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Monday to Thursday 9.30am to 12.30pm

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of TADCASTER TOWN COUNCIL

Date: Tuesday 4 August 2026

Time: 7pm

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

In attendance: Cllr R Sweeting (Mayor), Cllr D Bowgett, Cllr J Chiswick, Cllr G Lodge, Cllr D Mackay, Cllr C Metcalfe, Cllr K Poskitt and Cllr P Tunney.

Environment Agency representative (Nick Appleyard), PC Woods, PCSO Carlise and 7 Members of the public

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

Late arrivals: None

Early departures: PC Woods and PCSO Carlise 19.19, Member of the public & Nick Appleyard 20.24, Member of the public 20:42, Member of the public at 21:00 3 Members of the public 21:06, Member of the public 21:20.

The meeting opened at 7pm

MINUTES

FC/27/52	APOLOGIES a) To receive and record apologies for absence. Apologies were received in advance of the meeting from Cllr G Butcher and Cllr S Cobb. No apologies received from Cllr C Stephenson. 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 G Butcher and Cllr S Cobb. Unanimous.
FC/27/53	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 At the discretion of the Chair agenda item FC/27/55 a) i was moved forward for discussion. FC/27/55 a) i To note NYP Police Report – PC Woods summarised the report circulated to members prior to the meeting- highlighting recent thefts, an arrest during an attempted car burglary & a spate of anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the town. Members thanked the police for attending and condemned ASB, Cllr Poskitt highlighted that collaborative work is happening with the NYC Community Safety Officer. Discussions went on to recent increase of security at Fircroft Lodge- members praised the landowner for these additions, which should reduce ASB. Members also thanked the police for work on open water swimming awareness.
FC/27/54	PUBLIC SESSION – 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 Q1: *Is CCTV now in operation? Have cameras been refurbished or replaced?*

PC Woods confirmed software has been updated, CCTV is better than before, and satisfactory for evidence. There have been issues with some camera positions, but these have been adjusted.

Public 1 Q2: *Can the police ask residents to install CCTV on their houses- to help with ASB?*

Ultimately- this is up the householders, and they would only cover resident's house. PC Woods stated the Chief Constable and David Skaith (Mayor of York and North Yorkshire) are keen to increase CCTV provisions in the area. Tadcaster CCTV is monitored in a 24-hour control room, rather than a private company.

The Police left the meeting

Public 2: The former NatWest Bank, 32 Bridge Street, Tadcaster, LS24 9AH was discussed, the member of public believes the building is ideal for requesting a Community Asset Transfer (CAT) via North Yorkshire Council. Help was offered with the banking hub application.

There was a discussion how this proposal would sit with the Town Councils proposal to work with the library, members raised concerns that two requests for funding from the same town could result in Tadcaster not receiving funding for either so collaboration between parties was important. There was discussion around the condition of the old NatWest building and the cost of making it safe and useable.

There was discussion that lots of ideas had come from Tadcaster Business forum and both proposals could work together, an early hub in the library, following by a permanent hub in the town centre.

Action: Cllr Poskitt to contact assets at NYC to possibility of a CAT of the old NatWest building.

Public 3 and 4: *Councillors are elected to represent the community. Can the council now formally acknowledge that the community have held valid objections against the Eleven Arches development and going forward will the council fairly represent the community in respect of those objections?*

There was a lengthy discussion regards the Eleven Arches development, with members of the public seeking a members vote for or against the development.

Members explained that the Town Councils responsibility is to comment on a planning application, not make the planning decision. It was explained to the public the Town Council represent the whole town and not groups for or against the development.

Members of the public pressed for details of meetings between developers, land owners and Councillors, asking why such meetings are not minuted.

