



Skipton Town Council

Minutes of the Public Services Committee of Skipton Town Council held by a remote platform on Thursday 4th February 2021 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 Shaw
Officers: Mrs L Close (Acting Chief Officer) Mr M Robinson (Estates team)
Also Present: Councillor P Madeley and 2 members of the public.

2021/015

ITEM 1 – Chairman’s remarks

Councillor E Jaquin welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

2021/016

ITEM 2 – Apologies for Absence

All members present.

2021/017

ITEM 3 – Disclosures of Interest

Councillor Heseltine confirmed he helped Skipton in Bloom but this was a non-pecuniary interest.
Councillor Jaquin and Councillor Hickman both confirmed they had non pecuniary interest in item 12

2021/018

ITEM 4 – Dispensations Requested

None requested

2021/019

ITEM 5 – Representations from public

A member of the Broughton road Allotments association asked the Council to repair the road which has now become dangerous with the number of potholes formed.
Councillor Barrett congratulated the association for forming and making the positive move.

Another member of the public confirmed they were attending to hear actions regarding item number 13.

2021/020

ITEM 6 – To Approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 26th November 2020

Councillor J Dawson advised that item 6 of the previous minutes did not clearly state the discussions were regarding Broughton road.

Proposed by Councillor T Barrett

Seconded by Councillor D Painter

RESOLVED that, with the above amendment, the minutes of the Public Services meeting held on 6th February 2020 be accepted as a true and accurate record.
(Unanimous)

2021/021

ITEM 7 – Finance

The budget report was circulated prior to the meeting, and was received and noted.

the Chairman then moved to items on the agenda, Item 10 and Item 13 would now be discussed.

2021/022

ITEM 10 Park Maintenance.

Mark Robinson advised that he had received some quotes for the road work at Broughton road allotments, tarmac was not advised because of the drainage. Councillor J Dawson advised that this was a priority and needed resolving asap.

Proposed by Councillor J Dawson

Seconded by Councillor C Nash

RESOLVED that delegated powers are given to the Clerk, who in consultation with the estate's management team, will organise the repairs to the road at Broughton road allotment site.

Mark Robinson discussed the report that had been circulated by the estates team prior to the meeting.

Shortbank

The situation at Shortbank was discussed and Councillor Painter asked if any outside sources had been consulted with regard to the problem. Councillor Heseltine advised that this matter needed resolving quickly. Councillor T Barrett advised that further work needed to be completed in order to resolve this. The Clerk confirmed she would investigate who was responsible and ask for quotations for the work involved. All agreed to this action.

Mark Robinson advised that was various amounts of playground equipment missing and it needed to be reinstalled.

Millenium green – He advised that Councillor McIntyre was investigating the eligibility of claiming a grant from the National Lottery which could only be claimed for by a charity but could be used for this area with the installation costs provided for by the town council.

The clerk would meet with the estates team and discuss the areas of priority for work needed.

2021/023

ITEM 13 – Raikes Road play area

A member of the public welcomed this item and advised he would be willing to be a member of the group.

Proposed by Councillor R Heseltine

Seconded by Councillor J Dawson

RESOLVED to form a subcommittee consisting of the four North Ward Councillors to lead on the enquiries into the S106 funding and improvements to the Raikes road play area. *(unanimous)*

2021/024

ITEM 8 – Trinity Church Clock repairs

Councillor Painter asked if further quotes could be sourced and was there a possibility of lending the money to the church for this work as he did not feel the Council should pay for it. Councillor Heseltine agreed with this and advised that the Council could defer the payments for the church until the pandemic had passed. Councillor Dawson believed this cost should be shared with the church.

It was generally discussed that the cost should be shared between further stakeholders in the town. Councillor Judge asked if the BID could help.

It was agreed that the Clerk would investigate this further to find some more options and come back to the committee.

2021/025

ITEM 9 – Skipton in Bloom

Proposed by Councillor D Shaw

Seconded by Councillor J Dawson

RESOLVED to support Skipton in Bloom with £1000 for the 2021/2022 financial year. *(unanimous)*

2021/026

ITEM 11 – Middleton Community Orchard

Proposed by Councillor T Barrett

Seconded by Councillor D Shaw

RESOLVED that authorisation is given to representatives from Edible Skipton to take on the management of the Community Orchard *(unanimous)*

2021/027

ITEM 12 – Fairtrade Fortnight

Proposed by Councillor T Barrett

Seconded by Councillor R Judge

RESOLVED to give authorisation for the trees on the high street to be decorated with knitted bands during Fairtrade fortnight.

2021/028

ITEM 14 – Street Lighting

It was agreed that the Clerk would discuss with the Estates team the street lighting and priority of work that the Town Council was responsible for.

The work needed for the Middletown allotment light repair was confirmed and the resolution to proceed for this was given at the previous meeting. (Minute number 2021/013).

2021/029

ITEM 15 – Review of Public toilets

It was confirmed that the Clerk would produce a report of the toilets so that they could be reviewed.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 19.45pm

The Next Meeting is to be held on the 27th April 2021 at 18:30pm