



Skipton Town Council

Minutes of the Public Services Committee meeting of Skipton Town Council held by a remote platform on Thursday 29th April at 6.30pm.

Those Present:

Chairman: Councillor E Jaquin.
Councillors: Councillor A Hickman, Councillor J Dawson, Councillor T Barrett, Councillor S Bentley, Councillor C Nash, Councillor D Painter (Vice Chair), Councillor R Heseltine, Councillor R Judge, Councillor D Shaw
Officers: Mrs L Close (Chief Officer)
Also Present: 3 members of the public.

2021/037

ITEM 1 – Chairman's remarks

Councillor E Jaquin welcomed everybody to the meeting and advised it was a busy agenda so we would move forward to make resolutions as quickly as possible.

2021/038

ITEM 2 – Apologies for Absence

All present

2021/039

ITEM 3 – Disclosures of Interest

None declared.

2021/040

ITEM 4 – Dispensations Requested

None requested.

2021/041

ITEM 5 – Representations from public

Councillor Madeley was present at the meeting as a member of the public. He advised that the discovery of asbestos on the Broughton Road allotments was alarming. He thanked Councillor D Shaw for assisting in the identification of the substance but asked Council to take responsibility for its safe removal. He asked committee to look in the future at the tenancy agreements and to deal with any findings of asbestos, to treat them seriously for the health and safety of all residents.

A member of the Broughton road allotments discussed his position with recent communication regarding to recent concerns reported.

A member of the Broughton Road allotment association discussed the potential asbestos and asked the Committee to look into this in greater detail.

2021/042

ITEM 6 – Minutes of the previous meeting

Proposed by Councillor J Dawson
Seconded by Councillor C Nash

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Public Services Committee meeting held on 4th February and 25th March 2021 are a true and accurate record. *(unanimous)*

2021/043

Item 7 – Allotment Officer

An overview of the recently appointed Allotment Officer position was given. It was confirmed that Summer Lawson was now in post.

Proposed by Councillor D Shaw

Seconded by Councillor C Nash

RESOLVED that an asbestos survey was requested on site and the Chief Officer would liaise with the Chairman to call an additional meeting to discuss the findings. *(unanimous)*

2021/044

Item 8 – Trinity Church Wall

Discussions were held regarding the previous investigations of the church wall and how this issue could be resolved.

It was confirmed this was a very complex issue and the key information was to establish whose responsibility this was.

Proposed by Councillor D Shaw

Seconded by Councillor R Judge

RESOLVED that the Chief Officer would look for up to date information about liability advise and quotes for repair work.

2021/045

Item 9 – Church Clock

Councillors were asked to consider the repairs needed for the Church clock. Various Councillors spoke to ascertain who had the responsibility for the repairs of the church and if they felt it should be paid for and repaired by the Town Council. Councillor Nash asked if there was any previous information on the Clock being adopted by the Town Council. Councillor Shaw advised that he felt that this decision should be passed to Full Council.

Proposed by Councillor D Shaw

Seconded by Councillor J Dawson

RESOLVED to send to full council for consideration *(unanimous)*

2021/046

Item 10 – Repair the hedge adjoining the Raikes playarea

Councillor Nash advised that there were gaps in the hedge that were becoming a shortcut for children cutting through leading onto a dangerous road.

Proposed by Councillor T Barrett

Seconded by Councillor J Dawson

PROPOSED that residents were interested in forming a friend's group and that the Chief Officer would discuss with Craven College the possibility of students being involved with rectifying the hedge gaps.

2021/047

Item 11 – Section 106 monies Burnside Play area

The Chief Officer to check and confirm the amount and expected date of the Section 106 funds distributed by Craven District Council.

2021/048

Item 12 – The Exclusion of the press and public

The Committee and its sub-committees will be considering business of a confidential nature, and the press and public will therefore be excluded by resolution from meetings (Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings Act 1960, s1 [2]).

All press and public left the meeting at this stage.

2021/049

Item 13

With no more business to be discussed the meeting was closed at 20.08pm

The Next Meeting is to be held on the 29th July 2021 at 6.30pm