



Skipton Town Council

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Full Council Thursday 15 March 2018 at 7pm

Present: Councillors A Rankine (Town Mayor), G Bell, C Clark, Mrs W Clark, J Dawson, M Emmerson, C Harbron, R G Heseltine, Mrs P Heseltine, A Hickman, J Kerr, P Madeley, Mrs. K McIntyre & P Whitaker.

Officers: Dave Parker (Chief Officer), Les Chandler (Estate Manager) & Wendy Allsopp (Committee Services Officer).

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

None

2. To accept apologies for absence.

Apologies were accepted from Cllr E Jaquin due to holiday commitments.

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

Cllrs R G Heseltine and Harbron each declared a non-pecuniary interest with regard to planning application 2017/18852/FUL as they are trustees of the Coulthurst Craven Sports Centre.

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 meeting held on 18 January 2018.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the Full Council meeting held on 18 January 2018 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meeting.

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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 Environment and Planning Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Environment and Planning Sub-Committee meetings held on 18 December 2017 and 5 February and 19 February 2018 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at those meetings.

8. 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 meetings held on 30 November 2017 and 11 January 2018 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at those meetings.

9. 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 14 December 2017 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meeting subject to the following amendment: Councillor Harbron submitted his apologies.

10. To receive a report of the Mayoral Engagements for January until March 2018.

The Mayor, Councillor Rankine, asked Members to note the engagements which he had attended.

The Mayor told Members that visiting twin town, Simbach am Inn, in January had been a useful and positive trip allowing the Council to rebuild a relationship with those in the twin town including the High School. Councillor Rankine reported that his own event 'An Evening with Buzz Hawkins' had been well received and he had enjoyed visiting Ripon Cathedral twice in February. The Mayor expressed regret at being unable to attend the Principle Trust's Annual Ball due to his wife being taken ill.

Members **NOTED** that the Chief Officer and Mayor had spoken with the Headteacher from Ermysted's Grammar School who is happy for school exchanges between the two towns to continue. As the Girls' High School do not appear to be interested in participating it was suggested that Aireville School (Skipton Academy) be asked whether they would like to.

11. Oral update from the Chief Officer on the following matters:

a) The completion of the sale of the Council's land at North Parade, Skipton

It was **NOTED** that the sale has now completed and funds have been received. The Public Services Committee are investigating how best to invest this money on capital projects.

The developer is allowing continued use of the land for a four month period and then on a rolling monthly basis.

b) Issues surrounding the Council's office accommodation

Following further issues with the ceiling in the office and a visit from an External Surveyor, contractors are working in the Town Hall office once again. **DP** reported that he has met with CDC officers on a number of occasions to discuss matters.

c) Progress with recruitment following the completion of the staffing review

The Chief Officer reported that the Finance Manager and Estate Manager roles have been offered to Samantha Poole and Joel Henderson respectively. They will commence working for Skipton Town Council in April.

The Market Manager role had been awarded to current employee, Stefan Bodnarczuk, and the post of Administration & Member Services Manager to Wendy Allsopp. Both will start their new roles on 1st April.

With regard to the Events & Tourism Manager vacancy the interview panel still have two candidates to meet.

d) Issues surrounding Skipton Market, including the Northern Gas Network works

It was **NOTED** that the Officers are currently negotiating compensation for lost revenue due to traders not being able to trade from Town Council managed pitches.

It was further **NOTED** that the Market has been chosen by the Local Government Association to be a case study (being a successfully run market) and Skipton Christmas Market had been successful in obtaining the NABMA Best Large Speciality Market Award 2018.

12. To consider excluding press and public for consideration of item 13 on the grounds that it relates to confidential matters.

It was **RESOLVED** that in accordance with Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable and in the public interest that the press and public be asked to withdraw.

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It was **RESOLVED** to re-admit press and public.

14. Questions for the Leader of the Council.

A Member asked the Leader, Councillor Chris Clark, whether he was happy that the new staffing and committee structures were fit for purpose. The Leader responded by stating that he fully understood the need for amendments to Town Council working practices following these changes.

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

Leadership/ Senior Member roles.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm