

## STOKESLEY TOWN COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Town Council was held on Tuesday 10 October 2023 at 7.15 pm  
in Stokesley Town Hall

**Present:** Cllrs Sally Atkinson, Mike Canavan, Sean Carey, Bryn Griffiths, Christopher Johnson, David Oxley (arrived at 8.05 pm), Audrey Scott and Andy Wake.

Clerk – Mrs Julie McLuckie, Sgt Chris Ross, North Yorkshire Police, Mr K Turland, D&S Reporter and six residents.

***In accordance with the notice of meeting a public forum session took place from 7.15 pm to 7.30 pm.***

Residents from Carricks Corner raised their concerns about the ongoing issue around exiting Carricks corner onto Thirsk Road and how dangerous it is because of vehicles parked. **RESOLVED** that Sgt. Ross would ask for a site visit to take place to look at the situation. Cllr Canavan confirmed that following review of old minutes he had found reference back in 2001 that NYCC (as it was then) had proposed that the lines should be the full length of the area. It was agreed to bring this to their attention and encourage them to instate double yellow lines to the junction as per their initial recommendation.

Sgt. Ross presented the Police report and provided further information on the 34 incidents recorded between 1 September and 30 September 2023. **RESOLVED** the team were thanked for their prompt action in tackling the recent spate of anti-social behaviour and members were pleased to note that the young people responsible have been identified and that action is being taken against them to prevent further incidents.

Following the awarding of a Section 137 grant to a resident scout as a contribution towards his fundraising to attend the jamboree in South Korea he provided members with a presentation on his visit and thanked the Town Council for their support.

**North Yorkshire Council (NYC)**– Cllr Griffiths has contacted NYC regarding the lack of work taking place on the cobbled area since the initial work commenced on the latest area (over a week on non-attendance) and was awaiting a response. Cllr Griffiths had also asked for the recent pothole repairs carried out on Cleveland Avenue to be inspected as he was not satisfied with the work that had taken place.

### **1/10/10/23 NOTICE OF MEETING**

**RESOLVED** that the public notice of the meeting had been provided in accordance with Schedule 12, paragraph 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972

### **2/10/10/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

1. **RESOLVED** that the apologies for absence from Cllrs Cook and Sowerby be received.
2. **RESOLVED** that the reasons for absence provided be agreed.

### **3/10/10/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

**None declared.**

### **4/10/10/23 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 12 September 2023 be agreed and signed as a true record.

## **5/10/10/23 PLANNING**

1. The following Planning Applications were received and reviewed. **RESOLVED** to confirm approval of all the comments submitted as detailed.

### **Applications Received**

**ZB23/01876/ADV – Sterling House, 2 bridge Road** – advertisement consent for new signage ‘Olga’s LK Salon’. **RESOLVED** no objections subject to appraisal by the Local Planning Authority against the content of the Hambleton Market Towns Conservation Area Design Guidance for repair and alterations works in Bedale, Easingwold, Northallerton, Stokesley and Thirsk.

**ZB23/01853/LBC – Ground Floor, 25 High Street** – Retrospective LBC for the installation of signage.

**ZB23/01823/ADV – Ground floor, 25 High Street** – Retrospective advertisement consent for the installation of signage. **RESOLVED** no objections subject to appraisal by the Local Planning Authority against the content of the Hambleton Market Towns Conservation Area Design Guidance for repair and alterations works in Bedale, Easingwold, Northallerton, Stokesley and Thirsk.

**ZB23/01964/TPO – Land rear of St Josephs Presbytery, 1 Tanton Road** – works to remove 3 trees and works to another tree within a group TPO 19/0012/TPO2. **RESOLVED** no objections.

**ZB23/01627/LBC – 73 Levenside** – Listed building consent for replacement to all existing wooden windows on North elevation to be replaced with heritage wooden double glazed sealed units matching design of existing windows. New timber sash windows to be installed. Size to match existing opening. Window specification: Accoya wood (painted), fully double glazed with Low E, heritage sealed units, draft sealed traditional cords and weights, axel pulleys, sash lifts, and locking claw fasteners, scribed (not routed), ovolo mouldings and mortice and tenon joints. **RESOLVED** no objections.

### **Applications Granted**

**ZB23/00950/FUL – Mixology Brew Co Premium Brewery and Kitchen, 25 High Street** – Change of use from car parking spaces to a decking area. Including temporary grooved timber decking, joists mounted on cobblestones, 1-meter-high iron railing with Perspex (clear) sheets mounted behind. 6 fixed tables, with 6 non-permanent parasol and 24 non-permanent chairs. No lighting, heating or signage included.

