

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**14 February 2017**

**Present:** Councillors Upson (Chairman), Allan, Beck, Draper, Jones, McIntyre, Morris, Nicholson, Swift, Westmorland & Wootton.

**Apologies:** Councillors Briggs, Campbell, Mellows & Riley.

**No members of the public were in attendance.**

**235 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**

**236 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.**

**237 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.**

**238 BUDGETARY PROCEDURES 2017/18**

Councillor Westmorland proposed that further to the recommendation of the Special Finance Committee meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017, that authority be given to the Town Clerk to levy a precept on the District Council for the financial year commencing 1 April 2017 as per the committee's recommendation. This was seconded by Councillor Swift.

**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 £682,000 for 2017/18.

**239 CORRESPONDENCE**

The Town Clerk reported on the following items of correspondence:

a. Scope – house to house collections

**It was agreed** that the information supplied by the Clerk be noted.

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**239 CORRESPONDENCE - continued**

- b. W.M.D.C. - Town and Parish Council Representation at Local Area Action Group Meetings

**It was agreed** that the Clerk be nominated as the Town Council representative.

**240 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.

- b. British Telecom plc – Notification under section 49(4) of the Communications Act 2003

**It was agreed** that the details supplied be noted.

**241 ELECTORS MEETING**

**It was agreed** that the minutes of the Electors meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017, be noted and forwarded to the next Town Meeting for approval (page 255 – 259 of these minutes).

**242 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 as detailed in Minute Book No.5, 2016/2017, pages 165 – 167. be confirmed as a true record.

**The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.**

**243 COMMITTEE & SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of Committees & Sub Committees, as detailed in Minute Book No.5, 2016/2017 be adopted:

<b>PAGE NO.</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
168 - 193	Leisure & Recreation	10 <sup>th</sup> January 2016
194 – 197	Finance	24 <sup>th</sup> January 2016
198	Finance Sub	15 <sup>th</sup> November 2016
199	Finance Sub	14 <sup>th</sup> December 2016
239 - 240	Policy	31 <sup>st</sup> January 2017
241 - 250	Special Finance	07 <sup>th</sup> February 2017

**N.B. Payments re: November & December are detailed on pages 200 - 238.**

**The minutes were moved as a true record.**

**244 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. 18 of the Finance Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017, be confirmed for payment.

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**245 MATTERS RAISED BY THE CHAIRMAN**

a. HS2 update

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

b. Town & Parish Council Liaison Group – (Meeting held 01 February 2017)

**It was agreed** that the information supplied by the Town Clerk be noted.

c. Closure of HSBC Bank Plc

The Clerk gave details of complaints received re; closure of local branch. Members discussed ways of helping local people adjust to banking arrangements, especially in light of all banks pushing for “internet banking”.

**It was agreed** that as HSBC had confirmed numerous bank closures that a request for funding be made so as to use this for courses on “online banking” for the local community.

d. The British Hedgehog Preservation Society

**It was agreed** that following consideration of the request received that this Town Council agreed to join the “hedgehogs heroes’ roll of honor”.

e. Hemsworth Cemetery - Seating

Councillors Upson & Wootton provided members with details on providing a seating area in the Cemetery and updated members on meetings held with the District Council.

**It was agreed** that this Town Council supports the need to incorporate a seating area for the Community.

**246 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

**247 OPENING OF TENDERS – Fitzwilliam Centre (Re-roofing & Associated Works)**

Members opened seven tenders received for the re-roofing and associated works at Fitzwilliam Centre.

**RESOLVED:** That the tenders received be noted and forwarded to the Consultant for him to provide an analysis and report. That Councillors Upson & Westmorland and the Deputy Town Clerk meet with the Consultant on Monday (20/02/2017) and be given authority to confirm the consultant’s report and approve the acceptance of the most appropriate tender.

**248 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 confirmation of this be sent to the complainant.

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**249 LAND AT KIRKBY ROAD, HEMSWORTH**

The Town Clerk reported on correspondence received (Contractual and Associated matters) and provided an update on the current situation. The Chairman provided additional details to members.

**RESOLVED:** By a unanimous vote members agreed to a course of action to be taken and authority was given to the Chairman and Clerk to deal with all necessary action so that the outcome was at no detriment to the Council.

**Meeting closed @ 8.25 p.m.**

Tina Pattison  
Town Clerk  
14 February 2017  
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