

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
07 July 2015

Present: Councillors Draper (Chairman) Beck, Briggs, Campbell, Edwards, Jones, Mellows, Nicholson, Riley, Swift, Westmorland & Wootton.

Apologies: Councillors McIntyre, Morris & Upson.

3 members of the public were in attendance.

79 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.

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

No representatives from the Police were in attendance.

81 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.

Councillor Campbell declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 05c.

82 CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk reported on the following items of correspondence:

a. YLCA - White Rose update

It was agreed that the information received be noted.

b. Yorkshire Internal Audit

It was agreed that the report which had been circulated with the agenda be noted.

c. Jon Trickett MP – Provision of Grit Boxes/Bins

Members considered the request received for a grit box/bins for Craven Road.

The Clerk gave details of the costs to provide a grit bin and members raised concerns over legality issues re; potential litigation matters.

It was agreed that the Clerk obtains further details and reports back to the next Town Council meeting and that Jon Trickett MP is informed of this decision.

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83 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 of an application relating to the former Hemsworth Fire Station (demolition of existing building and construction of up to 7 dwellings).

Members raised concerns re; Highways/Safety.

It was agreed that the Clerk would submit comments stating that there are already problems with the volume of traffic on this road and this development would add more vehicles to a very busy road. In addition to this due to the site being opposite the school then the increase in traffic would raise the dangers on this stretch of road even further and increase the hazard to pupils and pedestrians.

- b. Designation of a Neighbourhood Area and publication of a Neighbourhood Plan

It was agreed that the details provided by the Town Clerk on the designation of a Neighbourhood Area (Badsworth) and the publication of a Neighbourhood Development Plan (Walton) be noted and no representations be made.

- c. Wakefield Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2015.

It was agreed that the details (Briefing note) that the Clerk had circulated to all Town Councillors be noted.

84 LICENCING

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

85 STANDING ORDERS

The Town Clerk reported on the following:

- a. To adopt the revised rules for the recording of Council meetings

It was agreed that the revised rules produced by the YLCA be adopted.

86 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

RESOLVED: That this Town Council confirms the notes of the Annual Town meeting held 28th May 2015, as detailed in Minute Book No. 1, pages 072 – 077, which will be forwarded to the next Town Meeting for approval.

87 ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 19th May 2015, as detailed in Minute Book No. 1, 2015/2016, pages 01 – 09, be confirmed as a true record.

The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

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88 COMMITTEE & SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS

RESOLVED: that the minutes of committees and sub committees, as detailed in Minute Book No. 1, be adopted.

The minutes were moved as a true record.

PAGE NO.	COMMITTEE	DATE
10 – 22	Leisure	02 June 2015
23 – 29	Recreation	09 June 2015
30 – 33	Finance	16 June 2015
34	Finance Sub	23 April 2015
35	Finance Sub	19 May 2015
66 – 68	Policy	23 June 2015

N.B. Payments re: April & May 2015 are detailed on pages 36 -65.

89 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Minute No. 351 (14/11/95), the accounts for payment as examined and approved under Minute 60 of the Finance Committee held on 16 June 2015, be confirmed for payment.

90 MATTERS RAISED BY THE CHAIRMAN

a. Road Safety Sub Committee

To consider setting up a Road Safety sub committee for our Township and to link this into the District Meetings – Refer to Minute No. 362 – Recreation Committee meeting held 21 April 2015.

It was agreed that this matter be deferred until the next Town Council meeting.

91 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 are excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

92 HEMSWORTH COMMUNITY – STRATEGIC PLANNING STRATEGY

a. Hemsworth Water Park (Greenspace issues) update

It was agreed that the update provided by the Clerk be noted and that a further request for documentation be made.

Meeting closed @ 7.35 p.m.