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Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting TADCASTER TOWN COUNCIL

Date: Tuesday 14th January 2025

Time: 7pm

Venue: The Ark, 33 Kirkgate, Tadcaster, LS24 9AQ

In attendance: Cllr D Bowgett (Mayor), Cllr R Sweeting (Deputy Mayor), Cllr G Butcher, Cllr F Greig, Cllr G Lodge, Cllr D Mackay, Cllr C Metcalfe, Cllr K Poskitt and Cllr P Tunney. In addition, 12 residents and Karl Ickeringill, Environment Agency Project Manager.

Officers: J Crowther, Town Clerk. G Ashton, Locum.

Late arrivals: Cllr Sweeting 7.01pm

early departures: none

The meeting opened at 7pm

Minutes of the Meeting

FC/25/127 APOLOGIES

a) To receive and record apologies for absence.

Apologies received in advance of the meeting from Cllr C Stephenson, Cllr S Cobb and Cllr J Chiswick.

b) To resolve to approve reasons for absence.

Resolution: to accept and approve the reasons for absence from Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Cobb and Cllr Chiswick. Unanimous.

FC/25/128 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATION REQUESTS

a) To note any written requests for dispensation the Clerk may have received from members - none received.

b) To consider any new dispensation requests – none received.

c) To receive Declarations of Interests from members not already declared under the members Code of Conduct or members Register of Interests, in any business to be transacted - none received.

FC/25/129 PUBLIC SESSION – Suspension of Standing Orders

Karl Ickeringill, EA Project Manager for the Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme. Application is on the planning portal, thanks to local residents, community groups, tenants, land owners and the Town Council. On the LPA planning portal there are currently 512 positive comments of support for the scheme. Huge thanks as many more communications have been sent and will be on the portal in the near future. The Planning Officer will review the application over the coming weeks, potentially some queries and questions to review. Because of the size and scale of the scheme, it will go to Strategic Planning Committee at North Yorkshire Council (end of April 2025). Initial phase of the scheme is hoping to be approved under pd rights (permitted development) and some of the works needs to be completed outside of the nesting season so as not to disturb established hedgerow/watercourses. Contractors will be liaised with over the next few months and hoping to start the scheme in Spring this year (2025). Aim is for Christmas 2026 for completion of the project (to the point where defences will be fully operational). Spring 2027 will see planting schedule and full completion of the project.

If there are any objections to the application or a judicial review of the decision from the LPA (planning process not followed in its entirety), this will hinder the progress of the project. Still a lot of work to do with the community: archaeological work to be undertaken in March time, working with local schools, potentially location of the old Roman Road and old town ditch. Funding is almost fully in place.

Vote of thanks from the Council for Karl for his dedication and enthusiasm towards the scheme.

Chairman's discretion to move planning application ZG2023/1299/EIA up the agenda due to the number of residents in attendance:

Due to the recent information to cease the progression of the Selby Local Plan, it is potentially unhelpful and not the right time to submit additional comments: members need to fully understand where the Council sits within the new North Yorkshire Unitary Authority and NYC Local Plan. County Cllr Poskitt is hopeful that elements of the incomplete SLP will dovetail into the new NYC Local Plan. Impossible position for Tadcaster, however, the TC cannot "make it happen", this drive in policy needs to come from North Yorkshire Council. Consensus that the Town Council wait until County Cllr Poskitt can provide an update.

Recommendations for the future of Selby Local Plan, Linda Marfitt, Head of Planning Policy & Place, North Yorkshire Council (17 Jan 2025 report to S&A Area Constituency Committee)

The NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework) sets out a limited number of opportunities to continue with existing plan production under the auspices of the former NPPF and therefore the previously agreed Standard Method for calculating housing need. The Selby Local Plan does not meet these exemptions and must therefore be prepared in accordance with the updated NPPF and the associated nationally set housing requirement.

The affordability data available for the legacy authority geographies is not able to provide a 5-yr average, however, to determine a range that the former legacy area would have to plan for officers have carried out the calculation based on the most recently available 3- year data for the Selby area and on the full 5-year North Yorkshire wide affordability data. This results in a housing requirement of between 483 and 561 dwellings per annum – between 115 to 193 more dwellings per annum than the plan target. Over a minimum plan period of 15 years from adoption this would equate to a shortfall of between 1725 and 2895 dwellings.

RECOMMENDATIONS of the report

- 14.1 Taking into account the up-to-date context for the preparation of the Selby Local Plan, most notably the implications of the new NPPF, it is the view of officers that work on the plan should be halted.
- 14.2 Irrespective of whether the plan is halted or not, the land supply position will be challenging and there will need to be a proactive approach to the delivery of sites.
- 14.3 Any substantive comments from the Development Plan Committee (17 Jan) and Selby and Ainsty Area Committee (17 Jan) meetings will be reported to Executive.
- 14.4 The Executive (4th February 2025) will be asked to recommend to Full Council (26th February 2025) that work on the Selby Local Plan is halted and that resource is focussed on the preparation of the North Yorkshire Local Plan.

