

STOKESLEY TOWN COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Town Council was held on Tuesday 11 October 2022 at 7 pm
in Stokesley Town Hall

Present: Cllrs Sean Carey, David Cook, Bryn Griffiths, Christopher Johnson, David Oxley, Audrey Scott, Graham Sowerby and Andy Wake.

Clerk – Mrs Julie McLuckie, North Yorkshire Police – Sgt. Chris Ross, Mr K Turland – D&S Reporter, Mr Peter Jones – HDC Development Manager and 11 members of the public.

In accordance with the notice of meeting a public forum session took place from 7 pm to 7.15 pm.

Sgt Ross advised members that 16 incidents had been reported between 19 September and 7 October 2022 and provided a breakdown on each of the incidents.

All the residents in attendance were there to speak about the Old British Legion Club Site on North Road and their continued frustration at the lack of action from HDC in carrying out the enforcement. Mr Jones provided an update and an explanation on why the previous Section 215 notices served had not been completed stating that the main reason for this was that the premises keeps changing hands and therefore the process must recommence as a Section 215 notice is served on the owner rather than the land. Mr Jones assured residents that they have now identified the new owners and that a Section 215 notice would be served on them. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would ask HDC to inform us when the S215 notice has been served and to confirm the timeframes associated with it. Mr Jones would arrange for the Building Control Officer to carry out an inspection of the building. Both the residents and the Town Council would write to the Chief Executive requesting that HDC consider a Compulsory Purchase Order. The Clerk would seek an update on the S215 notice already served on the adjacent land and ascertain the next enforcement steps and timescales.

Taylor Wimpey Site – Mr Jones advised members that HDC had received reassurances from Taylor Wimpey that work on the recreational areas as detailed in the S106 agreements contained within the planning approval had commenced and that the land had been cleared and re-seeded and the fencing installed. **RESOLVED** that this be closely monitored and if the work is not completed soon, then enforcement procedures would commence.

Tilia Development – Mr Jones confirmed that he is waiting for an update from the Tilia Project Manager who had previously confirmed that the conditions regarding the public footpath and the lighting at the Tanton junction would be progressed. **RESOLVED** that Mr Jones provide an update as soon as possible and provide a time frame for when enforcement procedures will commence if this work is not completed.

North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) – County Cllr Griffiths advised members that NYCC are currently looking at the issues around harmonising Council Tax across the new Unitary Authority. Because of the level of difference, it is proposed that this takes place over a 2-year period to minimise the impact. However, this will still have an impact on residents of HDC as we are currently the lowest across the new Unitary. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk write to both HDC and NYCC to ask when they can expect to know what the increase will be as it was agreed that it is important that the Town Council have this information when considering their budget for next year.

Hambleton District Council (HDC) – District Cllr Griffiths confirmed that the Chief Executive would only receive his legal entitlement when he leaves the role and that the press coverage stating that he would also receive a ‘golden handshake’ payment was incorrect.

1/11/10/22 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.

2/11/10/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1. **RESOLVED** that the apologies for absence received from Cllrs Atkinson, Canavan and Luxton be received.
2. **RESOLVED** that the reasons for absence provided be approved.

3/11/10/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

RESOLVED that both Cllrs Griffiths and Wake declared an interest in anything that may involve their position as District and County Cllrs.

4/11/10/22 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 27 September 2022 be agreed and signed as a true record.

5/11/10/22 PLANNING

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

Applications Received

22/02203/FUL - 2 West End – Replace current windows with double glazed. **RESOLVED** no objections.

22/01931/FUL – The Orchard – Application for change of use of land to domestic to enable the construction of a triple garage with garden store and plant room (amended plans).

22/02282/FUL – 18 Eastfields – Proposed porch to front. **RESOLVED** no objections.

Applications Granted

22/01340/FUL - Newtons Solicitors, 11 High Street – Part retrospective alterations to existing building including installation of ventilation grilles.

22/01341/LBC - Newtons Solicitors, 11 High Street – Part retrospective alterations to existing building including installation of fascia, doorcase, front door, hanging sign and ventilation grilles.

22/01822/FUL – 14 Dalewood Walk – Proposed alterations for porch at front and a single storey rear extension.

22/01936/LBC – Barclays Bank, 42 High Street – LBC from internal stripping of ground floor level, including removal of modern subdividing partitioning walls to create a single open plan space

2. Planning and Development - Planning Enforcement.
 - a. Taylor Wimpey Estate – discussed in the public session at the beginning of the meeting.
 - b. British Legion Club Site, North Road – discussed in the public session at the beginning of the meeting.

6/11/10/22 REVIEW OF ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the Action List (attached at Appendix 2) be received.

7/11/10/22 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. **RESOLVED** that the monthly statements for September 2022 circulated on 5.10.22 be received.
2. **RESOLVED** that the payments made in September 2022 (attached at Appendix 1) be received and agreed.

3. **RESOLVED** that the Investment Income Accounts Statements for September 2022 for both the Town Council and Manorial Lands Trust circulated on 4.10.22 be received.

