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Open Monday to Thursday 9.30am to 12.30pm

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18 JULY 2023 AT 7 PM IN THE ARK

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN D Bowgett

COUNCILLORS J Chiswick, S Cobb, F Greig, C Metcalfe & R Sweeting (Part)

DEPUTY CLERK J Mottershead

ALSO PRESENT K Ickeringill Environment Agency,

3 members of the public

C25 APOLOGIES – (Item 1) - To receive, record and approve apologies for absence, D Mackay, M Middlemiss, K Poskitt & C Stephenson.

C26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – (Item 2) - To receive and record declarations of interest at this point or at any other point on the agenda.

Members agreed to discuss item 6 at this stage of the meeting.

C27 ENVIRONMENT AGENCY – (Item 6) -

a. An Environment Agency representative in attendance to update members regarding Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme.

K Ickeringill reported that Consultation Drop-in Sessions were now completed.

Planning was at the Pre-Application stage, the EA were working with NYC head of planning, work would take 2/3 weeks. This exercise would highlight if further information was required.

Ecology, Biodiversity and Heritage information would be required. This would be presented to Council in due course.

Service Investigation works in areas around the Bridge were due in the coming weeks these would require evening Road Closures.

R Sweeting joined the meeting.

Ground investigation works in Mill Lane/ Wise Owl area were imminent.

Visualisations of a Heritage Trail would be made available in the near future.

- **b.** Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme Members noted Newsletter July 2023.
- **c.** Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme Members noted Fish Pass Consultation Summary July 2023.
- **d.** Yorkshire Water Members update of Yorkshire Water Valve Works.

K Ickeringill reported that the EA had no powers to insist that Yorkshire Water carried out valve works which would be taken forward on a goodwill basis. Following a meeting with YW he had stated that as YW had previously committed to installing a Flex Valve he asked for this work to be completed. This was to be completed in the near future. He reported that the valve would not completely solve surface water flooding, if water was to back up onto Bridge Street during flooding there were plans in place for YW to supply water pumps.

All relevant authorities were working in partnership to build a scheme together.

Following meetings with North Yorkshire Council, YW and the EA a package was being designed and put together to incorporate works to aid surface water flooding into the Flood Alleviation Scheme plans.

C27 SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS – 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.

A resident reported that the above valve work had been promised to be completed by the end of July 2023. He asked how confident the EA where that the pipes which flooded on Bridge Street would be watertight? And what would be the plan if flooding was to occur from now to completion.

K Ickeringill reiterated he could not force YW to carry out the works and that was a matter for the EA & YW.

REIMPOSE STANDING ORDERS - (Item 4) -

K Ickeringill reported that he would report back to Council with further updates.

C28 PUBLIC SESSION - SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS - (Item 3) -

• A resident asked the Council if there had been a reply regarding the Broad Acres Planning Application following Council comments regarding the plans, in particular confirmation regarding highway status and consideration regarding a 20MPH limit on The Coach Road.

Members reported that Council comments were on NYC Planning page of the website, responses to comments would not be available on the website.

The resident was advised to contact NYC Councillor for updates regarding the above.

• A resident enquired if the Council were to hold Councillor Surgeries as agreed at previous Council meetings?

F Greig felt that Councillor Surgeries were a good idea and suggested that they be held on a quarterly basis.

Members were informed that there was a Community Drop In on 2 August 2023 6.00pm – 7.30pm at The Barn. The Police and North Yorkshire County Councillor would be in attendance.

ACTION – Clerk to include Councillor Surgeries on the Council Agenda 15 August 2023.

• A resident reported that he had attended the Tadcaster Neighbourhood Development Plan Drop-in Session prior to the meeting, where he had raised the issue of delays in the Selby Local Plan resulting in TNDP being published in advance of SLP.

D Bowgett reported that it would be late 2023 before TNDP Consultation information would be correlated and NYC would be in a better position regarding SLP.

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

C28 SELBY DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN – (Item 9) - Members update of Selby District Local Plan.

In the absence of NYC Councillor Poskitt, S Cobb read out an update regarding SLP.

SLP was at the same stage with technical works to be completed. Discussions with Sam Smiths Brewery were planned. A statement would be made to the town as soon as any decisions had been concluded, this would be shared to Tadcaster Town Council. There was an NYC Executive meeting in September 2023.

A resident felt that it would be at the Executives discretion as to whether to take the SLP forward or for NYC to revise. He felt the situation was in a state of chaos.

C Metcalfe reported that Town Council were unable to do anything at this stage. There had been issues in other areas of North Yorkshire regarding the Plan, it would be a County decision as to whether to pause the Plan or to roll it into a 1-5 year Plan. The Town Council would have to await an NYC Executive decision. Residents could lobby the NYC Councillor on behalf of the Town Council.

