

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SNAITH AN COWICK TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY
26th JANUARY 2015 AT 26 MARKET PLACE, SNAITH

Present

Cllr. J. Staveley –Churton (in the chair), Cllr. S. Jones, Cllr. G. Hulme, Cllr. R. McArthur, Cllr. R. Lyons Cllr. N. Megson, Cllr. G. Laughton, Cllr. J. Hollas and Cllr. J. Barrett

Approval of minutes

The Town Clerk advised of some minor spelling amendments within the minutes.
The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12th January 2015 having been circulated and were accepted as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Town Mayor. Proposed Cllr. J. Barrett seconded Cllr. N. Megson and agreed.

Apologies for absence

Cllr. C. Fox

Declaration of interest by Members in items on this agenda and the nature of such interest

Cllr. G. Hulme and Cllr. J. Barrett Walkers are Welcome

All councillors present declared an interest in agenda item 22b Precept 2015/2016

The Town Clerk declared an interest in agenda item 9 CCTV Tender

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

Given to all councillors in relation to agenda item 22b, Precept 2015/2016

Public Participation

Mr Keith Greenwood asked to speak with regards to agenda item 18 Walkers are Welcome. Mr Greenwood stated that he would request Snaith and Cowick Town Council's website be linked to Walkers Are Welcome instead of Snaith and Cowick Together's site. Mr Greenwood also expressed an interest in dedicating a page on the Town Council Website to Walkers are Welcome with information regarding package walking deals and trips. Mr Keith Greenwood showed councillors a presentation of his requests. Cllr. J. Staveley – Churton thanked Mr Greenwood and advised it would be discussed late on the agenda.

Cllr. J. Barrett proposed having Walkers are Welcome moved forward on the agenda to the next item to be discussed seconded Cllr. G. Hulme and agreed. Cllr. J. Barrett proposed this was an excellent idea and the Town Council should move forward with the idea seconded Cllr. N. Megson and agreed. The Town Clerk expressed her concern with advertising individual businesses on the Town Council Website. Mr Greenwood noted the concerns however advised no individual business would be promoted. It was agreed for Mr Greenwood to attend a meeting with Nicola Russell (Town Council Administrator) to update the link and website. Noted by Council Members

East Riding Councillor Report

Cllr. J. Barrett advised white lines would be re painted on Pontefract Road however East Riding of Yorkshire Council would wait for better weather before it was done. Noted by Council members

Town Clerks Report

The Town Clerk read out a report to councillors

Newland Bridge Closure

Cllr. J. Staveley – Churton advised the open day had taken place and over 30 residents had visited the Town Council Office to either look at the plans or express their concerns. Cllr. J. Barrett advised North Yorkshire Councillor John Hodgson had also attended the open event. Cllr. J. Staveley – Churton advised that overall the feedback from residents was positive. Noted by council members.

CCTV Tender

Cllr. R. McArthur advised a number of councillors and council staff had attended meetings with three companies to discuss the provision of CCTV. Cllr. R. McArthur advised two of the companies would be able to support the Town Council with their set requirements however the third would not be able to offer the support needed. The Town Clerk advised she had been made aware one of the companies who had initially tendered had withdrawn from the process and recommended a further quote be requested from another company so three like for like quotes could be assessed. Cllr. J. Barrett proposed gaining a third quote seconded Cllr. N. Megson and agreed.

Bus Shelter – Pontefract Road

Information and emails from ERYC was circulated to council members prior to the meeting. Cllr. N. Megson advised he was not happy with the length of time it had taken to get the matter of a new bus stop resolved. The Town Clerk advised the Town Council had now received confirmation that works could be carried out however the Town Council would have to arrange for the works to be done and the removal of the old bus shelter. Cllr. R. Lyons proposed contacting the insurance company and asking if they will cover the costs for the removal seconded Cllr. N. Megson and agreed.

Church Lane – Yorkshire Water Issues – Update

The Town Clerk advised the problem with the drains on Market Place / High Street had been found and Yorkshire Water were hoping to have the issue dealt with by the 13th February 2015. Cllr. S. Jones proposed informing Yorkshire Water of the floor issues at the Town Lock Ups to see if they could be related seconded Cllr. G. Hulme and agreed.

Uneven Path – Residents Concern

The Town Clerk advised she had received a report from Cllr. N. Megson stating the path does slope however this was due to access to private properties and nothing could be done to prevent this. Noted by Council Members



Street Lighting

The Town Clerk advised she had been in contact with ERYC with regards to obtaining a grant for Street Lighting however further support from local residents would be required. The Town Clerk asked Cllr. R. McArthur to hand out leaflets down George Street to raise awareness and support. Noted by council members

Grit Bin South Parkway – Resident's Concern

The Town Clerk advised a resident had requested a further grit bin be located at the junction of Parkway and South Parkway. Cllr. J. Barrett proposed asking ERYC to carry out a survey and then reporting back to the Town Council, for the Town Council to then purchase an additional grit bin for the location seconded Cllr. J. Hollas and agreed.

