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MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17 January 2023 AT 7 PM IN THE ARK

PRESENT:	CHAIRMAN	D Bowgett
	COUNCILLORS	J Chiswick, P Grasby, F Grieg, D Mackay, C Metcalfe, K Poskitt & C Stephenson
	CLERK	J Crowther
	DEPUTY CLERK	J Mottershead
	ALSO PRESENT	Police Constable - N Woods, & 2 members of the public

C178 APOLOGIES – (Item 1) - To receive, record and approve apologies for absence, S Cobb, P Emmott, M Middlemiss, R Sweeting & C Stephenson.

C179 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – (Item 2) - To receive and record declarations of interest at this point or at any other point on the agenda – None.

Members agreed to discuss item 5 at this stage of the agenda.

C180 POLICE REPORT – (Item 5) –

a. Members noted and discussed the Police report.

N Woods reported that a drugs operation in Rosemary Court, Tadcaster on 29 December 2022, a Warrant had been used resulting in an arrest. This had sent a positive message to the community. Evidence was being gathered on further properties in the town. A great deal of Evidence over a 7-day period was required to secure a Warrant and give grounds for an arrest. If Councillors or members of the public had any information this should be given anonymously online or telephone via the Police Crimestoppers or 101 Services.

K Poskitt thanked the Police for their continued local community contact and encouraged further publication of how the public could report crime.

She had found that reporting incidents via the online Crimestoppers page had been easy.

P Grasby reported that he had recently witnessed a hooded youth in Inholmes Lane followed by an upset member of the public who had witnessed an exchange of drugs.

D Mackay reported that he had repeatedly reported incidents of drug crime at a Council owned house in Woodlands to Selby District Council who had failed to deal with or evict the resident.

N Woods reiterated the significance of reporting criminal incidents which would always be treated anonymously if requested.

C Metcalfe thanked N Woods for his report, he understood the difficulties regarding the gathering of evidence required to secure drug related arrests. He was grateful that the Police were taking drug crime seriously at a local level.

a. Police Update regarding drug dealing in the town – discussed above.

C181 PUBLIC SESSION – SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS - (Item 3) - To allow members of the public to speak on any matter as it relates to the town –

- A resident reported that a member of the public had been seriously injured by a Drug Driver the seriously injured man had been taken by ambulance to hospital.

F Greig had witnessed drivers high speeds through the centre of the town.

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N Woods reported that there had been plans for the use of Matrix speeding equipment in the town, this had been delayed as the Community Officer responsible had moved areas.

Plans were underway for use of Police Pro laser speeding equipment around the town.

- A resident reported that surface water flooding had occurred on 10 January 2022 in Bridge Street, this had reoccurred on 11 January 2022 when there was no rainfall at the time, he believed the rivers non-return valve had not been work as it should.

The MPs Senior Assistant had been onsite and had raised the issue with North Yorkshire County Council and Yorkshire Water. He had held an emergency discussion with Senior Officer at Yorkshire Water. The use of cameras to provide evidence had been discussed.

He felt that repairs to the valve were required as soon as possible and ideally during the coming predicted low rain forecast.

K Poskitt reported that the MP, all authorities, and community groups had been working together to gather evidence required to ensure that actions were taken to solve ongoing surface water flooding issues.

The Deputy Clerk reported that the Environment Agency were to meet with Yorkshire Water and North Yorkshire County Council on 24 January 2023.

C Metcalfe thanked all involved and suggested that feedback from the above meetings with Yorkshire Water be discussed at the next appropriate meeting.

REIMPOSE STANDING ORDERS -

C182 POLICE REPORT – (Item 5) – this item was discussed at Minute C180.

- a. Members to note and discuss the Police report.
- b. Police Update regarding drug dealing in the town.

C183 PLANNING – (Item 6) - Members noted and commented as required on the following applications received from Selby District Council: -

a. Planning Applications –

30/22 - 18 Heatherdene - Conversion of existing garage to form study and erection of single storey porch to front elevation.

RESOLVED – Members had no objection to the above application.

31/22 - John Smiths Brewery – High Street Advertisement consent for 2 No internally illuminated fascia signs.

