



Tadcaster Town Council

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Monday to Thursday 9.30am to 12.30pm

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of TADCASTER TOWN COUNCIL

Date: Tuesday 17 February 2026

Time: 7pm

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

In attendance: Cllr R Sweeting (Mayor), Cllr Bowgett (Deputy Mayor), Cllr G Butcher, Cllr G Lodge, Cllr D Mackay, Cllr K Poskitt, Cllr C Stephenson and Cllr P Tunney.

NDP Consultant (David Gluck), Tadcaster High Street Delivery Manager (Kate Winship), Environment Agency representative (Nick Appleyard), 2 Members of the public.

Officers: J Crowther, Town Clerk. L Tate, Administration Assistant.

Late arrivals: None

Early departures: Nick Appleyard 19:30, David Gluck and Kate Winship 20.12. Member of the public 20:36 second member of the public 20:55.

The meeting opened at 19:00

Minutes

FC/26/133	APOLOGIES a) To receive and record apologies for absence. Apologies were received in advance of the meeting from Cllr Chiswick, Cllr Cobb, Cllr F Greig. No apologies from Cllr C Metcalfe. b) To resolve to approve reasons for absence. Resolved: to accept and approve the reasons for absence received in advance of the meeting from Cllr Chiswick, Cllr Cobb, F Greig. Unanimous.
FC/26/134	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATION REQUESTS a) To note any written requests for dispensation the Clerk may have receive from members. None b) To consider any new dispensation requests. None 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 Cllr Sweeting declared an interest in Tadcaster Treat Association finance and Merit awards.
FC/26/135	PUBLIC SESSION – Suspension of Standing Orders To allow members of the public and representatives from other organisations are invited to speak on any matter as it relates to the town – Members of the public are requested to submit any questions in advance of the meeting to the Clerk. Standing orders will be reinstated on the closure of this agenda item.

	<p>Resolved to: suspend Standing Orders 2(f) to allow members of the public to raise items of interest in the public session.</p> <p>Resident 1: Roadside footpath on Wighill lane has been cleared – thank you. Please can we encourage that to continue. Offered voluntary work to help manage the Himalayan Balsam on the riverbank.</p> <p>Resident 2: Thank you to Kate and David for helping promote businesses, a further request for introduction of blue plaques in the town.</p> <p>Christmas lights – how they can be paid for, the resident asked if the breweries have spent money in Tadcaster, if not, why not? In the Past John Smiths donated money to the town. Cllr Tunney stated that large firms have funds to give to local projects so they should be approached. It was suggested there may be other things to spend large funds on.</p> <p>There was a discussion about public speaking in meetings. Councillors agreed the current procedure, with the public session at the beginning and at the discretion of the chair, was fair, so no need to change.</p> <p>David Gluck explained he has ongoing discussions with a large brewery – funding for the town centre regeneration project, could include lights – funding can be a difficult conversation to have but they are in early talks. All of the breweries have said they will not put money towards youth projects. Kate Winship stated there are also opportunities to use space and not just receive financial support from the breweries.</p> <p>Resolved: to reimpose Standing Orders 2(f). Unanimous.</p> <p>At the discretion of the Chair agenda item FC/26/140 e) was moved forward for discussion FC/26/140 e) To consider a proposal from a resident for voluntary work on the riverbank to help manage Himalayan Balsam and approve the risk assessment. Since the Environment meeting another resident has agreed to help. Resolved: to approve the proposal for voluntary work to help manage Himalayan Balsam and to approve the risk assessment. Unanimous.</p>
<p>FC/26/136</p>	<p>REPORTS FROM OTHER AUTHORITIES</p> <p>a) Police and other authorities –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To note NYP report. Noted ii. To note that the front counter at Tadcaster Police Station has reopened – Monday to Friday 9am-12.30pm. Noted iii. To note Safer Communities: CCTV Registration can Help Solve Crimes – Register your CCTV cameras or video doorbells by sending an email to digitalevidence@northyorkshire.police.uk. Noted <p>b) Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme (TFAS) & Environment Agency – To receive an update regarding the Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme. A representative from the EA in attendance to update members regarding Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme.</p>

Nick firstly offered support to the resident with the Himalayan Balsam.
Statement:

The Environment Agency remains committed to delivering a flood alleviation scheme to manage the risk of flooding in Tadcaster. We know how badly the town has been affected by flooding, and this project is important to help secure a sustainable and confident future.

We made the difficult decision in October 2025 to pause our planning application for the Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme and Fish Pass. We recognise that any new flood defences will be in place for the long term, and their importance and need to withstand severe weather events will increase in the future. We need to ensure we get our proposals right.

We have used the time productively, reviewing our application in depth.

