATINUM JUBILEE – (Item 21) –

The Clerk reported that funding of £3,000 had been received from NYCC Community Fund and Council reserves of £3,000 could be used for the following: -

- Queens Green Canopy Trees - Fruit Trees and a British Legion Jubilee Plaque at Westfield Allotments.
- Picnic benches for use at the Jubilee market and then be placed by the river. 2 Benches to be placed on banking above the beach and 3 in the Church area.
- The Market and festivities and Beacon Lighting

R Sweeting suggested inviting the Deputy Lieutenant to open the canopy and plaque.

He suggested that Westfield Allotments be changed to The Jubilee Allotments.

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ACTION – Clerk to put the renaming of Westfield Allotments on the next appropriate Council agenda.

- a. Picnic Benches** – Members considered a quote received for picnic benches on the riverside.
- b. The Queens Greens Canopy Project** – Members considered a quote received for Canopy Project trees.

RESOLVED: - Members agreed the above quotations.