1. To recommend to Full Council that work on the emerging Selby Local Plan is ceased.

2. The council works proactively to bring forward sites within the Selby area to seek to maintain land supply, using those sites identified within the draft Selby Local Plan as the starting point for discussions with site promoters/developers.
3. The council continues to promote the regeneration of Tadcaster, working with key stakeholders to support the delivery of sites and to bring derelict buildings back into use and work to ensure that evidence in respect of delivery is secured as we move through the preparation of the North Yorkshire Local Plan.

Resolution: to suspend Standing Orders 2(f) to allow members of the public to raise items of interest in the public session. Unanimous.

Resident 1 – 80% of neighbour comments on the portal are that of objection, would like the Council to support the local resident comments. I am keen to preserve the natural heritage and particular characteristics of Tadcaster that contribute to the County's economic, environmental, touristic and cultural offering and I feel no adequate justification has yet been provided for building on Greenbelt. I caveat this view with the point that we need to understand more about the North Yorkshire Plan and what it means in terms of delays and timescales and whether private development on some of the sites identified by the Selby Local Plan could still be feasible without the Plan itself. The revised NPPF does not necessarily strengthen the argument to build on greenbelt.

Resident 2 – If Eleven Arches go ahead, we have to regenerate as a town. We have one supermarket to service the entire town. Something needs to be done to address regeneration of the town of Tadcaster.

Resident 3 – roadside footpaths in Toulston and other more rural areas of the town: in the Leeds area they have used Community payback schemes. County Cllr Poskitt has raised this with NYC for community payback volunteers. 50 years ago, Wetherby and Tadcaster were very similar towns, is the future of Tadcaster best served by North Yorkshire Council or would we be better served by Leeds City Council. Tadcaster does not benefit from market forces in the way that other local towns do. Where the private sector can work, it does work. There is little competition in Tadcaster.

Resolution: to reinstate Standing Orders 2(f). Unanimous.

Resolution: no further action to be taken in respect of the planning application for Eleven Arches (ZG2023/1299/EIA). Unanimous.

FC/25/130 REPORTS FROM OTHER AUTHORITIES

a) **Police and other authorities** – PC Woods not in attendance.

- i. To note NYP report – noted
- ii. To note NYP Community Newsletter December 2024 - noted

b) **Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme & Environment Agency** – To note update regarding the Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme. A representative from the EA in attendance to update members regarding Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme.

Discussed further up the agenda in public session.

c) **County Councillor** – update from County Cllr Poskitt, and to include the following:

- i. To receive an update on the Yorkshire Water Tadcaster Flood Plan for surface Water Flooding. Meeting on 30th January 2025, long term solution for the surface water and issues in the town will be discussed at this meeting.
- ii. Bridge recently closed – very high river levels, possible surface water issues and bridge closure. Pump in action so no surface water on Bridge Street (NY day through to 2nd Jan 2025). All agencies worked well together.
- iii. To receive an update on ongoing works at the Bus Station. – completion date, end of March.

- iv. To receive an update on parking issues in the Town. – working with PC Woods on areas of the town to monitor. Parking restrictions on York Road (near the takeaway). Highways team confirmed that they were put in place in 1995, this is now in the process of been removed.
- v. To receive an update on the image of the Town and consider a way forward.
Community payback has been investigated and this would include litter picking, light touch approach. In the past the Council has used this scheme in the cemetery and on the viaduct. Cllr Poskitt has 2 contacts and is happy to progress.

Resolution: for Cllr Poskitt to progress this further. Unanimous.

- vi. Dilapidated buildings 8-10 Kirkgate. Some progress has been made with the intervention of NYC. Request for a footpath diversion to prevent any further debris to fall from the property (recent incident with a large piece of glass falling into the footway). Would it be helpful for the Council to write to the Brewery to raise the concerns. NYC inspected the building when last requested by the TC. Brewery are aware as they did instruct contractors to board up the respective window pane.

Resolution: for the Clerk to write to the Brewery on behalf of the Town Council to notify them of the concerns with the regard to the state of disrepair of the property known as 8-10 Kirkgate. Carried.

Concerns raised by Cllr Tunney regarding the additional amount of water, approximately 0.5m, in the river at Tadcaster compared to Wetherby (Flint Mill) measuring stations. The Tadcaster measuring station showed a river height of 3.3m on 01/01/25, whereas it was not expected to reach 2.9m. The Chairman offered to reach out to a member from Wetherby Town Council to raise these concerns.