RESOLVED – Members had no objection to the above application.

32/22 - Tower Brewery Wetherby Road – Installation of additional external plant items forming part of the CO2 recovery project consisting of 2No Chillers and 1 No roof mounted CO2 condenser.

RESOLVED – Members had no objection to the above application.

ACTION – Clerk to reply to SDC accordingly.

b. Granted Applications -

27/22 – 13 Golf Links Crescent - Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension.

c. Appeal - 33/22 – Tadcaster Library, Station Road – Replacement of existing window with PVC.

d. National Grid – Notice of Acceptance of an application for a development consent order by the Planning Inspectorate (on behalf of The Secretary of State for business energy and industrial strategy) under section 56 of the Planning Act 2008. Proposal to upgrade and reinforce the electricity transmission system in Yorkshire.

C184 CORRESPONDENCE – (Item 7) - members noted and commented as required: -

a. Tadcaster Swimming Pool – Email regarding Tadcaster Swimming Pool future finances.

K Poskitt reported that she had been in contact with the manager of the Swimming Pool who had contacted the NYCC Leader to state the importance of preserving the facility and explain funding difficulties during the present financial crisis. Tadcaster Swimming Pool had never

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previously required financial support from NYCC. It was uncertain how the new authority was to offer financial support to businesses and community facilities.

P Grasby reported that Tadcaster Swimming Pool Trust funding would run out in October 2023 the use of the Trusts reserves would be required going forward.

C Metcalfe suggested that the Town Council writes a supporting letter to the Leader of NYCC and CC the Chief Executive and the MP explaining the Trusts financial difficulties and the risk that the facility would have to consider closing without financial support.

RESOLVED – The Council to write to NYCC as above.

ACTION – Clerk to liaise with K Poskitt to compile a letter as above.

b. YLCA – White Rose Bulletin – 9 December 2022 & 6 January 2023.

c. Tadcaster Historical Society - Geophysics survey along the Riverside – Council permission for the use of Geophysics equipment on Tadcaster Town Council owner land.

The Clerk reported that permission had been agreed in 2019 prior to Covid 19 Restrictions permission was again been sought for the project during 2023.

RESOLVED – The Council agreed permission for the above project to be carried out on Town Council owned riverside land.

C185 TADCASTER RURAL CIC – (Item 8) -

a. Members update -

b. Tadcaster Market – Members to discuss and agree Community Funding by the County Councillor for Tadcaster Market equipment.

K Poskitt reported that the first market was to take place in March 2023. She offered funding for a gazebo and benches for market traders from her Locality Funding. The equipment could be used for other events in the town.

RESOLVED – Members voted unanimously and thanked K Poskitt for the funding as above.

c. Tadcaster Community Art Project – Members to note a report regarding the project.

K Poskitt reported that the Art Project and Silk Work projects had been successful and well attended. The artwork was to be framed and displayed at venues around the town including The Riley Smith Hall. The Town Council were thanked for their funding.

Members admired the Silk Work circulated at the meeting.

The Silk Work of The Ark was to be gifted the Town Council.

C186 TADCASTER COMMUNITY SUPPORT – ((Item 9) - Members update of Tadcaster Community Support of the meeting on 10 January 2023.

C Metcalfe reported that the meeting held on 10 January had discussed Christmas and how well the support had been received by Elderly and vulnerable residents in the town. Community Centres had received positive feedback had been reenergised and were looking at providing other schemes. K Poskitt and T Jenkinson (NYCC) had been heavily involved. The project had highlighted the requirement for Community Funding contributions towards vital equipment required in Community Centres.

The Food Bank was to be transferred to The Barn.

D Gluck and K Poskitt were to draw up a Volunteer Rota to be discussed at the February meeting.

K Poskitt reported that the project had achieved a lot and had empowered people to deliver support. There was a need for a Community Transport Network which would provide clarity as to where elderly and vulnerable people could find Transport information. This was to be discussed with NYCC.

C Metcalfe urged district Councillors to consider the use of their Community Fund for Tadcaster Community Support.

D Mackay pledged £500 of his Community Fund for Tadcaster Community Support.

SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS

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A resident reported that Tadcaster Treat Association had needed to increase the cost of the Over 70s Annual Treat in The Riley Smith Hall due to changes in Catering management.

D Bowgett suggested that the Council discusses and considers the Councils contribution to Tadcaster Treat Association at budget meetings later in the year.

REIMPOSE STANDING ORDERS

C187 ENVIRONMENT AGENCY – (Item 10) -

a. Members update regarding Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme – Members noted an update circulated to members prior to the meeting.

b. Members update of recent high river levels in the town – this item was discussed at Minute C181.

C188 CIVILITY & RESPECT – (Item 11) - Members discussed and considered online training events.

The Clerk reported that signing of the Civility & Respect Pledge required the Council to undergo training. Council Funding was available for training.

K Poskitt felt that training was important and would be a reminder to Councillors of the Code of Conduct.

C Metcalfe felt that Councillors should be abiding by the Code of Conduct. Training could be considered once Councillors had sought information on training courses.

ACTION – Clerk to circulate a link to Civility and Respect online Training for members to consider.

C189 TADCASTER QUAKER BURIAL GROUND – (Item 12) - Members update of future the Quaker Burial Ground following North Yorkshire County Council Devolution.

K Poskitt was confident that the Burial Ground would remain a safe community asset, she was waiting a response from SDC. The Deputy Clerk had forwarded a copy of the Deeds.

ACTION - K Poskitt to chase the above SDC response.

C190 COUNCILLORS COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS – (Item 13) -

a. Members discussed Councillor attendance at Committee meetings.

D Bowgett reported that the Environment Committee meeting on 4 October 2022 and The Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting on 6 December had been cancelled as they were not Quorate.

The Clerk reported that Councillors notice of apologies prior to a meeting was helpful in establishing if meetings are liable to be quorate.

Members were mindful of making apologies prior to a meeting and were asked to inform the office at least 1 day prior to a Council or Committee meeting.

b. Members discussed Councillor membership of the Staffing Sub Committee.

The Clerk reported that she had been unable to arrange a Staffing Committee meeting due to lack of Councillors able to attend. Online meetings could be arranged.

RESOLVED – Councillors F Greig and K Poskitt were elected to stand on the Staffing Committee.

ACTION – Clerk to deal.

c. Members discussed Councillor membership of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

The Clerk reported that F&GP Councillor membership was low.

RESOLVED – Councillor F Greig was elected to serve on the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

C191 THE CORONATION OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING – (Item 14) - Members discussed plans for the King Charles III Coronation 6 May 2023.

The Clerk reported that the national lighting of Beacons was not to take place for The Kings Coronation, the event was to be different to the Queens Jubilee Celebrations.

Members were asked if they agreed for Councils Bunting and Flags to be used during the celebrations.

RESOLVED – Members agreed for the Councils Bunting and Flags to be put up.

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ACTION – Clerk to deal.

C Metcalfe suggested that a Steering Group to include Businesses, the Community and Councillors be established to bring together ideas for the Coronation.

RESOLVED –

- **That a Steering Group as above be established to discuss Events for The Coronation.**
- **Councillors F Greig, K Poskitt and C Metcalfe to serve on the above Steering Group and hold an initial meeting to discuss a way forward.**

The Clerk reported that St Mary`s Church had sent a save the date notification for a Church Service to celebrate the Coronation was to be held at 4.00pm on 7 May 2023.

K Poskitt reported the idea of a Scarecrow Open Gardens Event had been discussed.

C192 SELBY DISTRICT COUNCIL UPDATES – (Item 15) - Car Park & Bus Station - Members update of Selby District Council maintenance/ upgrade works in Britannia Car Park & Bus Station.

The Clerk read out an update regarding the refurbishment of the Bus Station. She was awaiting a further update.

D Bowgett reported there was to be a Bus Station Consultation.

D Mackay reported he had attended an onsite meeting and was informed that progress would be seen early in the 2023, no updated had yet been received.

C Metcalfe suggested that the Council kept pressure on SDC for the refurbishment of the Bus Station prior to formation of the new authority as if works were not commissioned funding could be lost.