Numerous meetings have taken place with key stakeholders to discuss and refine proposals. These meetings have been productive. Stakeholders are committed to protecting the heritage and character of Tadcaster, and they share the importance of getting things right for the long term.

We are working to adjust our proposals, and hope that our changes will lead to a better scheme for the long term. We have further work to do before formally submitting an addendum to the planning application and will update people further when we are able to.

The Environment Agency continues to work from The Ark on Kirkgate, which is Tadcaster Town Council's building. Our team are there every Tuesday morning and are more than happy to meet any residents to discuss the project.

We thank partners and stakeholders for continuing to work with us. We are extremely privileged to be working in a fantastic town with such a great community and are grateful for your continued support and patience.

Nick stated he is in talks with a major stakeholder

Now working on the addendum to the planning application, Nick thanked NYC for allowing the addendum and will have a timeline soon.

Cllrs are pleased with the progress made, ask when it will be ready to go in front of planning, then potential funding and then starting the works.

The EA will not commit to a timeline at this stage, funding rules are changing, that means that Tadcaster FAS – we will come under the new funding rules, they are very aware of the changes, but will align themselves and are confident that they will be at the front of the queue for funding.

c) **North Yorkshire Council Councillor** – update from North Yorkshire Council Cllr Poskitt.

NYC Cllr Poskitt informed members that she attended a stakeholder meeting last week, it was positive and she sees progress with the TFAS and is confident the planning application will be supported.

NYC Cllr Poskitt hosted a meeting at Tadcaster Grammar School with residents, Highways and Police to discuss road safety. NYC have proposed a package of works which will improve safety at the Grammar school, including extending double yellow lines, bus park improvements and street lighting. NYC Cllr Poskitt will share the results of a really positive meeting with members shortly– collective working has created a positive outcome.

	<p>Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) – she is aware of a spate of ASB and is working with the Police and the Barn.</p> <p>McCain have announced they are establishing a ‘farm of the future’ on the outskirts of Tadcaster, this is the third in the world and exciting for Tadcaster, a huge project, which will have a positive impact on the town.</p> <p>Yorkshire Water– NYC Cllr Poskitt is pleased that they will be at the Ark on Tuesday 24 February 2026 to meet with the public and talk about concerns, including surface water.</p> <p>NYC Cllr Poskitt attended an Extraordinary meeting about school transport – recent changes mean that some children are now not entitled to transport, Cllr Poskitt believes there is an error in the mapping. If anyone knows children affected please contact Cllr Poskitt, cllr.kirsty.poskitt@northyorks.gov.uk</p> <p>NYC Cllr Poskitt spoke about a recent budget meeting – empty homes were discussed, along with 2nd homes and council tax premium – Cllr Poskitt will forward document to members and to the resident who raised the question. Extra money raised is ringfenced for new homes.</p> <p>A Councillor asked for an update on the carpark. Action: NYC Cllr Poskitt to get an update.</p>																				
<p>FC/26/137</p>	<p>To APPROVE as a true and correct record, the MINUTES of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13 January 2026 and in addition the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on the 3 February 2026.</p> <p>Resolved: to accept and approve as a true and accurate record the minutes of the of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13 January 2026 and in addition the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on the 3 February 2026. Unanimous.</p>																				
<p>FC/26/138</p>	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>Members to note and resolve to comment on the following applications received (North Yorkshire Council):</p> <p>a) Planning Applications:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="320 1429 1465 1653"> <thead> <tr> <th>Valid date</th> <th>Planning Reference</th> <th>Proposal</th> <th>Address</th> <th>Deadline</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>4/02/2026</td> <td>ZG2026/0107/HPA</td> <td>Demolition of existing conservatory to rear, Single storey rear extension, widening of existing dropped kerb</td> <td>47 The Fairway, Tadcaster, LS24 9HL</td> <td>26/02/26</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>ZG2026/0107/HPA – No objections</p> <p>b) To note Granted Applications / Decision Notices since the last meeting: Noted</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="320 1805 1465 2000"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date Received</th> <th>Planning Reference</th> <th>Proposal</th> <th>Address</th> <th>Decision</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>23/01/2026</td> <td>ZG2025/0908/COU</td> <td>Change of use of dwelling to children's care home and extension of the existing dropped kerb</td> <td>10 Calcaria Road, Tadcaster LS24 9HH</td> <td>Granted</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Valid date	Planning Reference	Proposal	Address	Deadline	4/02/2026	ZG2026/0107/HPA	Demolition of existing conservatory to rear, Single storey rear extension, widening of existing dropped kerb	47 The Fairway, Tadcaster, LS24 9HL	26/02/26	Date Received	Planning Reference	Proposal	Address	Decision	23/01/2026	ZG2025/0908/COU	Change of use of dwelling to children's care home and extension of the existing dropped kerb	10 Calcaria Road, Tadcaster LS24 9HH	Granted
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	30/01/2026	ZG2025/1096/FUL	Placement of solar panels on rear roof	TVCSA, 30 Kirkgate, Tadcaster	Granted
	<p>c) To consider any Enforcement Issues & Concerns:</p> <p>i. To note the Traffic Regulation Order, Parking and Waiting (No 66) Order 2026 Stutton Road, Tadcaster which was sealed on 9 January 2026 and came into operation on 19 January 2026. Noted</p> <p>d) To receive an update for the Tadcaster Neighbourhood Development Plan (TNDP) (report from External Consultant and/or Officer).</p> <p>i. To consider correspondence received from North Yorkshire Council</p> <p>ii. To consider a quotation from TNDP Planning Consultant</p> <p>TNDP was submitted May 2025, NYC suggested a meeting last year to discuss issues with further work required on housing allocations. NYC to seek legal advice. At a recent meeting it was agreed that TRCIC revise section of the plan to resubmit to NYC. The revised plan should be ready approval at the Town Council April meeting.</p> <p>A Councillor asked about housing numbers, David Gluck answered that this will be dictated by the national housing policy.</p> <p>Resolved: To accept the quotation of £1485 for TNDP Planning Consultant. Carried. 2 against.</p> <p>At the discretion of the Chair agenda item FC/26/144 b) was moved forward for discussion</p> <p>FC/26/144 b) To receive an update on the Mayor of York and North Yorkshires Vibrant and Sustainable High Streets Fund and Totally Locally from the High Street Manager.</p> <p>i. To receive an update on new Town Branding and signage for Tadcaster</p> <p>Kate Winship's services will be extended as her work has been invaluable to the town, a new application has been put into fund this.</p> <p>New town signage has been put into the bid, to help with branding for the town and give Tadcaster an identity. A local designer has been commissioned, to build on the heart of Yorkshire. Kate is seeking feedback, which does not have to be tonight about how they deploy the branding, eg. would we like it on the towns gateways? – funding to be sought from NYC. Members were very impressed and in support of the visuals in principle.</p>				
FC/26/139	<p>Election of Mayor/Chair and Deputy Mayor/Vice Chair 2026/2027</p> <p>a) To accept nominations and agree the Mayor/Chair for ensuing Municipal Year Cllr Sweeting proposed by Cllr Poskitt and seconded by Cllr Mackay. Cllr Sweeting was congratulated by members on his past year as Mayor.</p> <p>Resolved: to approve the election of Cllr Sweeting as Mayor of the Council for the municipal year 2026/2027. Unanimous</p> <p>b) To accept nominations and agree the Deputy Mayor/Vice Chair for ensuing Municipal Year.</p> <p>Cllr Butcher proposed by Cllr. Poskitt seconded Cllr. Bowgett.</p> <p>Resolved: to approve the election of Cllr Butcher as Deputy Mayor of the Council for the municipal year 2026/2027. Unanimous</p>				

