



# Skipton Town Council

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## Full Council Thursday 18 January 2018 at 7pm

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

Officers: Dave Parker (Chief Officer) & Wendy Allsopp (Committee Services Officer).

Prior to the meeting one minute of silence was observed as a mark of respect to local resident Jodie Wilshire who tragically passed away before Christmas.

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

None

2. To accept apologies for absence.

Cllr M Emmerson

Absent - C Dow

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 meeting held on 16 November 2017.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the Full Council meeting held on 16 November 2017 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 meeting held on 6 November 2017 and as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meeting.

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 meeting held on 30 November 2017 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meeting.

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 meetings held on 19 October & 9 November 2017 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at those meetings.

10. To receive a report of the Mayoral Engagements for November 2017 until January 2018.

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

The Mayor told Members that the both the funeral and memorial services he had attended had been emotional occasions. He had enjoyed the Christmas Market and various concerts and church services including his own civic service.

11. To consider and approve the Council's budget for 2018-2019 and set the level of the Precept.

Councillors noted the Chief Officer's report and associated papers.

Following discussion Members **RESOLVED** to:

- Adopt the Council budgets, as proposed, for 2018-2019
- Set the Council's Precept for 2018-2019 in the sum of £485,395 and; instruct the Chief Officer to advise the Billing Authority (Craven District Council) of the Council's requirements

- Increase the charge for a full-sized allotment from £80 per annum to £88 per annum with effect from 1st October 2018
- Increase the charge for the use of Council owned grazing land at Greatwood to £220 and at Carleton Road to £275 per annum
- Transfer £11,000 from the Councils General Revenue Reserve to cover the costs associated with various projects
- Transfer £7,500 from the Coach Street Toilets Reserve
- Include a further £500 in the Mayoral Chains Maintenance Reserve
- Extend the Council's contract with Bulloughs for the cleaning and securing of the Coach Street Toilets facility to 31st March 2019 at an additional cost of £250
- Continue to undertake highways verge grass cutting on an in-house basis and approve the required upgrades to grass cutting equipment

It was **AGREED** that Committees must continue to decide how Council's money is spent whilst considering how to prioritise what it invests in.

12. To receive an update from the Chairman of Audit & Scrutiny regarding a recent investigation into matters surrounding confidentiality.

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 readmit press and public.

14. Questions for the Leader of the Council.

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

The recommendations in the investigator's report received from CHI Associates.

The meeting closed at 8.24 pm