

## **WHITBY TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council of Whitby, duly convened, held in Pannett Art Gallery, Whitby on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 at 6.45 p.m.

**Present:** Councillor S R Smith (Town Mayor) and Councillors Mrs S Boyce, P Budd, T W Brown, T N Carson, Mrs J M Daniels, Dr S M Daniels J Dickinson, I Havelock, T Jennison, W F Jones, J McEachen and R G Sigsworth.

Mrs A Cowey, Deputy Clerk & Civic Officer, one member of the press and two members of the public.

**Apologies:** for inability to attend were received from Councillor R W Broadley (Work), Mrs H R Coughlan, Mrs S Dyson and M D Murphy.

Opening Prayers.

### **245. MINUTES**

**MOVED** by Councillor T Jennison seconded by Councillor Dr S M Daniels and

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2008 having been circulated, be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor.

### **246. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Smith declared an interest in agenda item 21 – Parking Permits.

Standing Orders were suspended

### **247. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr J Freeman substantiated his application and commitment to the town regarding agenda item 12 co-opted on to Whitby Town Council.

Councillor Mrs Daniels spoke as a member of the public to acknowledge the work carried out by Bernard Goulding, Head of Street Scene Services, Scarborough Borough Council stating that he would be missed following his retirement.

Standing Orders were re-invoked.

### **248. COMMUNICATIONS**

a) The Town Mayor reported on the following civic engagements:

- 6<sup>th</sup> March Opening of New Quay Road Toilet Facility
- 7<sup>th</sup> March RAF Fylingdales – Dining In Night
- 16<sup>th</sup> March Caedmon School – Sports Mile Flag Officer
- 17<sup>th</sup> March NYMR - Pickering to Grosmont  
Whitby District Credit Union AGM
- 29<sup>th</sup> March Rally prize giving – Whitby Pavilion

b) Letters received by Council:

Scarborough Borough Council with an update regarding recycling and the new scheme which was introduced in October 2007;

From Robert Goodwill MP regarding the Marine Bill;  
Whitby DAG News;  
Country Air News letter;  
To receive a report of the meeting of Whitby in Bloom held on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2008 for information only;  
To receive a report of the meeting of Friends of Pannett Park (including Little Park) Management Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> March – for information only;  
To receive a report of the meeting of the Friends of Pannett Park (including Little Park) held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2008 - for information only;

**MOVED** by Councillor Dr S M Daniels, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Boyce and

**RESOLVED** that the above letters be received.

- c) Letters sent by Council:  
Recipients of Honorary Citizens Awards (5 Mar 08).  
Scarborough Borough Council – Demolition of Bus Shelter, Helredale Road (18 Mar 08).  
Scarborough Borough Council – Purchase of Land at East Crescent, Whitby (18 Mar 08).

#### **249. PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**MOVED** by Councillor T Jennison, seconded by Councillor R Sigsworth and

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee held on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March 2008, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record and adopted by the Council.

#### **250. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

**MOVED** by Councillor Mrs S Boyce, seconded by Councillor T N Carson and

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2008, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record and adopted by the Council.

#### **251. TRUSTEES OF PANNETT PARK**

**MOVED** by Councillor Dr S M Daniels, seconded by Councillor T Jennison and

**RESOLVED** that the report of the meeting of the trustees of Pannett Art Gallery held on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2008 be received.

#### **252. PANNETT ART GALLERY AND WHITBY MUSEUM JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.**

As there were no Councillors present who attended meeting of the Pannett Art Gallery and Whitby Museum Joint Management Committee held on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2008, it was agreed that these minutes be presented and ratified at the next meeting of Full Council.

#### **253. RESTRUCTURING OF COMMITTEES**

Discussion took place regarding the recommendations of the task group to stream line committees. It was felt that the proposal put forward was unsatisfactory in its present state and the Task Group should meet again taking on board the suggestions put forward. All members were urged to e.mail the Town Clerk putting forward any individual points for discussion at the next Task Group meeting.

It was agreed that the admittance of the public to trustees meetings be discussed at a future meeting.

**MOVED** by Councillor Mrs S Boyce, seconded by Councillor Dr S M Daniels and

**RESOLVED** that the Task Group reconvene and consider all the comments given, and a recommendation be put forward to the next meeting of Full Council.

**254. CO-OPTION**

Mrs Julie Boddington, Mr Geoffrey Carass and Mr John Freeman were considered for co-option. No Councillors Moved or Seconded Mrs Julie Boddington or Mr Geoffrey Carass.

**MOVED** by Councillor Mrs J Daniels, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Boyce and

**RESOLVED** that Mr John Freeman be co-opted on to Whitby Town Council.

**255. SCOPING GROUP**

**MOVED** by Councillor Mrs J Daniels, seconded by Councillor J McEachen, and

**RESOLVED** that :

- a) No objections be raised to the formation of a Scoping Group with Scarborough Borough Council which would consist of 2 or 3 appointed members and an officer from Whitby Town Council with 2 or 3 representatives and 2 officers from Scarborough Borough Council;
- b) Councillors S R Smith, W F Jones, Mrs S Boyce and P Budd be appointed to represent Whitby Town Council on the Scoping Group. (The Deputy Clerk would enquire whether a fourth member would be permitted).

