

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
06 February 2018

Present: Councillors Upson (Chairman), Beck, Draper, Mellows, Nicholson, Riley, Swift, Westmorland & Womersley.

Apologies: Councillors Briggs, Campbell, Jones, Morris & Wootton.

14 members of the public were in attendance.

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Womersley to his first Town Council meeting. The Chairman informed members that the report re; Agenda Item 03 had been removed from the agenda as Councillor Riley was in attendance for this meeting.

214 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

To receive questions from Members of the Public as per the Town Council's Standing Orders - 1 d & e.

The Chairman informed the meeting that no questions had been submitted

215 POLICE REPRESENTATION AT TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS - (Refer to Minute No. 70 – 2012/13)

If a representative from the Police is in attendance they will be given the opportunity to raise any relevant matter. Members of the Council however will restrict Police matters they raise to those relating to Hemsworth Township.

There was no representative from the Police in attendance.

216 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors should disclose pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest/s in any item/s on this agenda. **The Chairman read out the following statement.** Members are referred to, and shall observe, the provisions of the Hemsworth Town Council's Code of Conduct. If a Councillor has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest he/she must, unless a dispensation has been granted, withdraw from the meeting room and take no part in the discussion or vote. If any interest (Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary) has not been entered in the Town Council's register then you must disclose it at the meeting and inform the Monitoring Officer within 28 days of the date of initial disclosure. Failure to abide by the provisions of the Code in regard to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests now amounts to a criminal offence.

No disclosures were made.

217 BUDGETARY PROCEDURES 2018/19

Councillor Draper proposed that the recommendation from the Special Finance Committee meeting held 30th January 2018 for authority to be given to the Town Clerk to levy a precept of £730,000 on the District Council for the financial year commencing 1 April 2018 be moved. This was seconded by Councillor Swift.

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217 BUDGETARY PROCEDURES 2018/19 - continued

Councillor Womersley raised concerns that despite the Town Clerks report stating healthy levels of balances that the Town Council was approving an increase in the precept. Councillor Womersley questioned why this Town Council was providing funds for the Fitzwilliam Centre when this was a charitable trust. The Chairman responded by explaining about the Town Councillors' role as Trustees to the Fitzwilliam Centre and the grant provision. Councillor Womersley requested that a meeting be arranged with the Chairman and the Clerk to discuss this matter further.

Councillor Womersley highlighted the profound increase to the Legal fees budget along with matters relating to the future use of Bank Street. The Chairman stated that this Town Council needed to ensure adequate finances were available to cover unknown costs such as legal fees, the General Data Protection Regulations along with delivering the services and projects of this Town Council.

Councillor Womersley stated that there was no mention in the report of the £50,000 (\$106 monies) that had been paid to this Town Council. The Clerk stated that this had been received in 2016/17 and had been accounted for in the accounts for that year.

The Chairman asked the meeting if there were any further comments or any amendments to the proposal. As nothing further was put forward the Chairman requested a vote on the proposal put forward.

RESOLVED: That by a vote of 7 for, 1 against & 1 abstention the proposal that the recommendation of the Special Finance Committee meeting held 30th January 2018 is approved and that authority be given to the Town Clerk to levy a precept of £730,000 on the District Council for the financial year commencing 1 April 2018.

218 CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk reported on the following items of correspondence:

a. Westfield Centre Food Bank

It was agreed that the letter of appreciation be noted.

b. West Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner Annual report

It was agreed that the report received be noted.

219 TO APPOINT OR OTHERWISE DETERMINE THE COMMITTEE STRUCTURES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREED TERMS OF REFERENCE

It was agreed that Councillor Womersley be appointed on to the Leisure & Recreation committee.

220 PLANNING MATTERS

The Town Clerk reported on the following:

a. Weekly planning lists, applications, acknowledgment of comments and notification of decisions

It was agreed that the details supplied be noted.

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220 PLANNING MATTERS – continued

b. Correspondence re; Application No. 17/02761/FUL – 71 mobile homes @ Fitzwilliam
It was agreed that following the correspondence received which had been circulated to all members that a meeting be arranged for 6pm on 20 February 2018 and that the District Councillors be invited to also attend the meeting.

c. Correspondence re; Nursing Home (Grove Avenue)
It was agreed that following the correspondence received which had been circulated to all Members that the Clerk writes to the Chairman of Planning at Wakefield Council to request that she liaises and assists the residents with the issues they have raised.

221 TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Town Council meetings held on 05 December 2017 as detailed in Minute Book No.5, 2017/2018, pages 194 – 196. be confirmed as a true record.

The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

222 COMMITTEE & SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of Committees & Sub Committees, as detailed in Minute Book No. 5, 2017/2018 be adopted:

PAGE NO.	COMMITTEE	DATE
197 - 221	Leisure & Recreation	09 th January 2018
222 - 224	Finance	16 th January 2018
225	Finance Sub	14 th November 2017
226	Finance Sub	13 th December 2017
251 - 252	Policy	23 rd January 2018
253 - 254	Special Finance	30 th January 2018

N.B. Payments re: November & December 2017 are detailed on pages 227 - 250.

The minutes were moved as a true record.

223 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Minute No. 351 (14/11/95), the accounts for payment as examined and approved under Minute No. 197 of the Finance Committee held on 16th January 2018. be confirmed for payment.

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224 MATTERS RAISED BY THE CHAIRMAN

a. NALC – Larger Council’s Committee Meeting

It was agreed that the details provided by the Clerk of the meeting attended in January 2018 be noted.

Meeting closed @ 19.35

Tina Pattison
Town Clerk
06 February 2018

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