RESIMPOSE STANDING ORDERS -

- C29 POLICE REPORT (Item 5)
 - a. Members noted the Police report.

Members thanked the Police for their efforts in tackling Drug Issue problems in the town.

- **b. Police Front Counter** Members noted the Front Counter Service at Tadcaster Police Station Monday Friday 9am 12.30pm.
- **c. Community Drop In –** Members noted the Community Drop in at The Barn, St Joseph's Street Wednesday 2 August 2023 6pm 7.30pm.
- **C30 ENVIRONMENT AGENCY (Item 6) –** This was discussed at minute C27.
 - **a.** An Environment Agency representative in attendance to update members regarding Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme.
 - **b.** Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme Newsletter July 2023. Members to note.
 - **c.** Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme Members noted the Fish Pass Consultation Summary July 2023.
 - **d.** Yorkshire Water Members update of Yorkshire Water Valve Works.
- **C31 PLANNING (Item 7)** Members noted and commented as required on the following applications received from Selby District Council:
 - a. Planning Applications -
 - 13/23 31 Station Road Single storey rear extension.

RESOLVED - Members had no objection to the application.

ACTION - Clerk to reply to NYC accordingly.

- b. Granted Applications -
- **37/22 Le Trayas, Inholmes Lane –** Conversion of loft area into one-bedroom en-suite and one bedroom plus store area and replace prefabricated garage with integral rendered block garage.
- **11/23 11 West Mount,** Erection of first floor side extension over existing single storey extension, plus increased width
- C32 CORRESPONDENCE (Item 8) members noted and commented as required:
 - a. YLCA White Rose Bulletin 16 & 30 June 2023.
 - b. NALC Chief Executive Bulletin 15, 22 & 29 June & 6 July 2023.
 - **c. YLCA** Carbon Literacy Training for Local Councils Members to discuss and consider interest in Carbon Literacy Training.
 - **d. YLCA** Yorkshire & Humber Climate Commission (YHCC) Consultation Have your Say. Members to consider a reply to the four live consultations: New Build Homes & Places, Nature Recovery, Infrastructure & Green Jobs & Skills Members agreed to reply on an individual basis
 - e. YLCA Training & Discussion Forums 12 24 July 2023.
 - **f. North Yorkshire Council** New Local Transport Plan Engagement for stakeholders Survey Members to discuss and consider a reply to the Survey members agreed to reply on an individual basis.
 - **g.** North Yorkshire Council Speak up on Countryside Access Apply to join North Yorkshire Local Access Forum Closing date for applications 4 August 2023.
 - **h.** North Yorkshire Council Selby Garden Waste Garden Waste Service for the Selby Area is changing Notice of charges to March 2024.
 - R Sweeting reported that Selby District Council had not previously charged for Green Waste due to good housekeeping, NYC charges were inevitable as other areas in North Yorkshire were currently being charged.
 - **i. Department of Health & Social Care** Registering defibrillators on "The Circuit" the national defibrillator database.

ACTION – Clerk to chase Defibrillator Registration information from Tadcaster Flood Action Group.

- **j.** Dales to Vales Rivers Network What are your aspirations for our Rivers" Members to consider replying to the online Questionnaire Members agreed to reply on an individual basis.
- **C33 SELBY DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN (Item 9)** Members update of Selby District Local Plan this item was discussed at minute C28.

Members were informed that the Council had received an email regarding Tadcaster Neighbourhood Development Plan concerns.

Members agreed to discuss the email in the Confidential Session.

C34 SPEED LIMITS AND DATA EVIDENCE – (Item 10) -

a. Members update response from North Yorkshire Council regarding Criteria required for Council funding for VAS purposes.

D Bowgett reported that S Cobb & P Grasby had collated the required information required for the installation of Vehicular Activated Signs in the town, in the interim Yorkshire Local Councils Association had highlighted the requirement for evidence for VAS in order to justify Council spend. This had led to conflicting information and confusion and led to the Council seeking advice regarding the matter. He updated members regarding costs for the scheme. One VAS sign could be half funded by CIL and the remainder by Council Reserves a second sign would be from the Councils Reserves.

R Sweeting reported that a decision could not be made at the meeting as there were insufficient members present at the meeting to make a decision.

C Metcalfe reported that the Council had agreed in principle to the installation of VAS, costings for the scheme would require Council consideration.

RESOLVED - Costings and budget/financial information be discussed at the next appropriate Council meeting.

ACTION - Clerk to deal.

C35 TADCASTER BUS STATION UPDATE – (Item 11) - Members update of North Yorkshire Council/Align Tadcaster Bus Station plans – Bus Shelter Refurbishment and Changing Places Extension. Members noted a Bus Station Timeline update.

