

WHITBY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the **Town Council of Whitby**, held on **Tuesday 12 January 2021** conducted on-line, via Zoom and livestreamed on the Town Council's Facebook page at 6:00pm.

Present Councillor Mrs L Wild (Mayor) and Councillors R Barnett, Mrs H J Brown, R Dalrymple, J Harston, G Jackson, T Jennison, Cllr S Lapsley, J Nock, S Smith, Mrs H Sumner, Mrs N L Wilson, and C Winspear.

Also M King, Clerk, and Mrs A Cowey, Deputy Clerk, with Joe Redfern (Lobster Hatchery); Heather King and Matt Parsons (Anglo American).

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

148/21 APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were received from Councillors Mrs H Coughlan and L Derrick.

149/21 DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST & REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.

STANDING ORDERS SUSPENDED

150/21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

No public participation.

STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED

151/21 EXTERNAL REPORT

a. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

A Police report was circulated to all members prior to the meeting which included reported incidents during December and comparison crime figures for December 2019 and December 2020.

Councillor Nock requested that contact telephone numbers for Highways, the Dog warden and the total number of convictions be included in future Police reports.

RESOLVED unanimously that the North Yorkshire Police report is received.

b. WHITBY LOBSTER HATCHERY – Joe Redfern

Mr Redfern reported on the progress of the Lobster Hatchery project to date, identifying the need for conservation and sustainability due to the increase in lobster fishing over recent years. The project's crowd funding has obtained more than its initial £20,000 target, this money will be used to unlock other streams of funding available. A concept design for the building was shown incorporating an increased roof design enabling the building space to house the hatchery/business centre/office space. The project is waiting for the outcome of its LEP application, unfortunately some funding avenues have been delayed due to the present situation and the lottery grant does not open until February.

Councillors asked question about:-

- Funding – to approaching SBC and Anglo American;
- Sending the Crowd Funding page over to the Town Council to identify how easy it is to donate;
- The Aesthetics of the proposed building – including Town Councillors and the Civic Society in meetings regarding its design.

MOVED by Councillor Mrs H Brown, seconded by Councillor G Jackson

RESOLVED unanimously that the above report is received.

c. ANGLO AMERICAN – Matt Parsons

Mr Parsons informed members that there has been good progress across the whole project. The sinking of the main shaft should begin soon, and the tunnel has reached almost 12km (Wilton to approximately Lockwood Beck). There are 1,200 people working on the project to date either on the construction site or from home due to the present conditions. The recruitment of apprentices for this project will co-inside with the national apprenticeship week in February and 10 apprentices will be recruited to start in September 2021.

Councillors asked questions regarding:

The demographic and split of the number of employees and where they are from: Mr Parson explained that local is classed as living within an hour commute - when last investigated, over 100 people working on the project were from that local area.

MOVED by Councillor J Nock, seconded by Councillor J Harston

RESOLVED unanimously that the above report is received.

d. COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

No County or Borough Council Reports

152/21 MINUTES

MOVED by Cllr J Nock, seconded by Cllr R Dalrymple and

RESOLVED unanimously that the Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Full Council held on 1 December are confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Town Mayor.

MOVED by Cllr T Jennison, seconded by Cllr J Nock and

RESOLVED unanimously that the following Committee minutes are taken *en bloc* and are received:

Planning	8 December 2020
Finance, Policy and General Purposes	15 December 2020
Planning	15 December 2020

**153/21 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS
FINANCE
F142/20 APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS**

MOVED by Councillor J Harston, seconded by Councillor G Jackson and

RESOLVED unanimously that the schedule of payments up to 14 December 2020 in the sum of £ 44,415.45 (WTC) and 423.74 (PAG) as recommended by the Finance Policy and General Purposes Committee for payment are approved.

F143/20 DRAFT BUDGET 2021/22

See minute number 154/21 (below)

154/21 BUDGET SETTING 2021-22

MOVED by Councillor J Nock, Seconded by Councillor Gareth Jackson and

RESOLVED unanimously the budget is approved and set with a gross expenditure of £334,985.00 with a precept demand of £223,435.00 (annual increase of 1.56%) equating to a band D Council Tax demand of £4.53 (annual increase of £1.34).

**155/21 MAYOR'S REPORT
CIVIC ENGAGEMENTS**

The Town Mayor reported on

- the Christmas Card Competition
- meetings with Anglo American and The Cinder Track Steering Group.
- Chris Burrows being promoted to Harbour Master – he is a great advocate for Whitby and willing to work with the Town Council.

Councillor Wild informed members of her concerns regarding permission being granted by Scarborough Borough Council for 'The House of Mouse' fairground attraction to be opened on Dockend during the lock down. The attraction was closed down next day following contact with the relevant Officers.

MOVED by Cllr Mrs H Sumner, seconded by Cllr S Smith and

RESOLVED unanimously that the Town Mayors report is received;
a) that a letter of congratulations is sent to Capt. Burrows and
b) The Town Council is notified by Scarborough Borough Council of all events taking place on Dockend throughout the year.

156/21 CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk informed members that:

TOWN DEAL

the Town Deal Board Meeting has been postponed as there has been no decision from Government on the bid.

ST NINIANS CHURCH

This church has been put on the market and the Civic Society has submitted an application for the property to become an Asset of Community Value in order to give the building limited protection against commercial disposal.

MOVED by Councillor B Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor G Jackson and

RESOLVED unanimously that the Clerk's report is received, and St Ninians Church is put on the next agenda for the Town Improvement and Development Committee.

157/21 FLOODING AWARENESS –STANDING ITEM

Tides above 5.5 metres – 13-16 January 2021 30 January 2021 – 2 February 2021.

MOVED by Cllr T Jennison, seconded by Councillor G Jackson, and

RESOLVED unanimously that this information is received.

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2 February 2021