



Skipton Town Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting of Skipton Town Council held by a remote platform on Thursday 19th November 2020 at 7.00pm

Those Present:

Chairman: Councillor K McIntyre (Mayor)
Councillors: Councillor T Barrett, Councillor G Bell, Councillor S Bentley, Councillor J Dawson, Councillor W Feather, Councillor R Heseltine, Councillor A Hickman, Councillor E Jaquin, Councillor R Judge, Councillor R Mahmood, Councillor K McIntyre, Councillor C Nash, Councillor D Painter, Councillor D Shaw & Councillor A Solloway.
Officers: Mrs L Close (Acting Chief Officer)
Also Present: 1 members of the public

2021/018

ITEM 1 – Mayors remarks

Councillor K McIntyre welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

2021/019

ITEM 2 – To accept apologies for absence

All present

At this point of the meeting, the Mayor, Councillor K McIntyre moved Item 15

2021/020

ITEM 15 – To adopt the remote meeting protocol

Proposed by Councillor A Hickman
Seconded by Councillor A Solloway
RESOLVED the remote meeting protocol was adopted

2021/021

ITEM 3 – Disclosures of Interest

None declared
It was noted that the link to the register of interest records on the website needed updating. The Clerk would action.
Councillor A Solloway advised he had links with agenda item 16.

2021/022

ITEM 4 – Dispensations Requests

None received

2021/023

ITEM 5 – Representations from the public

None received

2021/024

ITEM 6 – Minutes of the last meeting

Proposed by Councillor P Madeley
Seconded by Councillor D Shaw
RESOLVED that the minutes of the ordinary full council meeting held on Thursday 15th October 2020 were approved as a correct record of the meeting.
(Unanimous)

2021/025

ITEM 7 – Local Government Re organisation

District Councillor Richard Foster from Craven District Council joined the meeting and presented to members a proposal for the submission of the proposal for Unitary Local Government.

Items were discussed which included expanding the events and tourism of STC and the Town Hall.

The consultation period would be in February 2021 for 6 weeks however Councillors could circulate comments in the meantime and submit to the Clerk for collation and submission to Councillor Foster.

At this point Councillor R Foster left the meeting

2021/026

ITEM 8 – Adoption of Standing orders and Councillors Code of Conduct.

The readoption of SO and Code of Conduct was discussed. Councillor Madeley advised that he would like the removal of the proportionality section of the SO. Councillor Barrett disagreed with this and advised that the groupings would ensure a balance amongst the Committees.

Councillor Dawson agreed with Councillor Barrett and advised that this represents the people of Skipton's choice when they were elected.

Councillor Jaquin advised that he felt there should be more Ward balance rather than political, Councillor Nash agreed with this. Councillor Feather advised that the Town Council should not lose sight of what the people of Skipton voted for.

Councillor R Heseltine proposed an amendment to the original motion

Proposed by Councillor R Heseltine

Seconded by Councillor T Barrett

RESOLVED to amend the original motion for the readoption of Standing Orders, with the caveat that the Chief Officer reviews the ward division and proportionality and builds this in as Councillors were elected.

(10 votes in favour)

Proposed by Councillor E Jaquin

Seconded by Councillor C Nash

RESOLVED that a further motion is resolved to make the ward balance proportionate *(10 votes in favour, 3 against and 2 abstentions)*

Councillor D Shaw left the meeting

2021/027

ITEM 9 – To reconfirm the eligibility of Skipton Town Council to use the General Power of Competence

Proposed by Councillor R Judge

Seconded by Councillor J Dawson

RESOLVED *****

2021/028

ITEM 10 – Mayoral Chains Protocol

Proposed by Councillor J Dawson

Seconded by Councillor T Barrett

RESOLVED to adopt the mayoral chain protocol document, in the meantime the Clerk would investigate the purchase of a secure case to carry the chain and to report back with the costings of security options.

- 2021/029** **ITEM 11 – Minutes from Committees**
Finance & Policy Agenda Item 6 to be amended
- 2021/030** **ITEM 12 – Finance**
Trial balance received and noted
- 2021/031** **ITEM 13 – Update of Complaint made with Monitoring Officer**
Received and noted the Decision Notice issued by the Monitoring Officer, that no further action will be taken to a complaint made regarding Skipton Town Council’s Emergency Planning Committee.
- 2021/032** **ITEM 14 – Update on Implementation of IT**
Update received and noted
- 2021/033** **ITEM 15- To Adopt the Remote Meeting Protocol**
It was **RESOLVED** to move this item to a future agenda
- 2021/034** **ITEM 16- Volunteers for the Santa Fun Run**
Members received and noted the update from Councillor Solloway. Details of how to participate or donate to be circulated. Skipton Town Council to do a press release in support of the event.
- 2021/035** **ITEM 17- Reports from Committees and Sub Committees**
Councillor P Madeley provided an update from the Market Committee and thanked the Clerk and Market Manager for doing a great job. Councillor T Barratt provided an update from the Planning Committee.
- 2021/036** **ITEM 18- Reports on virtual meetings attended as a Town Council Representative.**
None received.
- 2021/037** **ITEM 19-Notification of Business for Future Agenda**
Councillor Nash requested an agenda item to report back on the Alleged Election Irregularities.
Councillor Judge requested an update on the Heap Parkinson Trust

The Clerk should be given seven clear days’ notice of items for the Agenda of the next meeting although the absolute statutory minimum notice period is 3 clear days.

The Date of the next Ordinary Council meeting is Thursday 14th January 2021 at 7.00pm

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