S Cobb asked if there were any NYC updates regarding Electrical Charging Points in Britannia Car Park.

ACTION – Clerk to seek an update regarding the above.

C36 NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL – (Item 12) - Councillor K Poskitt to update members regarding North Yorkshire Council.

Councillor Poskitt was absent from the meeting.

- C37 ARMED FORCES CHAMPION (Item 13) Members update regarding Armed Forces Champion. S Cobb reported that he had attended an Armed Forces event at Leeds United Football ground. It had been agreed following the event for a monthly Armed Forces Veterans event to be held in Tadcaster at The Barn. He would update the Council in due course.
- COUNCILLOR VACANCIES (Item 14) Members update of Tadcaster West Councillor Vacancies. Members were informed that the closing date for the Co option of a Councillor for the West Ward was 11 September 2023, an NYC advert for the second vacancy had been advertised as required.
- C39 COUNCIL POLICES (Item 15) Members approved changes to the following Polices:
 - a. Council Terms of Reference.
 - **b.** Standing Orders
 - **c.** Code of Conduct
 - d. Complaints Procedure
- C40 FINANCE (Item 16) -

a. Payment of Accounts – Two Councillors approved and signed the Payment Schedule sheet to be paid by electronic payment. Schedule circulated at the meeting.

Cheque Payment – Approved & Signed at F&GP Meeting 4 July 2023

Living Landscapes	1439.48	0	1439.48
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Electronic Payments

	NET	VAT	TOTAL
Administration	5739.55	0	5739.55
Calcaria Cleaning	105.00	21.00	126.00
Cookie Graphic Design	1750.00	0	1750.00
DCG Tree Surgery	152.50	0	152.50
Fulprint	1270.00	81.00	1351.00
Living Landscapes	1782.66	0	1782.66
Living Landscapes	120.00	0	120.00
Metrosigns	47.50	9.50	57.00
North Yorkshire Council	1257.14	251.43	1508.57
Pullan Landscape	4177.60	0	4177.60
The Advertising Bike Company	693.00	138.60	831.60
TOTAL	17094.95	501.53	17596.48

Direct Debits

		Date	NET	VAT	TOTAL
1	BT	2/07/23	198.56	39.71	238.27
2	NYCOM	25/06/23	146.50	29.30	175.80
3	Information Commissioners Office	11/08/23	35.00	0	35.00
4	Business Stream	6/07/23	73.14	0	73.14
5	NYCOM	25/07/23	187.40	37.48	224.88
6	e.on Next	20/07/23	3695.24	739.05	4434.29
		TOTAL	4335.84	845.54	5181.38

- **b. Retrospective Payment** Members approved a retrospective cheque payment, recommended by the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting on 4 July 2023.
- **C41 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 Tadcaster Veteran Armed Forces events, Tadcaster FAS Updates.
- **C42** APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 18) Members approved as a correct record the Minutes of the following Council and Committee meetings: -

a. Council Meeting held 20 June 2023
b. Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held 4 July 2023

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.

C43 SELBY LOCAL PLAN - TADCASTER NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN -

D Bowgett read out an email regarding Tadcaster Greenbelt Protection Groups concerns regarding TNDP. A reply was required by 21 July 2023.

Members raised concerns regarding comments that could be interpreted that the Council was predominately in favour of the use of Greenbelt land, members felt this was untrue.

S Cobb was concerned regarding elements of the email and felt that the group should be asked to remove derogatory language used against the Council.

RESOLVED - That the response to the above email includes the following: -

- The community has access to all Council and Committee meetings and minutes.
- The Council wishes it to be publicly noted that it strongly refutes and denies all allegations of bias.
- The Council notes an error on the Policies Map in relation to the disused railway and field, Kelcbar, (20). TTC acknowledge this inaccuracy, which will be rectified for the final submission, and thank TGPG for drawing it to the Councils attention.
- The Council thanked the Group for their comments regarding Tadcaster Neighbourhood Development Plan 2021 2040 regulation 14 Consultation which will be taken into account at the conclusion of the Consultation.

ACTION – F Greig to compile a reply and circulate to members for comments. Clerk to send the agreed reply.

- **CEMETERY TREES (Item)** Members update of Cemetery Trees The Deputy Clerk reported that the insurance company had acknowledged receipt of required Council information.
- **C45 SPEED LIMITS AND DATA EVIDENCE (Item 20)** Members considered and discussed a letter received from a member of the public.

RESOLVED – That a reply be sent to the above resident stating that the Council had discussed and considered the letter and to thank them for their helpful detailed Speed Evidence information provided.

ACTION – D Bowgett to deal.