FC/25/131 To APPROVE as a true and correct record, the MINUTES of the **Full Council** Meeting held on Tuesday 3 December 2024 and in addition the committee minutes as detailed below:

Finance & General Purposes Committee - Members to approve the minutes of the 3 December 2024.

Resolution: to accept and approve as a true and accurate record the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd December 2024 and in addition the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 3rd December 2024. Unanimous.

FC/25/132 PLANNING

Members to note and resolve to comment on the following applications received (North Yorkshire Council):

(a) Planning Applications

<i>Valid date</i>	<i>Planning Reference</i>	<i>Description of application</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
02 Dec 24	ZG2024/1240/HPA	Demolition of existing garage/store and proposed single storey rear extension and two storey side extension	15 Heatherdene, Tadcaster, LS24 8EZ	30 Dec 24 (extension requested)
12 Dec 24	ZG2023/1299/EIA	Outline planning application (some matters reserved) for a development of up to 410 dwellings (Use Class C3) including 40% affordable housing; up to 5,100sqm of specialist older persons accommodation (Use Class C3); mobility hub including school drop off zone; structural planting and landscaping; informal public open space and children's play areas; surface water flood mitigation; and vehicular access points and associated ancillary works. All matters reserved except for vehicular access	Eleven Arches Land Off Wetherby Road, Tadcaster	02 Jan 25 (extension requested)

(b) Planning Applications – Retrospective approval of comments

<i>Valid date</i>	<i>Planning Reference</i>	<i>Description of application</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
19 Nov 24	ZG2024/1145/LBC	Listed Building Consent for Construction of Flood Alleviation Scheme including raising existing flood defences, installation of earth embankments, installation of clad sheet piles, installation of flood retaining structures, public realm works and works to the left and right bank sides of the Grade II listed bridge (Wharfe Bridge)	River Wharfe, Bridge Street, Tadcaster	19 Dec 24
20 Nov 24	ZG2024/1202/HPA	Single storey rear extension	12 Meadow Garth, Tadcaster LS24 8LY	20 Dec 24

ZG2024/1240/HPA – no observations
Noted retrospective approval of comments.

(c) To note Granted Applications / Decision Notices since the last meeting.

- i. ZG2024/1119/HPA - 23 Woodlands Avenue, Tadcaster, LS24 9LE - Conversion of existing garage to lounge – GRANT
- ii. ZG2024/0907/TPO - 103 Leeds Road, Tadcaster, LS24 9LA - Fell 1 No Oak tree (T3) protected by Tree Preservation Order 8/2024 - GRANT

(d) To consider any Enforcement Issues & Concerns

- i. To consider planned road/slip road closures - diversion routes for the A64 for cyclic works between 2 Apr – 9 Apr 2025 and 10 Jul - 17 Jul 2025, 20:00 to 6:00. – *request for information to be updated on the website.*

(e) To receive an update and resolve on matters pertaining to Tadcaster Neighbourhood Development Plan (report from External Consultant and/or Officer). *Consultants plan to come to the February meeting to discuss and potential next steps.*

FC/25/133 ASSET MANAGEMENT AND EVENTS

a) To consider a quotation for the removal/ replacement of damaged bus shelter - Stutton Rd. NYC have offered to take this on so long as their preferred contractor is used. Quotation circulated from NYC to members. NYC will take this on if the TC are happy with the preferred contractor: a seat and extra panels could be added as optional extras to the quotation. Clerk has notified the insurance company of the damage. The TC would need to pay for the works for reinstatement of the bus shelter and then this ongoing maintenance would be taken on by NYC.
Resolution: to approve the NYC preferred contractor and to contact the insurance company to see if the additional seats and panels would be covered: if not, to do a like for like replacement and to handover the asset to NYC for future maintenance. Unanimous.

b) To consider a request from NYC related to urban highway grass cutting for 2025/2026
Resolution: to not accept the request from NYC to undertake urban highway grass cutting for 2025/2026. Unanimous.

c) To consider a quotation for conveyancing for the Riverbank land.
Registration of unregistered land from the 1950s, legal claim over the land, to rectify the unregistered land in the name of the Town Council (upstream: past the bridge to the kissing gate).

Resolution: to approve the quotation for conveyancing for the Riverbank land.

d) To receive an update on VAS signs and potential future sites.
Sign rotation agreed to vary the schedule.

Resolution: to change the sign rotation detailed by the Chairman. Unanimous.

- e) To consider speeding concerns raised by residents on Wighill Lane.
Intention to write to Alec Shelbrooke MP, Keane Duncan, Lead Exec for Transportation and David Skaith, NY Mayor. The Chairman asked for council guidance to extend the concerns to other areas of the town when the communication is written.

Resolution: to confirm that the Chairman and Cllr Tunney write to the local MP, Exec lead for Transport at NYC and NY Mayor and present the communication to the next Environment Committee incorporating wider concerns for highways across the town. Unanimous.