Carlton Bridge, Speed Reductions – Residents Request

The Town Clerk had contacted the Council asking for clarification of the speed reductions entering and exiting Carlton Bridge. Cllr. J. Barrett proposed contacting North Yorkshire Council asking for clarification of the restrictions seconded Cllr. J. Hollas and agreed

Seat on Court Road Triangle – Request from Snaith and Cowick Pinderfield and TownInstitute Charity

Information was circulated to council members prior to the meeting. Cllr. R. Lyons stated he was unhappy with the positioning of the seat requested for Court Road Triangle as this would attract young people and the area is very busy with moving vehicles. Cllr. G. Hulme proposed contacting ERYC asking them for their views on the location and safety, seconded Cllr. N. Megson and agreed. Cllr. J. Barrett proposed writing to the Pinderfield Trust advising them of the Councils actions and the cost of a new seat and ask how much they would want to donate seconded Cllr. N. Megson and agreed

Snaith Youth Club

The Town Clerk advised she had discussed with Youth Club workers the running of the club and informed councillors of the new procedures that would be put in place to protect staff and attendees. The Clerk also advised there had been an issue the previous week with one of the attendees however this had now been resolved. The Clerk did advise councillors that any incidents should be reported to Town Council office staff immediately for documentation. Noted by council members

Items from Council Members

Mario's Pizzas – Cllr. J. Staveley – Churton

Cllr. J. Staveley- Churton advised that no improvement had been made regarding Health and Safety on the site and the look of the property was deteriorating. Cllr. S. Jones proposed contacting ERYC Conservation Officer, ERYC Enforcement Officer and Health and Safety Executive regarding the issue seconded Cllr. N. Megson and agreed

Summer Market – Cllr. S. Jones

Cllr. S. Jones requested investigations take place as to the possibilities of the Summer market taking place due to the proposed one way systems on Market Place. The Town Clerk advised ERYC had been contacted and they could see no issues as to why the Market could not take place. Cllr. G. Hulme proposed writing to Snaith Priory, Snaith Methodist Church and Cowick Church advising them of the event seconded Cllr. S. Jones and agreed

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Magna Carta 800 Year Anniversary – Cllr. S. Jones

Cllr. S. Jones advised councillor he had been attending meetings in Pontefract to discuss celebration plans for the Magna Carta Anniversary. Cllr. S. Jones proposed setting up a working group to organise some celebrations in Snaith and link it to the Summer Market seconded Cllr. J. Barrett. It was agreed for Cllr. S. Jones, Cllr. N. Megson, Cllr. J. Staveley – Churton, the Town Clerk Vicky Whiteley and Nicola Russell to join the working group.

Woodlands Trust

Information was circulated to council members prior to the meeting.

Cllr. R. Lyons proposed not moving forward with this as Snaith do not have the area required for such a large number of trees seconded Cllr. G. Laughton and agreed

Council Email Accounts

The Town Clerk advised councillor new email addresses had been set up for all Cllrs and staff and they would have to start using them on the 2nd February. Noted by council members

Accounts

A full copy of payments were circulated to council members. Proposed Cllr. G. Hulme seconded Cllr. R. Lyons and agreed

Exclusion of Press and Public

Precept

Information was circulated to council members prior to the meeting. The Town Clerk explained how the figures had been calculated and advised of the ERYC Tax banding system. Cllr. G. Hulme requested some figure be reduced as he had calculated a different figure. Discussions took place as to different sub sections within the calculation. The Town Clerk advised she had calculated the figures based on 2014 / 2015 spend however it was for the Town Councillors to make the final decision of the 2015 / 2016 precept as she was only allowed to recommend and advise. Figures from a 2% increase through to a 12% increase were presented to councillors. Cllr. J. Staveley – Churton asked all councillors to state the percentage increase they would agree with, Cllr. J. Barrett proposed 5%, Cllr. S. Jones proposed 5%, Cllr. R. Lyons proposed 3%, Cllr. R. McArthur proposed 3%, Cllr. J. Hollas proposed 4%, Cllr. G. Hulme proposed 3%, Cllr. G. Laughton proposed 4%, Cllr. N. Megson proposed 4%, Cllr. J. Staveley – Churton proposed 5%. Cllr. N. Megson proposed calculating the average which was 3.88% and the figure be rounded up to 4% Seconded Cllr. J. Barrett. The Town Clerk requested a show of hands in favour of 4% Cllrs. J. Staveley – Churton, J. Barrett, J. Hollas, S. Jones, R. McArthur, N. Megson, the town clerk then requested a show of hands against 4% Cllr. G. Laughton, Cllr. G. Hulme and Cllr. R. Lyons. It was agreed to a 4% increase.

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