



# Skipton Town Council

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## FULL COUNCIL

**Thursday 19 September 2019 at 7.00 pm**

Present: Councillors P Madeley (Chairman), G Bell, S Bentley, J Dawson, W Feather, R G Heseltine, A Hickman, G Iannaccone, E Jaquin, R Judge, K McIntyre C Nash and D Painter.

Officers: Dave Parker (Chief Officer), Wendy Allsopp (Administration & Member Services Manager), Sam Poole (Finance Manager) and Judy Probst (Tourism & Events Liaison Officer).

6 members of the public and 1 member of the press were present.

Prior to the meeting Members paid tribute to former Town Mayor Cllr Martin Emmerson who sadly passed away in July. Tributes were followed by a minutes silence in memory of Cllr Emmerson.

Following the tributes to Cllr Emmerson a presentation was made to former Cllrs Whitaker and Mrs Heseltine who received an outstanding achievement award for long serving membership of Skipton Town Council.

1. To accept representations from the Public between 7.00 pm and 7.15 pm.

Representatives of 'Extinction Rebellion' introduced themselves.

After a short presentation detailing the group's objectives the Members were asked to consider the following matters:

- Who do the Council bank with and are they acting with good intent?
- Can the Council pledge that it will continue to encourage initiatives such as the wildflower meadow project and can it look into maintaining a Green Development Plan?
- Will the Council assist in pressurising parliament to commit to zero carbon emissions before 2025?
- Can the Council and Officers attempt to make Skipton Market and Council run events greener and think about the waste and pollution they produce? Can it consider the environmental impact of the town's Christmas lights?

- Are the trustees of Heap Parkinson Homes considering future sustainability when making improvements to the almshouses?

It was agreed that these requests should be considered at a future meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee.

2. To accept apologies for absence.

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs A Barrett and D Shaw (holidays)

3. To record declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in items on the agenda.

None

4. To consider the recommendations of the Chief Officer relating to requests for dispensations to Members on items requiring a declaration of pecuniary and non pecuniary interests.

None

5. To approve the minutes from the Full Council meetings held on 18 July 2019.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Full Council meetings held on 18 July 2019 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meeting.

6. To report and receive information arising from the minutes of items not on the agenda from members and the Chief Officer.

None.

7. To receive and consider minutes, recommendations and reports of the Public Services Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Public Services Committee meeting held on 30 May 2019 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meeting.

8. To receive and consider minutes, recommendations and reports of the Finance and Policy Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 13 June 2019 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meeting.

9. To receive and consider minutes, recommendations and reports of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 6 June 2019 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meeting.

10. To receive and consider minutes, recommendations and reports of the Market Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Market Committee meeting held on 19 June 2019 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meeting.

11. To receive a report of the Mayoral Engagements for July until September 2019.

Members noted engagements attended by the Mayor.

The Mayor told Members that he had attended some fantastic events including Yorkshire Day in Whitby, Last Night of the Proms in Clitheroe and the local Battle of Britain parade and ceremony.

12. To receive information from the Chief Officer relating to the procedure for the co-option of a Councillor to serve in the South Ward of Skipton Town Council

Members **NOTED** the timetable and procedure for the co-option of a Councillor to serve on the South Ward of Skipton Town Council.

Member further **NOTED** that there would be an additional meeting of the Full Council on Thursday 17th October 2019 to deal with the co-option process and that the Finance & Policy meeting would be rearranged to take place at 6.00 pm that evening.

13. To receive and adopt an updated version of the Council's Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and associated appendices

Those present at the meeting **NOTED** and approved the amendments made to the Council's Standing Orders and associated appendices, including the additional appendices.

It was **RESOLVED** to formally approve and adopt the revised version of Council's Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and other associated appendices.

14. Questions for the Leader of the Council.

A Member asked the Leader to lobby the County Council to make improvements to the new pedestrian crossing on Keighley Road/ Carleton Road which appeared not to beep to alert people they could cross.

The Leader of the Council asked the Chief Officer to investigate this issue and report to the ward member, County Cllr Andy Solloway then refer this matter to the Planning Committee.

15. To receive notification of matters that Members would like including on a future agenda.

None

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm