

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
28 March 2017

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

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

Minutes Silence

The Chairman asked members and the public present to join him in a minutes silence as a mark of respect to remember the victims who died in the terror attack in London and for George Mellows a past Councillor and Chairman who had recently passed away.

1 member of the public was in attendance.

264 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

265 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.

266 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.

Councillors Nicholson & Swift declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 12 – Grant Application.

267 CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk reported on the following items of correspondence:

a. Archbishop Holgates Hospital in Hemsworth (refer to Minute No. 254)

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

b. Letters of appreciation – Mr & Mrs Houlton & The Prince of Wales Hospice

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

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267 CORRESPONDENCE - continued

c. West Yorkshire Pension Scheme (Investment Strategy Statement)
It was agreed that the details supplied by the Clerk be noted.

d. YLCA – White Rose Update
It was agreed that the details received be noted.

e. Yorkshire Internal Audit – Third Interim Visit
It was agreed that the report received be noted.

268 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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RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 14th February 2017 as detailed in Minute Book No.6, 2016/2017, pages 251 – 259. be confirmed as a true record.

The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

270 COMMITTEE & SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of Committees & Sub Committees, as detailed in Minute Book No.6, 2016/2017 be adopted:

PAGE NO.	COMMITTEE	DATE
260	Leisure & Recreation	21 st February 2017
261 - 263	Finance	07 th March 2017
264	Finance Sub	24 th January 2017
265	Finance Sub	14 th February 2017
281 - 282	Policy	14 th March 2017

N.B. Payments re: January are detailed on pages 266 - 280.

The minutes were moved as a true record.

271 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. 253 of the Finance Committee held on 7th March 2017, be confirmed for payment.

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272 MATTERS RAISED BY THE CHAIRMAN

- a. Town & Parish Council Liaison Group – (Meeting held 15th March 2017)
It was agreed that the details supplied by the Clerk in relation to the costs for the 2015 elections be noted.

273 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

Councillors Nicholson & Swift having declared a pecuniary interest left the meeting taking no part in the decision making.

274 GRANT APPLICATION

- a. Kinsley & Fitzwilliam Learning & Community Centre
Members discussed the application received and the Clerk gave details of financial information relating to the Centre and highlighted matters relating to the Local Capital Grant funding (Wakefield Council).
RESOLVED: That by a unanimous vote the application at this time be refused and the Centre be directed to Wakefield Council for financial assistance. The Town Council would however consider an additional application in the future.

Meeting closed @ 7.50 p.m.

Tina Pattison
Town Clerk
28 March 2017
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