**22/00127/REM – White House Farm** – Application for approval of reserved matters (considering appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) following approval reserved (excluding access) for the construction of up to 25 no. residential dwelling (as amended).

**ZB23/01612/FUL – Tanton Road** – Single storey sunroom extension to the dwelling.

2. Planning and Development Issues:-

- a. Taylor Wimpey Estate – **RESOLVED** that Cllr Griffiths informed Members that enforcement action was taking place in relation to the recreational areas.
- b. British Legion Club Site – **RESOLVED** to receive the response from the Enforcement Team read out by the Clerk at the meeting. Members were disappointed to hear that the Enforcement Team have decided that it is not in the public interest to pursue a prosecution for non-compliance with the S215 notice. The Clerk was asked to write to NYC to express the disappointment of the Town Council and Stokesley residents and that they strongly disagree that not pursuing legal action is in the public interest. This issue has been ongoing for several years now and residents feel that the state of repair of the current building and adjacent land is not in the public interest and that they want to see immediate action taken.
- c. Tilia Estate – **RESOLVED** to receive the response from the Planning Department read out by the Clerk. The update confirmed that a meeting is due to take place next week with representatives from the Tilia Development at which time an update would be provided.
- d. Brierley Development – **RESOLVED** that planning was approved and work on the development would commence in due course.

- e. 47 High Street (formerly the Pack Horse Pub) – **RESOLVED** to receive the response from the Enforcement Team which was read out by the Clerk. Members were extremely disappointed to hear that the Enforcement Team did not believe that the poor state of repair ‘adversely affects the amenity of the area’. The Clerk was asked to respond stating that Members and residents do feel that the poor state of repair adversely affects the amenity of the area especially since the adjacent building have recently been refurbished. The glass has not been repaired as stated in the e-mail, the Town Council would therefore like to see a Section 215 notice served and appropriate action taken.
- f. 41 High Street – **RESOLVED** that this has been reported to Enforcement and awaiting a response.

### **6/10/10/23 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

- 1. **RESOLVED** that the monthly statements for September 2023 circulated on 4.10.23 be received.
- 2. **RESOLVED** that the payments made in September 2023 (attached at Appendix 1) be received and agreed.
- 3. **RESOLVED** that the Investment Report for the period ending 30 June 2023 circulated on 4.10.23 and the review update following the Finance Committee meeting on 14 September 2023 be received. It was noted that despite a decline during the recent financial climate the return was still better than if it had been left in the bank. Cllr Canavan had circulated a report which proposed investing funds from both Town Council and Manorial Lands Trust in short date gilts. Short date gilts are low risk, accessible investments which offer a better return than the saving bank accounts. It was agreed to invest £25k from Town Council and £40k from Manorial Lands Trust in short date gilts managed by Redmayne Bentley.
- 4. **RESOLVED** that the completed Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2022/23 Part 3 circulated on 4.10.23 be received. The Clerk confirmed that the notice has been displayed in accordance with the regulations.

### **7/10/10/23 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

#### **Town Council**

- 1. Strategic Objectives for 2023/24.
  - a. Cobblestones – **RESOLVED** that Members were extremely disappointed that once again, work had commenced with the contractors on site for one day and not back on site for over a week now. The Clerk had raised this with NYC and was awaiting a response.
  - b. Parking – **RESOLVED** that we are still awaiting a response from NYC on the revised Service Level Agreement. Further information had been provided regarding proposed revisions to parking permits and parking bay layouts. Cllr Canavan had requested a revised map from Ward Hadaway which would designate the parking areas rather than individual parking spaces within the parking areas, this would make any future revisions to parking layouts easier.
- 2. Press Releases Approval – **RESOLVED** that the any articles for the next newsletter to be submitted to the Clerk by Friday 3 November to enable a draft to be circulated for approval prior to the copy deadline of 10 November 2023.
- 3. ZOOMM Snagging List / Reinstatement List – **RESOLVED** that the response from Streetworks circulated on 28.9.23 be received and that Members would continue to monitor the required repairs.
- 4. Trees adjacent to 70 High Street – **RESOLVED** that the trees do not belong to the Town Council and the area of land is not shown on the Land Registry website as registered to anyone. However, the Clerk would ask our contractor to review the trees to see if they are dangerous or not. The resident has the right to remove any branches overhanging their property.
- 5. Trees behind 45 The Firs – **RESOLVED** that the land in question belongs to Constantine’s and therefore the trees that are subject to a Tree Preservation Order should be maintained by them.
- 6. Hedge Cutting on The Paddock – **RESOLVED** that the e-mail circulated 2.10.23 be received. The Town Council appreciates that the cutting when it initially takes place can look harsh, however, this is routine

maintenance work which ensure the hedges remain healthy and do not become overgrown and out of control.

