

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
22 November 2016

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

Apologies: Councillors Jones.

1 member of the public was in attendance.

185 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

186 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.

187 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.

188 CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk reported on the following items of correspondence:

a. Yorkshire Internal Audit – First Visit (2016/17) report

It was agreed that the information received be noted.

b. Kinsley War Memorial

It was agreed that the transfer of the war memorial into the Town Councils ownership be noted.

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189 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 information received be noted.

- b. WMDC – Retail and Town Centre Local Plan and Leisure Recreation and Open Space Local Plan – Notification of Inspectors report

It was agreed that the updated information provided by the Clerk be noted

- c. Land to the South of Newstead Lane, Fitzwilliam – Refer to Minute No.152c.

It was agreed that the updated information provided by the Clerk be noted

190 HIGHWAYS

The Town Clerk reported on the following:

- a. Stopping up of footpath Hemsworth 27 – Bullenshaw Road, Hemsworth – refer to Minute No. 153a

It was agreed that the updated information provided by the Clerk be noted.

191 LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME

Members discussed the Town Clerks report which had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

- a) That the Council publishes on-line the information required to be so published under the terms of the Quality Award of the Local Council Award Scheme;

- b) That the Council confirms that it meets the criteria required under the terms of the Foundation Quality Award of the Local Council Award Scheme.

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RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 4th October 2016 as detailed in Minute Book No.4, 2016/2017, pages 125 – 133 be confirmed as a true record.

The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

193 COMMITTEE & SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of Committees & Sub Committees, as detailed in Minute Book No.4, 2016/2017 be adopted:

PAGE NO.	COMMITTEE	DATE
134 - 143	Leisure & Recreation	18 th October 2016
144 - 147	Finance	8 th November 2016
148	Finance Sub	20 th September 2016
149	Finance Sub	18 th October 2016
163 - 164	Policy	15 th November 2016

N.B. Payments re: September & October are detailed on pages 150 - 162.

The minutes were moved as a true record.

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194 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. 174 of the Finance Committee held on 8th November 2016 be confirmed for payment.

195 MATTERS RAISED BY THE CHAIRMAN

a. HS2 update

It was agreed that the update provided be noted and that this Town Council looks to hold information/consultation events for the public in January 2017.

b. Boundary Commission for England – 2018 Review

It was agreed that the details provided be noted and that the Town Clerk responds to the consultation and highlights the anomalies; historically Hemsworth has links with Wakefield not Barnsley, e.g. railways, hospitals etc.

c. Town & Parish Council Liaison Group – (Meeting held 2 November 2016)

It was agreed that the details supplied by the Clerk be noted.

d. Celebratory Events

It was agreed that the information provided be noted and that a sub committee is arranged for next Tuesday to consider this matter in more detail.

196 EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That in view of the confidential nature of business to be transacted, it is advisable, in the public interest, that the public and press be excluded and they are instructed to withdraw

197 COMPLAINT

Members considered the complaint received (details circulated with the agenda) as per the Town Council's Complaints Procedures.

RESOLVED: that all members agreed with the initial response provided by the Town Clerk and as the complainant had failed to supply additional points for consideration then no further action could be taken on this matter.

Meeting closed @ 7.40 p.m.

Tina Pattison
Town Clerk
22 November 2016

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