	Councillors explained that they are free to meet with anyone and minutes for such meetings are not required. Members explained that they have previously commented on the development and today they would be commenting on the amendments. Councillors acknowledged that there have been a number of amendments to the application following a pause in the planning. Discussion continued, with members explaining that The Council has already made its comments on the development, they still stand. The Council will only comment on the amendments made since the initial application. <i>Public 5: Praise for the police with work on water safety, the main area for consistent jumping in is halfway down from the viaduct, he asks that the police focus on that area.</i> <i>Yorkshire Water works on Leeds road- there have been lots of the trees damaged from the work. The trees have been left at the side of the road. The member of the public urged Councillors to look at the trees and consider potential actions if similar damage occurs as they move closer to the town. The member of the public presented a document – Global biodiversity loss, ecosystem collapse and national security, he will forward to the clerk, to be forwarded to Members</i> Members thanked the member of the public for his contribution. Resolved: to reimpose Standing Orders 2(f). Unanimous.
FC/27/55	REPORTS FROM OTHER AUTHORITIES a) Police and other authorities – i. To note NYP report This item was discussed further up the agenda b) Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme & 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 (TFAS) Nick Appleyard talked through changes to the TFAS. The application remains paused, the changes have been agreed and the addendum will go in front of the committee later this year. Nick believes the new scheme is a better one for Tadcaster. Nick outlined some of the changes to the council: Fish pass: a different stone and handrail – more in keeping with the heritage of the town. Bridge: the bridge parapets will not be touched, there will be a demountable defence, which would be used only when river levels raise to a level which requires the road to be closed. Barriers will trap the water on the bridge. This will require an operational response from EA, but this plan will mean fewer permanent changes will be required to the bridge. Behind the breweries: An embankment was previously proposed- this will now be a wall in the brewery yards, providing a less intrusive solution, with less visual impact in the area. Members asked Nick to confirm that all local landowners and interested parties are in agreement with the TFAS. Nick confirmed they expect no objections to the plans. Members asked about the change of government and how secure the funding for the scheme is. Nick explained that gaining planning will put the scheme in a better position for funding, with support from David Skaith, Kier Mather and MP offices and are confident.

	Members pushed Nick for a date to present the plan and then start the work- he was unable to commit to a date. c) North Yorkshire Council Councillor – update from North Yorkshire Council Cllr Poskitt. i. North Yorkshire Council grass cutting and maintenance in the Town. ii. Information on empty properties in the Town. Cllr Poskitt was aware of plans for parking bays on Stutton Road, but believed they would be diagonal, she is also aware of issues with the markings on Wetherby Road, she will report back to members when she hears back from NYC. Cllr Poskitt reported an increase of antisocial behaviour in the bus park, including graffiti and vandalism, she is in communication with the police and the community safety officer. Cllr Poskitt also reported an increase in the cost of using the toilet to 40p, due to raising operational costs. The Coastliner is due to be re-routed for 3 weeks, due to roadworks on Garnet Lane. Looking at the plans Cllr Poskitt believes there is no reason the service cannot operate she has challenged the decision Cllr Poskitt will update when she hears from Coastliner. Cllr Poskitt shared a letter from Samual Smith Old Brewery (SSOB), The letter stated some future changes and intentions from the Brewery Members thanked Cllr Poskitt for bringing the letter to the council and congratulated her for keeping a relationship with the Brewery. Resolved: to send a letter to SSOB, thanking them for the positive letter Lastly grass cutting and weeds, a NYC Officer reported that grass cutting has increased and is undertaking a review. Weed removal has started today, this needs reviewing over the coming days and reporting if it is not completed Action: to monitor weed removal and report to NYC if not completed.															
FC/27/56	To APPROVE as a true and correct record, the MINUTES of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday 2 July 2026 and the Finance and General Purposes Committee and Council meetings on Tuesday 7 July 2026. Resolved: to accept and approve as a true and accurate record the MINUTES of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday 2 July 2026 and the Finance and General Purposes Committee and Council meetings on Tuesday 7 July 2026. Unanimous.															
FC/27/57	PLANNING Members to note and resolve to comment on the following applications received (North Yorkshire Council): a) Planning Applications: <table><tr><td>Valid/rec date</td><td>Planning Reference</td><td>Proposal</td><td>Location</td><td>Deadline</td></tr><tr><td>08/07/26</td><td>26/03304/FUL</td><td>Demolition of existing conservatory, erection of single storey rear extension and loft conversion</td><td>35 Calcaria Road Tadcaster North Yorkshire LS24 9HH</td><td>05/08/26</td></tr><tr><td>10/07/26</td><td>26/03377/LB</td><td>Listed building consent for erection of temporary access scaffolding, external stonework repairs, rainwater goods repairs / replacement (gutters and downpipes), window repairs / replacement and redecoration works</td><td>John Smiths Brewery High Street Tadcaster North Yorkshire LS24 9SA</td><td>03/08/26 ex req to 05/08/26</td></tr></table>	Valid/rec date	Planning Reference	Proposal	Location	Deadline	08/07/26	26/03304/FUL	Demolition of existing conservatory, erection of single storey rear extension and loft conversion	35 Calcaria Road Tadcaster North Yorkshire LS24 9HH	05/08/26	10/07/26	26/03377/LB	Listed building consent for erection of temporary access scaffolding, external stonework repairs, rainwater goods repairs / replacement (gutters and downpipes), window repairs / replacement and redecoration works	John Smiths Brewery High Street Tadcaster North Yorkshire LS24 9SA	03/08/26 ex req to 05/08/26
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	15/07/26	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	14/08/26
	03/07/26	ZG2026/0456/HPA	Removal of existing 3 metre long single storey wood and glass conservatory with sliding door and polycarbonate roof to rear of property. Replacement with single storey 6 metre long conservatory in the same position consisting of uPVC double glazed wall panels with sliding door and hybrid glazed insulated roof	29 Stutton Road, Tadcaster, LS24 9HE	06/08/26
	28/07/26	26/03953/TPO	Application for consent to reduce the crown, with the height reduced by 2m, and the radial spread reduced by 2m to the east and west to balance to 1No Beech tree (T4) covered by TPO 26/1990	Vicarage 78 Station Road Tadcaster North Yorkshire LS24 9JR	21/08/26
	29/07/26	26/03978/FUL	Installation of new chiller units to be mounted on existing roof area	Four Bays At Tower Brewery Wetherby Road Tadcaster North Yorkshire LS24 9JR	22/08/26
26/03304/FUL – No objections 26/03377/LB – No objections ZG2023/1299/EIA – The Town Council are concerned the applicant is trying to state that this land is grey belt, when it clearly designated green. ZG2026/0456/HPA - No objections 26/03953/TPO - No objections 26/03978/FUL- No objections					
b) To note Granted Applications/Decision Notices since the last meeting:					
Date received	Planning Reference	Proposal	Location	Decision	
10/07/26	ZG2026/0415/TPO	Remove to ground level, treat the stump and replant to T1 (Yew) protected by Tree Preservation Order 17/1985	Badgers End, Ouston Lane, Tadcaster	Permitted	

