

WHITBY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the **Town Council of Whitby**, held on **Tuesday 11 August 2020** conducted on-line, via Zoom and livestreamed on the Town Council's Facebook page at 6:25pm (delayed due to technical difficulties).

Present Councillor Mrs L Wild (Mayor) and Councillors R Barnett, Mrs H J Brown, R Dalrymple, L Derrick, J Harston, G Jackson, J Nock, S Smith, Mrs H Sumner and C Winspear.

Also M King, Clerk, and Mrs A Cowey, Deputy Clerk, and 6 members of the public.

NOTICE OF MEETING – Public Notice of the Meeting was given in accordance with Schedule 12, paragraph 10 (2) of the Local Government Act 1972.

011/20 APOLOGIES

An Apology for inability to attend the meeting was received from Councillor Mrs N Wilson

012/20 DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST & REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

No declarations of interests or requests for dispensations were received.

STANDING ORDERS SUSPENDED

013/20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

No public participation.

STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED

014/20 DEVOLUTION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

The Town Clerk gave an outline of the process regarding devolution and local government reorganisations, explaining the role of town councils in devolution. Councillors discussed at length possible options available and the impact on Whitby Town Council.

MOVED by Councillor Mrs L Wild, seconded by Councillor C Winspear and

RESOLVED that Whitby Town Council, as a starting point,
(a) takes all reasonable steps to retain and support local assets and services, which benefit the people of Whitby, through the process of local government reorganisation in North Yorkshire and York;
(b) works with Scarborough Borough Council, North Yorkshire County Council and other relevant bodies to develop future service delivery models for Whitby which maximise the opportunities of unitary local government; and
(c) promotes the role of town and parish councils as the natural home of ultra-local services. (7 in favour 2 abstentions)

MOVED by Councillor C Winspear, seconded by Councillor J Nock and

RESOLVED that Standing Orders are suspended to allow County & District Councillor D Chance to speak about Devolution. (unanimously)

STANDING ORDERS SUSPENDED

Councillor Chance informed about the process of devolution highlighting that once the process is completed there will be a totally new Council in place with elections for councillors and the employment of officers for the new positions in a unitary authority. In his experience it appears that more is devolved to town/parish councils from the larger authorities than smaller authorities. Councillor Chance advised that town/parish councils listen to all the proposals put forward by the various authorities and formulate what the town council would wish and hope to take on, considering the impact on the council.

MOVED by Councillor R Barnett, seconded by Councillor L Derrick and

RESOLVED (d) that information regarding the devolution and any proposals are communicated to all residents.
(8 in favour 1 abstention)

MOVED by Councillor G Jackson, seconded by Councillor J Harston

RESOLVED (e) that this item is made a standing item on the Full Council Agenda.
(unanimously)

STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED

(Councillor Harston Joined the meeting during the above agenda item)

(Due to technical difficulties Councillor Dalrymple as Deputy Mayor took the chair towards the latter part of discussion of the above agenda item until the Town Mayor could log back into the meeting)

Following the above votes Councillor C Winspear asked that business be progressed (SO 10vii), which was unanimously approved.

015/20 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLORS

Submitted by Councillor Derrick

"That Whitby Town Council adds its support to the initiative of a Whitby Aire at a specially designated parking area on the Council Abbey Headland carpark, during the period November to March, when parking is free"

Councillors discussed in depth the above motion, although overall in favour there were concerns regarding various issues including costs and enforcement.

An amendment to the motion was proposed

MOVED by Councillor J Nock, seconded by Councillor S Smith

CARRIED that the motion is supported on the basis of a review at the end of January.
(3 in favour, 1 against, 4 abstentions)

SUBSTANTIVE MOTION MOVED by Cllr L Derrick, seconded by Cllr Mrs H Brown and

RESOLVED (a) that Whitby Town Council adds its support to the initiative of a Whitby Aire at a specially designated parking area on the Council Abbey Headland carpark, during the period November to March, when parking is free, on the basis of a review at the end of January. (unanimously)

MOVED by Councillor Mrs H Sumner, seconded by Councillor G Jackson and

RESOLVED (b) that clarification is sought on overnight parking areas, restrictions and enforcement on motor homes within the town. (unanimously)

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FLOODING AWARENESS –STANDING ITEM

Tides above 5.5 metres – 10, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 31 August 2020.

MOVED by Cllr C Winspear, seconded by Cllr Mrs H Brown, and

RESOLVED that this information is received. (unanimously)

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