

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
09 February 2016

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

Apologies: Councillors Briggs & Jones.

4 members of the public were in attendance.

The Chairman asked members and the public present to join him in a minutes silence as a mark of respect to Jean Price who had recently passed away. A Minutes silence was held.

276 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.

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

No representatives from the Police were in attendance.

278 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.

279 BUDGETARY PROCEDURES 2016/17

Councillor Westmorland proposed that further to the recommendation of the Special Finance Committee meeting held 2nd February 2016, that authority be given to the Town Clerk to levy a precept on the District Council for the financial year commencing 1 April 2016 as per the committee's recommendation. This was seconded by Councillor Draper.

RESOLVED: That by a unanimous vote the proposal was carried and authority is given to the Town Clerk to levy a precept on the District Council of £670,000 for 2016/17.

280 CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk reported on the following items of correspondence:

- a. West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner Newsletter
It was agreed that the information be noted.

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b. Scope – house to house collection dates
It was agreed that the details received be noted

c. YLCA – Understanding the Role of Combined Authorities
It was agreed that the details provided by the Town Clerk be noted

d. SLCC – Fracking plans
The Clerk gave details of matters relating to Fracking Plans and informed members that an extraordinary Council meeting was taking place at Wakefield Council on 17 February 2016 to deal with this matter.
It was agreed that the information be noted and that this Town Council wishes to ensure more evidence is provided so as to ensure Fracking is safe.

281 PLANNING MATTERS

The Town Clerk reported on the following:

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

The Clerk gave details to members on the following applications;

15/02706/FUL The Old Library Kinsley

It was agreed that comments be made on this application – change of use to a dance school - Noise nuisance to nearby residents, detrimental to residents in close proximity to the building. If Wakefield Council are mindful of approving this application then having a sound installation fitted, windows to be triple glazed and limit the hours of use be planning conditions.

16/00128/FUL – The Victoria Hotel

Members noted the application for change of use to 18 one bedroom flats.

16/00175/FUL Change of use of 9 parking spaces to hand car wash and valeting operation.

It was agreed that the Clerk highlights concerns over flooding issues.

b. Wakefield Local Development Framework – Supplementary Planning Documents;
Wakefield District Residential Guide and Wakefield City Urban Design

It was agreed that the information received be noted.

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RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 1st December 2015, as detailed in Minute Book No.5, 2015/2016, pages 222 – 224. be confirmed as a true record.

The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

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283 COMMITTEE & SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of Committees & Sub Committees, as detailed in Minute Book No. 5, 2015/2016 be adopted:

PAGE NO.	COMMITTEE	DATE
225 - 239	Leisure	05 January 2016
240 - 248	Recreation	12 January 2016
249 - 252	Finance	19 January 2016
253	Finance Sub	17 November 2015
254	Finance Sub	17 December 2015
300 - 301	Policy	26 January 2016
302 - 313	Special Finance	02 February 2016

N.B. Payments re: October, November & December are detailed on pages 255 -299.

The minutes were moved as a true record.

284 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. 258 of the Finance Committee held on 19 January 2016, be confirmed for payment.

285 MATTERS RAISED BY THE CHAIRMAN

a. Community Recognition Awards

The Chairman requested Members to consider implementing a scheme to publically recognize and acknowledge outstanding achievements and/or contributions to Community Life by residents within the Township.

It was agreed that a working party be set up to look at developing a scheme.

286 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

287 STAFFING MATTERS

The Town Clerk reported on the following:

a. Change in working hours – see Town Clerks report attached

Members discussed the Town Clerks report which was circulated with the agenda.

It was agreed that the Clerk reports back to the staff with the Town Council's response on issues raised and moves forward on this matter.

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287 STAFFING MATTERS - continued

b. Long Service Awards

The Chairman informed members that two members of staff are approaching 25 years of service for the Town Council and in recognition of their dedication then a monetary award of £100 (net of tax/national insurance) should be awarded.

RESOLVED: That the monetary award be approved.

That the Town Council would like it to be noted that thanks are sent to Rachel Middleton (Deputy Town Clerk) for her 25 years of service to the Town Council on 15th February 2016.

Meeting closed @ 7.40 p.m.

Tina Pattison
Town Clerk
09 February 2016

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