	16/07/26	ZG2025/1141/FUL	Change of use of land to residential garden, erection of wooden garage, installation of concrete hardstanding as a parking area (part retrospective)	11 Stutton Road, Tadcaster, LS24 9HE	Granted
	Noted c) To consider any Enforcement Issues & Concerns: None d) To receive an update for the Tadcaster Neighbourhood Development Plan (report from External Consultant and/or Officer). A report from David Gluck was circulated to members in advance of the meeting, stating: <i>Mike Dando and David Gluck completed all the requested amendments and additional information requested by NYC and the Plan was resubmitted by the Clerk on 24th June 2026. The webpages have been fully updated to reflect the resubmission by the Council staff.</i> <i>NYC have now confirmed the Regulation 16 consultation on our Submission draft will take place 14 August – 28 September 2026 and documents available to view at the Library and Ark by the public. This is a NYC consultation so no requirement for the Town Council to do anything. Costs for this are also covered by NYC.</i> <i>NYC have requested a list of emails for consultees or respondents to past surveys which David Gluck will provide via the Clerk next week.</i> <i>Mike Dando has also submitted a proposed set of experienced Examiners to NYC who NYC will approach regarding availability and consult further with you on the appropriate person to appoint in due course. Examination should take place in the Autumn, with the likelihood then of an early Spring Referendum. Noted</i>				
FC/27/58	ASSET MANAGEMENT AND EVENTS a) To consider the data from the Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) Apr-May and June-July 2026. York Road to follow, speeds were fairly standard, Wetherby Road speeds seem to have slowed down. b) To receive an update from the Community Speedwatch Group. Councillor Butcher will update at the next appropriate meeting. c) To consider a report received on the recent Viaduct Principle Inspection. Members discussed the high costs of maintaining the Viaduct, one expressing that this is an example of community ownership and the consequence, how the Council have the cost of maintaining the Viaduct. Action – Cllr Poskitt to speak to heritage at NYC and see if they can support with funding Resolve: to suspend Standing Orders 2(f) to allow members of the public to raise items of interest in the public session. Public 5: could we extend Sustrans to turn it into a cycle track, thus the Viaduct would be eligible for active travel funding. Resolved: to reimpose Standing Orders 2(f). Unanimous. Resolved: Cllr Bowgett, Cllr Butcher and Cllr Tunney to inspect the viaduct and review costs, return to the next appropriate meeting with results. Unanimous d) To consider a request from Tadcaster and Rural CIC for the use of the riverbank and to move the picnic benches for the Tadcaster Creates Festival 3-6 September.				