<p>FC/26/140</p>	<p>ASSET MANAGEMENT AND EVENTS</p> <p>a) To consider the data from the Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) Oct-Nov 2025 and Dec-Jan 2026 The data from the report for Leeds Road for December 2025 is corrupted, however seems to be accurate for January 2026. One camera left on Wetherby Road, due to the bad weather, the lead Councillor will move the camera next month. Speeds in general have reduced. Extreme speeds are generally in the early hours of the morning.</p> <p>b) To receive an update from the Community Speedwatch Group. The lead Councillor updated members, there have been less opportunities to get out because of the weather, but generally speeding has been seen to reduce.</p> <p>c) To consider a way forward for the Community Projects Working Group. Cllr Poskitt is lead councillor, a meeting is required to discuss where CIL money will be spent. Action: meeting to be arranged. Cllr David Bowgett left the meeting 20:22</p> <p>d) To consider a quotation for a cycle rack in the NYC central car park. Cllr David Bowgett returned to the meeting 20:24 Resolved: to accept the quote. Unanimous</p> <p>e) To consider a proposal from a resident for voluntary work on the riverbank to help manage Himalayan Balsam and approve the risk assessment. This item was discussed higher up the agenda</p> <p>f) To consider a quotation for the repair of the bases and repositioning of two bins on the riverbank. Resolved: To accept the quotation of £70 and to reposition one of the bins. Unanimous</p> <p>g) 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.</p> <p>h) To receive an update on the Cemetery trees.</p> <p>i) To consider a quotation for river work maintenance around the viaduct. Items g), h) and i) to be discussed lower down the agenda</p>
<p>FC/26/141</p>	<p>POLICY & GOVERNANCE</p> <p>a) To consider the dates for Council and Committee meetings for the mayoral year 2026/2027 Resolved: to accept the dates. Unanimous</p> <p>b) To consider the agenda position of the public session at Council meetings. No compelling reason to move the public session, public have their opportunity to speak at the beginning and have ample time to review the agenda prior to the meeting. Members respect and welcome the contribution from residents at the appropriate time. Resolved: For public session to remain at the beginning of the agenda. Unanimous</p>
<p>FC/26/142</p>	<p>FINANCE</p> <p>a) To approve the schedule of payments to 17 February 2026 - (Two Councillors to approve and sign the Payment Schedule sheet to be paid by electronic payment. Schedule to be circulated at the meeting.) Resolved: to approve the schedule of payments to 17 February 2026 as signed by Cllr Bowgett and Cllr Poskitt. Unanimous</p>

