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Monday to Thursday 9.30am to 12.30pm

Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting of TADCASTER TOWN COUNCIL

Date: **Tuesday 3 November 2026**
Time: **7pm**
Venue: **The Ark, 33 Kirkgate, Tadcaster, LS24 9AQ**

In attendance: Cllr D Bowgett (Chair), Cllr G Butcher, Cllr J Chiswick, Cllr C Metcalfe, Cllr R Sweeting and Cllr P Tunney.
Environment Agency (EA) representatives Nick Appleyard (NA) and Marilyn Sanderson (MS), NDP Consultant -David Gluck (DG), one member of the public.
Officers: J Crowther, Town Clerk. L Tate, Deputy Clerk.
Late arrivals: Cllr Sweeting 19:01 Cllr Metcalfe 19:01
Early departures: DG 19:14, NA and MS 19:30, member of the public 20:05.

The meeting opened at 7pm

MINUTES

E/27/24	**APOLOGIES** a) To receive and record apologies for absence. Apologies were received in advance of the meeting from Cllr S Cobb. No apologies received from Cllr C Stephenson and Cllr D Mackay 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 S Cobb. Unanimous.**
E/27/25	**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATION REQUESTS** a) To note any written requests for dispensation the Clerk may have received 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**
E/27/26	**PUBLIC SESSION (15 Minutes) – Suspension of Standing Orders** To allow members of the public and representatives from other organisations 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. **Resolved: to suspend Standing Orders 2(f) to allow members of the public to raise items of interest in the public session.** Public 1: *With regards the 30mph zone at The Grammar school, as a family and local residents we support this.*

	*Due to the recent announcement that towns get infrastructure money from Business rates – the town needs to get its head round appropriate spending opportunities when this money comes to the Mayor – is there a plan? Suggestion of re-visiting plans for the clover leaf junction (*intersection A162/ A64) *Public 2 (DG): excellent suggestion- David Skaith came to a recent business forum and spoke about funding, as the town investment plan develops this should tie together.* *Public 1: can we find out current business rates in Tadcaster as 20% is likely to come to the town?* **Resolved: to reimpose Standing Orders 2(f). Unanimous.** **At the discretion of the Chair agenda items E/27/33 a) and E/27/28 c) and d) were moved forward for discussion** **E/27/33 a)** To consider a proposal from Tadcaster and Rural Community Interest Company (TRCIC) regarding town branding DG- as part of the totally locally funding there were some designs produced for the town gateways, consulting through the business forum, inspired by Selby District. The designer created icons that represent the town, put them together and this resulted in the potential designs which have been circulated to members. The next step it to look at costs for having the Gateway signs produced. Does the Town Council want DG to proceed with the plans? There was a discussion over consultation on the designs, the discussion went on to the last update of the gateways being in 2017. As the Gateways belong to the Town Council members agreed for DG to proceed to discussions with North Yorkshire Council (NYC) and to seek quotes to produce the Gateway signs. **Resolved: To take the Gateways signs forward and come up with a plan to present to the next Environment Committee meeting. Unanimous** **Action: DG to reach out to NYC to get a cost for the new Gateway signs.** **E/27/28 c)** To receive an update regarding Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme (TFAS) and consider a way forward. A representative from the EA in attendance to update members. Apology from NA for the way the delay was handled and that the public were informed before the Town Council. Its been busy couple of weeks, no further announcements to be made tonight. A meeting with the MP, Sir Alec Shelbrook is scheduled this month and NA will attend the Full Council Meeting on the 17 November and update. NA Reassured that the EA are committed to getting the scheme moving. **E/27/28 d)** To consider a proposal from the Environment Agency regarding Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) regulations and a 25-year period contract between the Environment Agency and Tadcaster Town Council for the maintenance and management of the proposed newly developed areas as part of the Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme (TFAS). BNG is an important part of the planning application, members asked for more detail, what the 25 year commitment entails and what do the EA expect from the council – what is the cost to the council?

Questions about why this has only been highlighted now – members believed to get the TFAS plans this far these issues had been finalised.
NA – this is a new thing and this is one of the first schemes which needs to find 10% BNG. Members asked for consideration of land currently used by the public, the plans need to balance the requirements of the community against BNG, Tadcaster don't want to lose a piece of land used by the community.
Resolved: The EA to provide more detail of the requirements for BNG, outlining all commitments for the land for the 25 year period. Discussion to be moved to the Next Full Council Meeting. Unanimous.

E/27/27 **To NOTE** as a true and correct record, the MINUTES of the Environment Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 6 October 2026. **Noted**

E/27/28 **PLANNING**

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

a) Planning Applications:

Valid date	Planning Reference	Proposal	Address	Deadline
16/10/26	26/06025/FUL	Erection of Single Storey Front Extension to Existing Garden Room	The Stables Leeds Road Tadcaster LS24 9LP	09/11/26
16/10/26	26/05974/FUL	Erection Of Garden Room at rear of Garage	2 Beech Walk Tadcaster North Yorkshire LS24 9TH	09/11/26
20/10/26	26/06075/FUL	Replacement of existing roofs, with built up cladding system.	John Smiths Brewery High Street Tadcaster LS24 9SA	13/11/26
27/10/26	26/06442/FUL	Erection of inwardly opening gates and dropped kerb to access existing driveway	42 Wetherby Road Tadcaster North Yorkshire LS24 9JN	20/11/26

26/06025/FUL A The Parish Council has no objections.
26/05974/FUL A The Parish Council has no objections.
26/06075/FUL D The Parish Council supports the application
26/06442/FUL A The Parish Council has no objections.

b) To note Granted Applications / Decision Notices since the last meeting

Date received	Planning Reference	Proposal	Location	Decision
22/10/26	26/04393/TPO	Application for consent to thin crown by approximately 10% and reduce the height and width of the crown size by approximately 3m to 1No Sycamore tree covered by TPO 2/1984	9 Beech Walk Tadcaster North Yorkshire LS24 9TH	Refuse consent

Noted

c) To receive an update regarding Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme (TFAS) and consider a way forward. A representative from the EA in attendance to update members.

