

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE SNAITH AND COWICK TOWN
COUNCIL HELD ON THE 22nd FEBRUARY 2016

PRESENT were Cllr. S. Jones in the chair, Cllr. J. Hollas, Cllr. R. Lyons, Cllr. D. Hill. Cllr. J. Barrett and Cllr. C. Fox , Goole Times and 1 Member of the Public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. J. Staveley-Churton, Cllr. G. Hulme, Cllr. D. Butterfield and Cllr. D. Bromley

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th February 2016, having been circulated, were accepted as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Town Mayor. Proposed Cllr. R. Lyons and seconded Cllr. J. Hollas and agreed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS IN ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA AND THE
NATURE OF SUCH INTERESTS

Cllr. J. Hollas Agenda Item 13e, Illegal Parking on Buttermarket
Cllr. D. Hill Agenda Item 11a, Lack of Seating at new Bus Shelter
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Cllr J. Barrett Agenda Item 12, Vale of Snaith Walking Group

To note dispensation given to any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below

None

Public Participation

No Members of the Public requested to speak.

East Riding Councillors Report

Cllr. J. Barrett advised that the next round of funding was now available from the Goole Fields Wind Farm development. Closing date for applications is 31st March 2016.
Cllr. J. Barrett also advised that the previous owner of Marios Pizza on Market Place had recently been fined for breaches of food hygiene and safety as a result of the Town Council's initial complaints.

Cllr. C. Fox advised she had comments to make on other agenda points if the Town Mayor would be happy to invite her into the conversation. Cllr. S. Jones (Town Mayor) agreed.

Town Clerks Report

A report from the Town Clerk was read to council members. Noted

Planning Application - Stobarts

New Information

Cllr. C. Fox advised that the application is not related to the current works at the site in Heck but is effectively a truck stop. Cllr. C. Fox stated that she would be attending the Heck Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 23rd February 2016 at 7pm for more information. Cllr. S. Jones advised that we would also attend with Cllr. R. Lyons.



Cllr. C. Fox also advised that another application made by Brocklesbys had been withdrawn. Noted by council members.

Feedback from Stobarts Meeting on 12th February 2016

Cllr. J. Hollas gave a report on the meeting which took place with other parishes affected by the application. All parishes will submit strong objections and propose suggestions. Noted by council members.

Footpath Surveys / Reports

Reports on footpaths in bad state of repair have been submitted by Cllrs Hollas, Butterfield and Hill. All information received will be forwarded to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council for review.

Youth Club

The Town Clerk advised that 4 application forms had been sent out for the post of Youth Worker with a closing date of 19th February 2016. No applications were returned.

Cllr. J. Barrett proposed writing to the Snaith High School to advise that the posts hadn't been filled and to enquire if any staff were interested in applying. Seconded Cllr. J. Hollas.

Resident Concerns

Lack of Seating at new Bus Shelter

The Town Clerk advised that a resident had complained there was no seating at the new shelter on Selby Road. Cllr. J. Barrett stated that seating was not mentioned when the original request was made to him. Cllr. J. Barrett proposed writing to the resident to advise of the restrictions imposed by the ERYC and that a new bench is due to be installed in the near future outside Wetheralls. Seconded Cllr. R. Lyons.

It was also agreed that the Assistant Town Clerk should investigate whether slanted seating could be added as an extra and report back to the council.

Potholes -West Cowick

Cllr. J. Barrett advised that he had spoken to John Harland at the ERYC regarding the potholes on Spa Well Lane. Mr Harland stated that these potholes were on the programme for repair but are awaiting better weather. Mr Harland confirmed with Cllr. J. Barrett that he would also look at other issues in the village. Cllr. R. Lyons proposed sending all the photographs received to Mr Harland, Service Manager for Highways Maintenance at the East Riding of Yorkshire Council. Seconded Cllr. D. Hill.

Vale of Snaith Walking Group

Keith Greenwood has submitted a letter outlining issues with the parish paths. The Town Clerk advised that she had discussed some of these with the council's grass cutting contractor Mr Geoff Thornton.