	<p>b) To consider any grant applications and evaluation forms presented to the Town Council.</p> <p>i. To consider a grant application from 2434 Church Fenton Squadron Resolved: to approve the grant application for £203 from 2434 (Church Fenton) Squadron for a trophy. Unanimous</p> <p>ii. To consider the contribution towards the Tadcaster Treat Organisation Event for 2026. Resolved: to approve the contribution of £615 towards the Tadcaster Treat Association event for 2026. Unanimous</p>
<p>FC/26/143</p>	<p>PROJECTS & MEDIA</p> <p>a) WEBSITE NEWSLETTER AND MEDIA ITEMS – To suggest appropriate matters from this meeting to place on the website, Newsletter, Facebook and before the media. CCTV registration, Events Committee calendar, fire safety visits from the fire brigade and the addition of the new cycle racks in the central carpark.</p> <p>b) To receive an update on the Spring edition of the Newsletter. Lead Councillor updated members and will get started on the Newsletter.</p>
<p>FC/26/144</p>	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – for members to note as required.</p> <p>a) To note YLCA – White Rose Bulletin (9,16,23, 30 January, 6 February 2026), Law and Governance January 2026. Noted</p> <p>b) To receive an update on the Mayor of York and North Yorkshires Vibrant and Sustainable High Streets Fund and Totally Locally from the High Street Manager.</p> <p>i. To receive an update on new Town Branding and signage for Tadcaster</p> <p>This item was discussed higher up the agenda</p> <p>c) To consider correspondence received from NYC regarding the proposed Town Investment Plan (TIP) for Tadcaster. Resolved: To arrange to meet Tom Jenkinson for a workshop in May or June 2026</p> <p>d) To consider an update on the North Yorkshire Boundary Review – Final Recommendations. A letter from a member of the public was discussed with regard to Wighill Lane residents remaining in Healaugh parish it was suggested that the member of the public contact Healaugh Parish Council. NYC Cllr Poskitt would like to thank Cllr Bowgett for help changing the boundary for Stutton. Resolved to wait to hear from Healaugh Parish Council or Richard Flinton, CEO NYC before any action is taken.</p> <p>e) To consider North Yorkshire Council Parish Liaison: Age-friendly Town and Parish Guide. Noted. Action: to forward to the High Street Manager for information.</p> <p>f) To consider the North Yorkshire Council Parish Liaison: North Yorkshire Landscape Character Assessment consultation – deadline Friday 27 February 2026 Noted.</p> <p>g) To consider the e-mail from North Yorkshire Council Parish Liaison: Proposed Consultation on the Council's draft Local Planning Enforcement Plan. Monday 26th January – 9th March 2026. Noted</p> <p>h) To note Yorkshire Water work in Tadcaster to improve pipes from 12 January to end of July 2026. Noted</p>

	<p>i) To note North Yorkshire Council Parish Liaison: Monthly Update January 2026. Noted</p> <p>j) To note the presentations that were given at the Selby and Ainsty Parish Liaison meeting. Noted</p> <p>k) To note North Yorkshire Council change to the colour of the Site Notice for planning permission from yellow paper to green paper. Noted</p> <p>l) To note the NHS communication - Choose Well Stay Well, Care With Confidence and Winter Wise. Immunised. Noted</p> <p>m) 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.</p> <p>At the discretion of the Chair agenda item FC/26/140 g), h) and i) were moved to this point in the agenda for discussion</p> <p>g) 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.</p> <p>h) To receive an update on the Cemetery trees. None</p> <p>i) To consider a quotation for river work maintenance around the viaduct. Resolved: To attempt get three quotes for maintenance river work, but if not received before the end of February delegate the power to proceed to the Clerk to go ahead with original quotation. Unanimous</p> <p>n) To consider requests for merit awards. Resolved: Support all three merit awards. Unanimous</p>
FC/26/145	To consider agenda items for next meeting. None
FC/26/146	To note date, time and location of next meeting. Tuesday 17 March 2026, 7pm, The Ark

The meeting closed at 21:05