8/11/10/2022 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Town Council

1. Update on the Strategic Objectives for 2022/23.
 - a. Cobbles – **RESOLVED** that it was noted that the payment offered by HDC had been withdrawn. The Chief Executive had written to the Town Council to advise them that a letter detailing how HDC propose to deal with the cobbles repairs and maintenance going forward would be received by 14 October 2022.
 - b. Parking – **RESOLVED** that the Clerk has contacted Scarborough BC with a view to progressing a partial element of the agreed Off Street Parking Places Order which will cover College Square, the Plain and the cobbles that run from what was the Natwest Bank to West End – awaiting a response.
 - c. Electrical Vehicle Charging Points (EVCP) – **no further update.**
2. Press Releases Approval – **RESOLVED** that the Clerk draft a press release expressing the Town Councils disappointment at the decision taken by HDC to withdraw the funds and that STC continue to push for the cobbles to be repaired correctly by HDC in accordance with the lease.
3. Information / Interpretation Panels – **RESOLVED** that a meeting between STC and the Stokesley Society is scheduled to take place on the 27 October to review the proposals for each of the panels and the initial designs.
4. ZOOMM Update – **RESOLVED** that the Clerk had been advised by the grass cutting contractor that they were unable to cut some areas because of the poor state of reinstatement carried out by ZOOMM. Several other people have also expressed concern about the poor reinstatement in areas where they are working. The Clerk would ask NYCC to provide information on where all the work is scheduled to take place and ask that they ensure all areas of work are checked and reinstated correctly.
5. Silver Street Lease – **RESOLVED** that the Clerk had contacted Northern Powergrid to discuss the renewal of the wayleave agreement and also ask that they arrange for the rubbish to be removed from the power station – awaiting a response.
6. Tree Maintenance Report - **RESOLVED** that the tree maintenance report circulated on 5.10.22 be received. It was agreed that a second quote be obtained in accordance with our standing orders.
7. ROSPA Play Safety Inspection Reports – **RESOLVED** to receive the reports circulated on 5.10.22. The Clerk confirmed that the recommended signs had been delivered and would be installed in the coming week and the play bark is on order. The Clerk would arrange to meet with our contractor to secure quotes for some of the other areas requiring repair identified within the report so they could be included in the budget for next year.
8. Poppy Wreath – **RESOLVED** that the letter from the British Legion regarding the Poppy Wreath circulated on 5.10.22 be received and it was agreed to donate £50 to cover the cost of the wreath and a donation.

Committees and Working Groups

1. **RESOLVED** that the minutes from the Open Spaces and Footpaths Committee held on 6 September 2022 be received.
2. **RESOLVED** that the minutes from the Communications and Events Committee held on 29 September be received.

North Yorkshire County Council

No items received.

Hambleton District Council

1. **RESOLVED** that the letter from the HDC Chief Executive in response to our letter about the cobbles dated 28 September 2022, circulated on 5.10.22 be received.

Police

1. **RESOLVED** that the police report circulated on 10.10.22 be received (update provided in the public session).

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.

Correspondence/Complaints received

1. **RESOLVED** that the letter of support from the Climate Action Group for the installation of electric vehicle charging points in Stokesley circulated on 28.9.22 be received.
2. **RESOLVED** that the letter from a resident raising concerns about road safety on the B1257 between the A172 roundabout and the turn off to the industrial estate circulated on 26.9.22 be received. The Clerk confirmed that the letter had been forwarded to NYCC as the responsible authority.

Items tabled for information

None received.

9. 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.

1. The Globe – the Clerk advised members that she was due to meet with the current Library Manager as she had advised that she is looking to retire. The Globe Trustees were reviewing the current job description and working arrangements and would come forward with a proposal which they hope will assist going forward. **RESOLVED** that this be discussed at the Employment Committee meeting on 18 October 2022.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

SignedDate

STOKESLEY TOWN COUNCIL – SEPTEMBER 2022ACCOUNTS REPORTPayments

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Value £</u>
Salaries	Weeks 22 - 25	4749.64
HMRC	PAYE/NIC Weeks Month 6	671.20
Sage	IT Support	DD 94.80
HFC Systems	Office 265 – IT support	79.50
HFC Systems	Photocopier set up to computers – IT Support	36.00
Town Hall Trust	Office Rent	484.00
Clear Business	Internet / Telephone	DD 138.48
Play Safety Ltd	ROSPA Safety Inspection Reports – Open Spaces / Play Areas	273.60
PPS	Graffiti Removal Products – Open Spaces / Play Areas	46.45
Wigin Landscaping	Grass Cutting and Tree Work – September	2111.53
MBP Groundcare	Hedge SLA	322.50
Staples	Toilet Rolls – Open Spaces / Toilets	157.82
Wave	Water – Open Spaces / Toilets	464.09
British Gas	Electricity – Open Spaces / Toilets	DD 45.83
PPS	Cleaning Products – Open Spaces / Toilets	92.22
M&P Cubicle Hardware	2 x door catches – Open Spaces / Toilets	19.30
Lesley Palmer	Newsletter	160.00
Lady Hullocks Trust	Allotments Rent	475.00
Wave	Allotments Water	217.65
Town Hall Trust	Meeting Room Rents	144.00
Barclays	Bank Charges - Miscellaneous	DD 10.00
Helidragon Ltd	Cobbles Photographs – Miscellaneous	615.84
Amberol	SPIOTA Flower Tubs x 25 – Miscellaneous (£2300 grant received towards these from NYCC)	2894.40
Garth Bayley	Tour of Britain Bus Stop Art Work – Events	40.00
Total		14343.85

Town Council Meeting Actions

Minute No. Date Agreed	Task	Lead Councillor	Responsible Committee	Status
9/12/01/21 1.e.	Electrical Vehicle Charging Points (EVCP) – Quote received follow up meeting to be arranged.	Cllr Oxley	Town Council	Further information requested on the Concession Agreement proposal. Ongoing.