Footpath 17 - Mr Thornton advised that this path was rarely used and would not be cost efficient to maintain. Cllr. J. Barrett proposed that the council write to Mr Greenwood and ask him to contact Mr Thornton to discuss this further. Seconded Cllr. R. Lyons

Footpath 2 - This needs to be cut back and reinstated. Cllr. J. Hollas proposed contacting Lesley Whitehead at the ERYC and asking her to liaise with the landowner Mr S Wood. Seconded Cllr. J. Barrett.

Highway A645 - Hedges are overgrown on the footpath between the cemetery and Long Lane. The council agreed to contact the ERYC and request that they trim back the hedges, proposed Cllr. J. Barrett, seconded Cllr. R. Lyons.



Items from Council Members

Home Insurance - Cllr. D. Bromley

Deferred to the next meeting.

Attracting Visitors to Snaith - Cllr. D. Bromley

Deferred to the next meeting.

Disabled Access - Cllr. D. Bromley

Deferred to the next meeting.

Pelican Crossing A645 - Cllr. J. Staveley-Churton

Deferred to the next meeting.

Illegal Parking on Buttermarket - Cllr. D. Hill

Cllr. D. Hill stated that she has repeatedly seen the same car parked illegally on the double-yellow lines on Buttermarket. She also advised that the old parking bay lines could still be seen which encourages drivers to park there but no fines are being issued. Cllr. D. Hill proposed that the council contact the ERYC to query how many parking enforcement officers they have, how often they come to Snaith, statistics on fines issued, having the white lines removed from Buttermarket and whether the traffic enforcement officers could advise the Town Clerk when they intended to visit. Seconded Cllr. J. Barrett.

Cllr. J. Hollas believes that a number of parking spaces are also being taken up by employees of the businesses on Market Place which reduces the number of spaces available for customers. Cllr. J. Hollas proposed writing to all businesses on Market Place about staff parking and politely asking them to consider the impact on business if customers cannot get parked. Seconded Cllr. R. Lyons.

Electronic Agendas

Cllr. R. Lyons stated that he is very concerned about the amount of paper the council uses in issuing hard copies of the agendas and associated enclosures and the time it takes by the office staff to prepare. The Town Clerk advised that she calculated the annual costs to be circa £350 for paper and printing costs alone. Cllr. R. Lyons proposed trialling electronic agendas for the next 3-4 meetings, with information being scanned in and e-mailed to all councillors. It will then be reviewed at a later meeting. The use of a projector at the meeting to show enclosures was also discussed and felt it would better inform any members of the public also attending. The Town Clerk advised a cost of £73 for a ceiling-mounted projector. Seconded Cllr. J. Hollas.

The Town Clerk asked for a show of hands in favour of using electronic agendas - all councillors present were in favour.

Police Surgeries

The Town Clerk advised that PCSO Sam Chandler will be holding a Police Surgery in the council offices on Thursday 24th March 2016 between 5pm and 6:30pm. This will be advertised on social media and local press. Noted by councillors.

Payments

Accounts

A full list of payments was read to council members. Proposed Cllr. J. Hollas seconded Cllr. R. Lyons and agreed

Cheque Mandate

The Town Clerk advised that the cheque mandate forms needed updating. All councillors are to sign.

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Exclusion of Press and Public

Staffing Issues

The Town Clerk advised that she has serious concerns about the continued operation of the Youth Club should the council be unable to secure additional youth worker support. Clarification is also needed from current staff regarding their intentions to stay.

It was suggested that the council write to local colleges to see if we could gain any support from students where working at a youth club could be beneficial to their qualifications. Letters would also be sent to all parents of youngsters who attend the youth club to seek support and express concerns that the club may close without it.

Proposed Cllr. r. Lyons, seconded Cllr. J. Barrett.

The Town Clerk will also liaise with The Snaith School over the formal agreement to use the Drama Block for the club.

Pensions

The Town Clerk confirmed that all staff were now registered with NEST, the Workplace Pensions scheme, if they wished to pay into it. The council would also need to contribute a minimum of 3% by 2018 so Cllr. J. Barrett proposed paying that now to save making changes in the future. Seconded Cllr. D. Hill.

The Town Clerk asked for a show of hands in favour of this proposal - all present agreed.

..... S.F. Jones Signature

..... 14/3/16 Date