Councillor Havelock asked that it be minuted - that in his opinion the formation of a Scoping Group would be a complete exercise in futility.

**256. LAND EXCHANGE**

**MOVED** Councillor Mrs S Boyce, seconded by Councillor R Sigsworth and

**RESOLVED** that the Town Mayor (Councillor S Smith) and the Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee (Councillor M Murphy) be appointed to act as Executors on behalf of Whitby Town Council regarding the Exchange of land between Scarborough Borough Council and Whitby Town Council.

(Councillor Brown left the meeting following the above agenda item).

**257. CONSULTATION ON HOUSING ALLOCATIONS DPD'S (SECOND ROUND OF SUBMITTED SITES)**

**MOVED** by Councillor Mrs S Boyce, seconded by Councillor Dr S Daniels and

**RESOLVED** that the following comments be submitted to Scarborough Borough Council:

**Map 2.3 Site 35/23 Land known as 'Upper Baulbyes' off Shackleton Close, Whitby.**

**Object** very strongly to any development on this ancient ridge and furrow field which has badger sets along the side of the railway as well as an ancient woodland with trees dating back to 1700's. The allotments on this site should be supported and are a necessary requirement for a town with a population of 15,000. An application has been lodged with North Yorkshire County Council to have this area registered as a Town Green. The retention of this area as is and the footpath would increase outdoor recreation. Whitby Town Council believes any development in this area would contravene SBC's bio-

diversity policies.

**Map 2.4 Site 35/24 Land at Prospect Farm, Mayfield Road, Whitby.**

**Object** very strongly to any development on this site as Whitby Town Council would prefer to see well planned housing developments in one large area rather than small infill developments on the few remaining areas of urban green space such as this.

**258. WHITBY TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE**

Members were not happy with the consultation questionnaire regarding the future developments of the Tourist Information Centre circulated by Scarborough Borough Council. As the TIC is one of the busiest centres within the borough it should not be reduced, but proper displays and exhibitions of our rich heritage need to be promoted through the TIC in the exhibition area. Councillor Carson stated that the plan put forward was not the same plan agreed by the task force of which he was a member.

It was felt that the closure of the Skinner Street Offices would have an extremely detrimental effect to this area of the town as well as financial implications.

**MOVED** by Councillor Mrs S Boyce, seconded by Councillor T N Carson and

**RESOLVED** that a letter be sent objecting to the closure of Skinner Street Offices and the use of the TIC as a one shop stop. The need for proper implementation of the exhibition area by the Tourist information centre to promote Whitby's rich heritage and the many historic anniversaries which start in 2009 to celebrate 850 years of the Penny Hedge Ceremony.

**259. PARK & RIDE**

**MOVED** by Councillor R Sigsworth, seconded by Councillor W F Jones and

**RESOLVED** that a letter of support be sent to Mr West, North Yorkshire County Council (cc Robert Goodwill MP) if the County Council appeal against National Parks refusal of the proposed Park and Ride for Whitby.

**260. CONGESTION**

**MOVED** by Councillor Mrs S Boyce, seconded by Councillor Mrs J Daniels and

**RESOLVED** that Mr Gilroy be invited to talk to members and answer any questions before any final comments could be made regarding congestion issues within the North York Moors National Park.

**261. NEWTON STREET AND WALKER STREET – PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS**

**MOVED** by Councillor Mrs S Boyce, seconded by Councillor T Jennison and

**RESOLVED** that the letter received from North Yorkshire County Council regarding the above be received.

**262. TRAVELLERS SITE – STAINSACRE LANE**

Members were made aware that a 1/3 of the above site would be retained by Scarborough Borough Council and available for the use of the travellers during Regatta Weekend.

**263. PARKING PERMITS**

**MOVED** by Councillor I Havelock, seconded by Councillor J McEachen and

**RESOLVED** that a letter be sent to Scarborough Borough Council objecting to the large increase in parking permits for residents and for justification of the 150% increase.

**264. ROAD MARKINGS**

Concern was expressed regarding the new road marking at the western end of the bridge which places cyclists in considerable danger from on coming traffic.

Members were informed that the wooden jetty was now inaccessible to fisherman following re-marking of the road which now enables taxis to park across their access as well as the siting of a bollard in this vicinity.

**MOVED** by Councillor I Havelock, seconded by Councillor R Sigsworth and

**RESOLVED** that a letter be sent to North Yorkshire County Council requesting that the access for fishermen to the quay side on New Quay Road be reinstated, and the cycle markings be obliterated before a serious accident occurs.

**265. REPORTS OF THE COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR AND TOWN COUNCILLORS (for information only)**

Councillor Havelock reported on the Whitby Marina Focus Group and the proposals for the new improved toilet block.

**267. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

**MOVED** by Councillor Mrs S Boyce seconded by Councillor J McEachen and

**RESOLVED** that the following accounts, totalling £13,730.66 (including vat) be authorised for payment.