This item was discussed higher up the agenda

d) To consider a proposal from the Environment Agency regarding Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) regulations and a 25-year period contract between the Environment Agency and Tadcaster Town Council for the maintenance and management of the proposed newly developed areas as part of the Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme (TFAS).

	This item was discussed higher up the agenda e) To consider correspondence from North Yorkshire Council regarding proposed 30mph speed limit around Rudgate/Tadcaster Grammar School / Various Roads. Consolidation Order 2010 (Amendment No 1) (30mph) Order 2026, deadline for comments 12 November 2026. It seems that the accident a couple of weeks ago was caused by human error, general support for the 30mph **Resolved: To comment that the Council support the 30mph introduction. The Council does not believe this is the full solution, rather a first move to improve safety in the area, highways should consult with residents and take into consideration their valid points.** f) To consider the North Yorkshire Local Plan Consultation on the following two documents - The Scoping Consultation Document and The Draft Engagement Strategy – the consultation runs from Monday 26 October 2026 to Monday 7 December 2026 (midnight). **Resolved: Councillors to reply individually. Unanimous**
E/27/29	**EVENTS MANAGEMENT** a) To receive an update from the lead Councillor regarding the Christmas Market on 29 November 2026. Plans for the market are going well, 25 stalls and 19 pitches booked. We have a good variety of stalls. Lots of things going on locally. Discussion took place around stall and pitch fees, after a non-Tadcaster charity requested a community rate. Members agreed that charities should adhere to the Criteria, the lower community rate should only apply to charities/organisations based in Tadcaster, therefore higher rate should apply in this instance.
E/27/30	**ASSET MANAGEMENT** a) To consider a memorial at the Stutton Road and Middlemiss Allotments Discussion around a plaque and the preferred material. Members went on to discuss the official names of the allotments and agreed to change all correspondence to the Eddie Thompson and Margaret Middlemiss allotments. **Resolved: To change all correspondence to the Eddie Thompson and Margaret Middlemiss allotments. Councillor Bowgett to research plaques further and bring a proposal back to the next Environment meeting.** b) To consider cycle routes in Tadcaster. Walk Wheel, Cycle has responded to the Councils enquiry- this response has been circulated to members. Cllr Bowgett offered to take the lead on researching this, offing to present his findings at the next Environment Committee meeting. **Resolved: To add a discussion of Cycle Routes around Tadcaster to the next Environment Committee meeting. Unanimous.** c) To consider the draft Winter Newsletter. **Resolved: Newsletter approved by members. Unanimous** d) 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. e) To consider quotes for the Grounds Maintenance Contract from 2027 for 3/5 years. This item is to be discussed further down the agenda.

	f) To consider quotes for the Planting Contract from 2027 for 3/5 years. This item is to be discussed further down the agenda. g) To consider hanging baskets in the Town and bus station for 2027. This item is to be discussed further down the agenda.
E/27/31	**FINANCE** **Budget Setting 2027/2028** a) To receive an update from the Business and Efficiency Group (BEG) Meeting held on 13 October 2026. Costs to date had been reviewed. Upcoming expenditure was noted including the viaduct survey and maintenance, the ongoing cemetery shortfall and increases in costs from Anti-social behaviour, waste collection, running events and other costs relating to running the Council office. Proposed 8% increase which would relate to approximately £6.98 per year increase to a band D council tax bill. b) To consider and approve the financial budgeting plan for 2027/2028 **Resolved: To present the financial budgeting plan for 2027/2028 to the December F&GP Committee and full Council meeting. Unanimous.** c) To consider the parish precept calculator 2027/2028 **Noted** **d)** To note the Band D Equivalent for 2027/2028. **To note the Band D Equivalents of 2166.81.** e) To note correspondence from North Yorkshire Council regarding parish precept arrangements 2026/27 and 2027/28. **Noted**
E/27/32	**POLICY & GOVERNANCE – None**
E/27/33	**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED** a) To consider a proposal from Tadcaster and Rural Community Interest Company (TRCIC) regarding town branding This item was discussed further up the agenda
E/27/34	To consider **agenda items for next meeting.** **Upgrade of the clover leaf – intersection A162/ A64.** **At the discretion of the Chair agenda items E/27/30 d), e), f) and g) were moved to the end of the agenda for discussion.** d) 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. **Resolved: 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 discussed.** e) To consider quotes for the Grounds Maintenance Contract from 2027 for 3/5 years. Current contractors work together, do a great job and their quotes were the cheapest **Resolved: To accept the quotation and continue to work with current contractors for five years and review after three years. Unanimous** f) To consider quotes for the Planting Contract from 2027 for 3/5 years. Current contractors work together, do a great job and their quotes were the cheapest

	Resolved: To accept the quotation and continue to work with current contractors for five years and review after three years. Unanimous g) To consider hanging baskets in the Town and bus station for 2027. **Resolved: To accept the quotation and remain with the current supplier. Unanimous**
E/27/35	To **note date, time and location of next meeting.** **2 February 2027, 7pm at the Ark.**

Meeting closed at 20:21