K Poskitt reported that she had received resident issues regarding buses not turning up. She had asked SDC for the inclusion of Digital Display Boards to be included in the scheme.

C193 NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL – (Item 16) - Members noted Briefing Note December 2022.

C194 REPORTS BY DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS – (Item 17) - Members update regarding County and District matters.

District – D Mackay reported that there was a diminishing number of staff at SDC resulting in a lack of replies to queries.

County – K Poskitt reported that plans for the Council Transition was moving at a pace.

Resident Information would include changes to Council Tax etc. Charges were to be implemented for Green Bin provision. Information would be available for the Councils May Newsletter.

C Metcalfe that residents required clarification and updates as to how the new authority would affect them.

K Poskitt reported that there was to be a greatly improved user-friendly website and phonenumber.

C195 FINANCE – (Item 18) -

a. Payment of Accounts – Three Councillors approved and signed the cheques and stubs. Schedule to be circulated at the meeting: -

10015	Katie Strickland	20.00	0	20.00
10016	The Poppy Appeal	25.00	0	25.00
10017	North Yorkshire County Council	2968.95	593.79	3562.74
10018 10021	Administration	11282.01	0	11282.01
10022	Administration	96.00	0	96.00
10023	Administration	48.60	0	48.60
10024	Pullan Landscapes	185.00	0	185.00
10025	Urbaser Ltd	306.35	61.27	367.62
10026	Calcaria Cleaning	70.00	0	70.00
10027	B K Parnaby & Sons	6112.50	1222.50	7335.00
10027	B K Parnaby & Sons	890.00	178.00	1068.00
10028	B Bowgett Chairmans Allowance	350.00	0	350.00

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Direct Debits

Eon	22/12/22	14.74	0.74	15.48
Eon	22/12/22	2302.67	460.53	2763.20
Business Stream	10/01/23	92.12	0	92.12
Nycom	25/12/22	42.00	8.40	50.40
Nycom	25/01/23	42.00	8.40	50.40
Business Stream	20/01/23	30.57	0	30.57

b. Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments (SAAA) – Members noted the Notification of external auditor appointment for the 2022-2023 financial year for the 5-year period until 2026-2027.

C196 WEBSITE NEWSLETTER AND MEDIA ITEMS – (Item 19) - To suggest appropriate matters from this meeting to place on the website, Newsletter, Facebook and before the media: - Police Crimestoppers and 101 information. The Kings Coronation as appropriate.

C197 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – (Item 20) – Members to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the following Council and Committee meetings: -

The Clerk reported that the Council meeting on 22 November 2022 had been extremely difficult to minute owing to the nature of Item C134 – Eleven Arches. Discussions became heated and included angry exchanges by members of the Public and Councillors. Discussions were loud and members of the public and Councillors were talking over each other and were not carried out properly through the Chairman.

The following paragraph had been included in the minutes to explain the nature of conversation at the meeting: -

“During the above discussions there were several heated exchanges between Tadcaster Greenbelt Protection Group and Council members and D Gluck that were not made through the Chairman.”

Members agreed to the wording of the above paragraph.

An email received from Tadcaster Greenbelt Protection Group had requested that a comment made by Councillor D Mackay during the meeting be included in the minutes.

Members were informed that there were several comments made by members of the public and Councillors, it was agreed that one comment could not be singled out.

Members of the public had made comments to Councillors during the meeting these had not been recorded, they were made during heated exchanges and not through the Chairman.

C Metcalfe reported that Council Minutes are a non-verbatim record of the proceedings and flow of the meeting and the outcomes.

Members present at the meeting agreed that the minutes of the 22 November 2022 were a correct record of the meeting.

RESOLVED – Members approved minutes of the Council meeting held on 22 November 2022.

Members approved as a correct record the Minutes of the following Council and Committee meetings: -

a. Council Meeting	held	18 October 2022
b. Environment Committee Meeting	held	8 November 2022
c. Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting	held	8 November 2022
d. Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting	held	6 December 2022
e. Council meeting	held	6 December 2022

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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.

C198 CEMETERY TREES – (Item 21) - Members update of trees in the Cemetery.

The Clerk reported that relevant Tree Report information had been forwarded to Barnes Associates to be reviewed.