**Committees and Working Groups**

1. **RESOLVED** that the minutes from the Finance Committee held on 14 September 2023 be received.
2. **RESOLVED** that the minutes from the Open Spaces and Allotments Committee held on 26 September 2023 be received.

**North Yorkshire Council**

1. **RESOLVED** that the public notice explaining North Yorkshire Councils intention to remove all the old District and Borough Council Hackney Carriage zones and replace them with one North Yorkshire Council zone circulated on 21.9.23 be received.

**Police**

1. **RESOLVED** that the monthly statistics report circulated on 3.10.23 be received.
2. **RESOLVED** that the Police confirmed they have identified the young people involved in the increased anti-social behaviour and are in the process of taking appropriate action working with their parents and the school.

**YLCA**

1. **RESOLVED** that the White Rose Updates be received.
2. **RESOLVED** that the Training E—Bulletins be received.
3. **RESOLVED** that the Law and Governance Bulletins be received.
4. **RESOLVED** that the Information Requests and Vacancies Information be received.
5. **RESOLVED** that the Chief Executive bulletins be received.

**Correspondence/Complaints received**

1. **RESOLVED** that the letter from Hambleton and Richmondshire Bus Users (HarBus) about the bus services in North Yorkshire circulated on 21.9.23 be received. The Clerk was asked to write to confirm the support of Town Council.
2. **RESOLVED** that the e-mail about Social disorder, Drug Use and Premises Licensing in Stokesley circulated on 12.9.23 be received, it was noted that this is being addressed by the Police.
3. **RESOLVED** that the grant application form from SPIOTA requesting a S137donation of £2,100 circulated on 18.9.23 be received and approved.

**Items tabled for information**

None received.

**8/10/10/23 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

In accordance with Paragraph 1 (2) of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Town Council **RESOLVED** that the press and public be excluded from the meeting to deal with items of a confidential nature.

22 Jackson Drive – **RESOLVED** that the Clerk report that the removal of the hedge and storage of equipment on public open space to the Enforcement Officers.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Signed .....Date .....

**STOKESLEY TOWN COUNCIL – SEPTEMBER 2023****ACCOUNTS REPORT****Payments**

<b><u>Supplier</u></b>	<b><u>Reason</u></b>	<b><u>Value £</u></b>
Salaries	Weeks 22 - 25	5250.10
HMRC	PAYE/NIC Weeks Month 6	987.76
Sage	IT Support	102.00
HFC Systems	Office 365 – IT support	117.24
Town Hall Trust	Office Rent	605.00
Clear Business	Phone / Internet	82.97
MacVenture LLP	Zip Wire Repair – Open Spaces / Play Areas	2160.00
Scotbark LLP	Play Bark – Open Spaces / Play Areas	5311.08
ROSPA	Play Park Inspection – Open Spaces / Play Areas	209.40
Wigin Landscaping	Grass Cutting and Tree Work – June	2278.19
MBP Groundcare	Monthly Hedges SLA – Tree Work	322.50
Wigin Landscaping	Elmwood Tree – Tree Works	192.00
Amazon	Cleaning Products for Interpretation Panels – Open Spaces / Miscellaneous	24.06
British Gas	Electricity – Open Spaces / Toilets	52.06
Commercial Washrooms	Cubicle Door fitting – Open Spaces / Toilets	39.60
Westclean	Holiday Cover – Open Spaces / Toilets	295.20
Wave	Water – Open Spaces / Toilets	266.81
Professional Paper Supplies	Cleaning Products – Open Spaces / Toilets	70.50
Upwood	Toilet Rolls – Open Spaces / Toilets	159.96
Lesley Palmer	Newsletter	160.00
Lady Hullocks Trust	Allotment Rent	525.00
Town Hall Trust	Meeting Room Costs	291.00
PKF Littlejohn	External Audit	756.00
Barclays	Bank Charges - Miscellaneous	10.00
A.Hill & Sons	Memorial Tree – Miscellaneous	159.60
Rainbow Nurseries	Window Plant Tubs – Miscellaneous (reimbursed by Friends of the Town Hall)	314.87
Catch Designs	Social Media Training	156.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>20898.90</b>