- f) To receive an update from the Community Speedwatch Group.
2 sessions carried out already (12 out of 69 cars were speeding), moving to Stutton Road on 15 Jan. Couple of volunteers from the local community. Hoping to do one session per week in different locations. The Community Speed Watch team and are happy and feel well trained. 5 new volunteers have expressed an interest and 2 have started.
- g) To receive an update from the Community Projects Working Group. No update as yet. Next meeting needs to be planned and in the diary.
- h) To receive an update from TRCIC regarding a festival in the Town in July 2025.
The Barn have received an Arts grant to deliver a 2 year programme Arts and music engagement events. 20th July at Manor Field, there will be a parade.
- i) To consider the future of the Oak tree in the Cemetery
Moved to the end of the meeting

FC/25/134 POLICY & GOVERNANCE –

- a) To consider the dates for Council and Committee meetings for the mayoral year 2025/2026
Suggestion to move F&GP to the same day as full council meetings at 6pm.

Resolution: to approve the schedule of meetings for the municipal year 2025/2026. Unanimous.

FC/25/135 FINANCE

- a) To approve the schedule of payments to 31 December 2024 - (Two Councillors to approve and sign the Payment Schedule sheet to be paid by electronic payment. Schedule to be circulated at the meeting.)

Resolution: to approve Payment Schedule up to 31 December 2024 as signed by Cllr Bowgett and Cllr Poskitt.

Electronic Payments

	NET	VAT	TOTAL
Calcaria Domestic Cleaning	105.00	0.00	105.00
DCG Tree Surgery Ltd	1355.00	0.00	1355.00
Fulprint	65.00	0.00	65.00
Parnaby Construction and Maintenance	6255.70	1251.14	7506.84
Pullan	185.00	37.00	222.00
The Advertising Bike Company	610.50	122.10	732.60
Zurich	3902.39	0.00	3902.39

Direct Debits

	Date	NET	VAT	TOTAL
BT	02/01/2025	188.85	37.77	226.62
Business Stream	07/01/2025	90.18	0.00	90.18
Business Stream	16/01/2025	48.69	0.00	48.69

Eon Next	21/01/2025	2616.61	531.69	3190.16
Nycom	25/01/2025	207.20	41.44	248.64

Payments to Note

	NET	VAT	TOTAL
Administration	4544.07	0.00	4544.07

- b) To consider the budget communication document

Resolution: to approve the budgeting communication in principle.

- c) To consider any grant applications and evaluation forms presented to the Town Council.
None received.

FC/25/136 PROJECTS & MEDIA

- a) WEBSITE NEWSLETTER AND MEDIA ITEMS – To suggest appropriate matters from this meeting to place on the website, Newsletter, Facebook and before the media.
- b) To consider the Spring edition of the Newsletter (mid April) – agreed, successful execution of the recent emergency plan for the bridge closure, Neighbourhood Speed watch deployed and now recruiting volunteers for the aim of weekly sessions. Cllr Bowgett to lead a walk “Toulston 10” to support the charity MIND.

FC/25/137 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – for members to note as required.

- a) YLCA – White Rose Bulletin (29 Nov, 6, 13 Dec), Law and Governance December 2024. - noted
- b) To note ‘Get fit for Business’ event on Thursday 23 January 2025, Tadcaster Magnets Sports and Social Club, Queens Gardens, Tadcaster LS24 9HD, 9:30am-2:30pm – noted.
- c) To consider a request for a Council Merit Award – to move to end of the meeting into confidential session.

FC/25/133 (j)

To consider the exclusion of the press and public by virtue of the Public (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

RESOLUTION: to resolve to exclude 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.

- (j) To consider the future of the Oak tree in the Cemetery

Will the felling of the Oak tree (200-300 yrs old community asset) solve all the issues surrounding the tree. If the tree is felled, there cannot be any further or future claim to the Town Council causing damage to neighbouring property. Oak tree did not have a TPO on it in the past, a TPO was then put on the oak tree at the same time as the 4 lime trees by NYC. NYC have now approved the felling of the Oak tree. On advice from the insurers, the Council have already significantly reduced the size and scope of the tree by 40-50%. Given this, where do the insurers now stand. Does the Council need legal advice to ensure that there are no future claims of subsidence on neighbouring properties.

Resolution: to defer to the next meeting after further insurers advice.

FC/25/137 (c)

- d) To consider a request for a Council Merit Award
To agree to give an award to the two nominees.

FC/25/138 To consider agenda items for next meeting

Cllr Metcalfe to provide a report on the clover leaf junction (A162/A64 junction)

FC/25/139 To note date, time and location of next meeting.
Tuesday 18th February 2025 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 9.07pm