	David Gluck sent an update prior to the meeting, stating: ‘<i>Our original intention was to ask the Town Council for permission to use a part of the riverside for one of the performances by Freedom Festival on 3rd September. However, we have decided against this and will deliver the whole of that Festival at the Barn.</i>’ Noted e) To receive an update for banking services in Tadcaster and co-partnership with the Library for the application for funding and budget requirements. This is underway, a very willing library committee and Newcastle building Society are keen to help with a pop-up hub, however they will not handle cash. Action: to keep as an agenda item for the September meeting. f) To consider a memorial at the Stutton Road and Middlemiss Allotments. Resolved: to move to the next appropriate meeting. Unanimous g) To consider a way forward for the Town Trail panels. An update from David Gluck was circulated prior to the meeting: <i>My apologies that this has taken so long to complete. Please note the following:</i> <i>a. Pamphlets are complete and I will deliver these to you next week.</i> <i>b. New Perspex and backing boards will be commissioned quickly to replace the old. All the artwork for the trail is complete and to be transposed onto the Perspex before refitting.</i> Action: The Clerk to confirm with David Gluck what action is required by Council. The Clerk to report back to the Council at the next appropriate meeting. Unanimous <i>Cllr MacKay left the meeting 21:14</i> h) To consider a proposal from a member of the public regarding funding for a stone pedestal near the war memorial between the two benches. Member of the public is aware of changes/ movement of the benches. Resolved: To discuss at the next appropriate meeting. Unanimous i) 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. j) To receive an update on the Cemetery trees. Nothing to update				
FC/27/59	POLICY & GOVERNANCE- a) To approve and adopt the revised Freedom of Information Policy (FOI) Resolved: to adopt the revised Freedom of information Policy. Unanimous b) To consider the Length of Service Criteria. Recognition of service should be valued a proposal of a physical recognition of length of service. Discussion of budgets and spending public money on items. Resolved: to discuss at the next F&GP Committee meeting. Unanimous c) To consider the amended Register of Interests forms for Councillors. Resolved: to use the new forms from May 2027. Unanimous d) To consider notice of vacancy for Tadcaster East Ward following the resignation of Fiona Greig. The Chair passed on his thanks to Fiona for her time as a Councillor. Resolved: to write a letter to Cllr Greig thanking her for service. Unanimous				
FC/27/60	FINANCE a) To approve the schedule of payments to 4 August 2026 - (Two Councillors to approve and sign the Payment Schedule sheet to be paid by electronic payment. Schedule to be circulated at the meeting.) <table><tr><td>Electronic Payments</td><td>NET</td><td>VAT</td><td>TOTAL</td></tr></table>	Electronic Payments	NET	VAT	TOTAL
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	Calcaria Domestic Cleaning	93.75	18.75	112.50
	DCG Tree Surgery Ltd	1991.00	0.00	1991.00
	Living Landscapes	1524.40	0.00	1524.40
	Mike Dando	884.95	0.00	884.95
	Pullan	185.00	0.00	222.00
	TRCIC	250.00	0.00	250.00
	Vision ICT	220.00	44.00	264.00
	Direct Debits			
	Awareness Software Ltd	347.18	69.44	416.62
	Business Stream	53.43	0.00	53.43
	Payments to Note			
	Administration	5206.50	0.00	5206.50
	Resolved: to approve the schedule of payments to 4 August 2026 as signed by Cllr Bowgett and Cllr Lodge. b) To consider any grant applications and evaluation forms presented to the Town Council. i. Receive an update from 2434 (Church Fenton) Squadron Grant aid Noted c) To note correspondence from North Yorkshire Council regarding Parish Precept arrangements 2026/27 and 2027/28 Noted			
FC/27/61	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. None b) To receive an update on the next edition of the Newsletter. A proof was circulated, comments should be with the lead Councillor by the end of this week, if there are any changes required.			
FC/27/62	CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – for members to note as required. a) To note YLCA – White Rose Bulletin (3, 10, 24 July 2026), Law and Governance June 2026. Noted b) To consider an invitation from Yorkshire in Bloom to attend awards ceremony and purchase a plaque. Resolved: Cllr Bowgett to attend the ceremony and one plaque be purchased. Unanimous c) To note the North Yorkshire Council Customer Relationship Management (CRM system rollout and Highways Services Migration). Noted d) To note correspondence from BT regards the phone box adoption. Noted e) To note North Yorkshire Council Parish Liaison: Don't Spark Disaster: Wildfire Prevention Campaign. Noted f) To note email from Parish Liaison - The North Yorkshire Local Plan: Town and Parish Council Briefing. Noted g) To note Newsletter from Yorkshire Green. Noted			
FC/27/63	To consider agenda items for next meeting. None			
FC/27/64	To note date, time and location of next meeting. 15 September 2026, 7pm, The Ark, Tadcaster			

The meeting closed at 21:32