

HELMSLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Helmsley Town Council

held in the National Park Meeting Room on Monday 30th October 2017 at 6.30pm

Present Councillors Swift (chairman), Duncombe, Fairburn, Hawkins, Marsden and Saggars

Also present 9 members of the public, Ms V Ellis (Town Clerk) and Mrs L Pryor (Asst. Clerk)

Part One – opening business

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Parkin and the reason was approved.

2 Code of Conduct

Councillor Duncombe declared a pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 9.

3 Public Comments

A member of the public asked why the seat at the southern end of Castlegate had not been stripped down and repainted yet.

A member of the public commented on the expenditure in recent years under the cemetery budget heading and asked why the cemetery was not on the agenda.

4 Minutes

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on 25th September 2017 were agreed and duly signed.

5 Exchange of Information and items for next agenda

a) Chairman's Report

b) Clerk's Report. Information

- I. Helmsley Poppy Appeal – 'thank you' from Helmsley organiser for the town council's donation.
- II. Resident request that grids are placed at all the places where Borough Beck goes under bridges or road. Emailed Area 4 Highways.
- II. Complaint about noise on development by sports field. Referred to NYMNPA Planning.
- V. Helmsley Town Council Autumn Newsletter published, publicised and displayed in various locations.
- V. Complaints from residents about parking near the junction at the southern end of Carlton Road and speeding within the 30mph limit by Linkfoot Close. Referred to Highways and the Police.
- VI. FOI request from Friends of the Earth requesting a schedule and copies of communication between a list of companies and bodies and the council since 1st June 2017 re licensing, appraisal (including seismic surveys), exploration and production of onshore oil and gas. None.
- II. County Councillor Val Arnold has agreed to put forward a £300 grant application for a Locality Budget Grant to NYCC for the Committee Meeting on the 7th November.
- II. District Councillor Steve Arnold and County Councillor Val Arnold sent their apologies.
- X. An email was received from a resident in favour of work in the cemetery.
- X. A complaint had been received about receiving a parking ticket for parking outside a bay in the Cleveland Way Car Park.
- I. Two written objections were received about Agenda Item 7, the recording of meetings.

Documents received and sent to councillors:

- a) YLCA White Rose Update September – YLCA members only newsletter.
- b) Ryedale Market Towns Promotion Meeting Minutes 13th September.

Part Two – for determination

6 Planning Applications. The council considered the following applications:

- a) Application [NYM/2017/0675/FL](#) Applicant Thomas of York Limited
Location 18 Market Place, Helmsley **Proposal** Resurfacing of area of tarmac and erection of 17 no. painted cast iron bollards
Decision The council is concerned about the danger to the public walking on the highway and would prefer it if the bollards do not have chains so that they can step in away from the road.
- b) Application [NYM/2017/0630/CU](#) Applicant Ryedale District Council
Location Cleveland Way car-park, Helmsley **Proposal** permanent use of existing overflow car park to allow overnight camper-van parking **Decision** No comment
- c) Application [NYM/2017/0713/FL](#) Applicant Mr K Claridge
Location Bramleys, The Courtyard, Church Street, Helmsley **Proposal** insertion of additional ground floor window to rear elevation **Decision** No comment

7 Recording of meetings by the council

- a) The council resolved to cease the recording of meetings with immediate effect.
b) The council resolved to keep existing recordings.

8 Consultation: The council considered responses to the following consultations

- a) NYMNPA *Local Plan - Current Thinking* consultation. (24 Nov deadline). A response was delegated to the clerk in consultation with Councillors Marsden and Sagers.
b) NYMNPA *Ryevitalise*. A response was delegated to the clerk in consultation with Councillors Marsden and Sagers.

9 Town Signs

The council considered a request from Helmsley Recreational Charity to use the planning permission for the Town Signs and expressed an interest in going ahead with the signs project and asked for information about the expiry date of the planning permission.

10 Winter Maintenance

- a) The council received RDC's Winter Maintenance Schedules for 2017/2018, the rates for treating and clearing footways and asked the clerk if Borogate could be made Priority 1.
b) The council resolved to have RDC grit and clear Priority 2 pavements, choosing Option 1.

11 Meetings

- a) The council noted that the clerk has been informed by a former member of the town council's Fracking Working Group that the group was dissolved at the end of 2016.
b) Councillor Parkin was appointed to liaise with Frack Free Ryedale on behalf of the council.
c) Councillor Marsden was appointed to attend the Ryevitalise Forum on 6th November.
d) No councillor to attend Ryedale Market Towns Promotion Meeting on the 13th December.

12 Finance and Councillors' Audit

- a) **Churchyard Memorials.** The council resolved to accept a quotation of £1,600 exc. vat from Dales of Thirsk for the work to 12 Churchyard Memorials, subject to a Faculty.
b) Councillors Swift and Sagers were appointed to the Budget Working Group.

Part Three – For Information**13 Planning: To receive decisions – Approved.**

[17/00975/FL](#) Helmsley PO, 23 Bridge St, Tower Corporation Ltd. Erection of part 2 storey/part single storey rear extensions and alterations to existing retail storage areas to the rear.

14 Meetings and Training: The council received verbal reports.

- a) YLCA Ryedale Branch 3rd October. The clerk. Minutes to follow from the YLCA.
b) Helmsley Town Team Meeting in October was cancelled by RDC.
c) National Park Western Area Parish Forum 17th October. No-one attended.
d) RDC Parish Liaison 18th October. The clerk. Minutes to follow from RDC.

15 Finance

- a) The council received and noted the [Bank Reconciliation](#) to the 30th September 2017.
b) The council received and noted the [Running Budget](#) to date.
c) The council noted that the NEST pension payment was paid by Direct Debit in October.
d) The council noted that Councillors Swift and Parkin authorised the following payments to be paid by BACS by the 26th October.

Payee	Details	Net	Vat	Total
Allgardens Ltd	inflation uplift for 2017	£84.94	£16.99	£101.93
Musical Memories CIC	Grant for Helmsley room hire	£100.00		£100.00
The Fireworkers Limited	Fireworks	£1,500.00	£300.00	£1,800.00
SLCC Enterprises Limited	Staff training x 2	£60.00		£60.00
Philip Thompson Tool Hire	Hedge-cutter and fuel	£18.60	£3.72	£22.32
Parish Online	Annual Fee - Mapping	£28.00	£5.60	£33.60
Allgardens Ltd	Grass cut 13th - extra	£545.89	£109.18	£655.07
Homeworks	Miscellaneous hardware	£9.28	£1.85	£11.13
BATA(J Teasdale reimbursement)	Fuel for strimmer	£11.27	£2.25	£13.52
Salaries x 3	Staff Salaries	£2,482.49		£2,482.49
HMRC	PAYE Tax & NI	£477.06		£477.06
	TOTALS	£5,317.53	£439.50	£5,757.12

Signed

Date