

# WHITBY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the **Town Council of Whitby**, held on **Wednesday 7 April 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 Coughlan, L Derrick, G Goodberry, J Harston, G Jackson, T Jennison, J Nock, J Redfern, Mrs H Sumner, Mrs N L Wilson, and C Winspear.

**Also** M King, Clerk, and Mrs A Cowey, Deputy Clerk, with PSCO D White (Whitby Police) and Keisha Moore (North Yorkshire County Council).

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

**285/21 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were received from Councillor R Dalrymple.

**286/21 DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST & REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION**

Councillor J Nock declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 8 Licencing Application.

**STANDING ORDERS SUSPENDED**

**287/21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

No public participation.

**STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED**

**MOVED** by Councillor J Harston, seconded by Councillor Mrs N Wilson and

**RESOLVED** unanimously that agenda item 5 -Active Travel Fund Cycle Path Proposals is moved up the agenda and discussed next.

**288/21 ACTIVE TRAVEL FUND – CYCLE PATH PROPOSALS**

Ms Moore gave a power point presentation on the Active Travel fund and the proposed cycle path which will be created from the Park and Ride to the Four Lane End Junction. The cycle path will be a shared pedestrian footway, with improved crossing facilities at the Four Lane End Junction.

The following questions were asked by Councillors:-

- Why the project could not be extended into town to join up with the Cinder Path – *Limitation of funding make this unattainable at this time.*
- Why is the route from the Park and Ride – *specific criteria had to be met such as the replacement of a much-used bus route, it was felt that the project complemented the pedestrian area including the safe pedestrianisation of the car boot area.*
- Alternative routes such as Castle Road and the Carrs were put forward – *Over 300 options had been put forward overall and the proposed Park and Ride/Four Lane End Junction option was the best fit within the budget available. Other suggestions can be submitted online.*

- Concern for the safety of pedestrians – will there be any definition between the cycle path and pedestrian footpath – *separated with a painted line and coloured footpath.*

**MOVED** by Councillor J Harston, seconded by Councillor Mrs H Sumner and

**RESOLVED** unanimously that the information from the presentation is received.

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## **EXTERNAL REPORT**

### **a. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE**

A Police report was circulated to all members prior to the meeting. PSCO White went through the crime figures highlighting the increased number of fraud phone calls being received by members of the public, and number of Covid breaches within the town.

Councillors asked questions regarding:

- the increased number of scams and the need for this issue to be highlighted by the Police to the public not only through social media but also through a leaflet drop and an article in the Whitby Gazette/Whitby Advertiser;
- concerns about covid safety relating to self-catering accommodation with shared entrances etc. If a covid breach is identified regarding this type of accommodation the Police should be notified (call 101).

**MOVED** by Councillor Mrs H Coughlan, seconded by Councillor G Goodberry

**RESOLVED** unanimously that the Police Report is received.

### **b. COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS**

No County or Borough Councillors present.

**MOVED** by Councillor J Nock, seconded by Councillor G Goodberry

**RESOLVED** unanimously that although County and Borough Councillors are copied into each agenda for Full Council an invitation is extended to them and Mr Edwards is invited to a future meeting of the Council.

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## **MINUTES**

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

**RESOLVED** unanimously that the Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Full Council held on 2 March 2021, Extraordinary Council 4 March 2021 and Extraordinary Council 30 March 2021 are confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Town Mayor.

**MOVED** by Cllr T Jennison, seconded by Cllr Mrs H Coughlan and

<b>RESOLVED</b> unanimously that the following Committee minutes are taken on block and are received:	
Planning	9 March 2021
Allotment Subcommittee	15 March 2021
Finance, Policy & General Purposes	16 March 2021
Events Subcommittee	17 March 2021
Town Development & Improvement	22 March 2021
Planning	23 March 2021
Joint Management Committee	24 March 2021

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**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Allotments Subcommittee A248/21 RENT REVIEW**

**RECOMMENDED** that allotment rents be increased by 60p a week an annual cost of £31.20 per full plot and 30p a week and annual cost of £15.60 these amounts do not include water charges.

**MOVED** by Councillor J Nock, seconded by Councillor G Goodberry and

<b>RESOLVED</b> unanimously that the allotment rents be increased to 31.20 per annum for a full plot and £15.60 per annum for a half plot as recommended by the Allotment Sub-Committee.
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**FINANCE**

**Finance, Policy & General Purposes Committee F254/21 approval of expenditure**

**RECOMMENDED** that the schedule of payments up to 16 March 2021 in the sum of £21,316.33 (in respect WTC) and of £484.70 (in respect PAG) as attached hereto is approved and submitted to Full Council and that the income in the sum of £30,585.22 (in respect of WTC) is noted.

**MOVED** by Councillor Mrs N Wilson, seconded by Councillor J Harston and

<b>RESOLVED</b> unanimously that the schedule of payments up to 16 March 2021 in the sum of £21,316.33 (WTC) and £484.70 (PAG) as recommended by the Finance Policy and General Purposes Committee for payment are approved and the income in the sum of £30,585.22 (WTC) is noted.
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**Joint Management Committee JM279/21 report on property matters – tearoom.**

**RECOMMENDED** that the proposed plans be recommended to Council for support.

**MOVED** by Councillor Mrs N Wilson, seconded by Councillor J Nock

<b>RESOLVED</b> unanimously that WTC support the proposed plans for the tearoom.
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**EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE**

**RECOMMEND** that the Whitby Christmas Market goes ahead, and a priority list with costings is drawn up.

**RECOMMEND** that the Flag Raising take place on 21st June and the flag lowered at the end of Armed Forces Day on 26th June 2021.

**RECOMMEND** that contact with the Falkland Islands regarding the 40th anniversary of the Falklands conflict is progressed.

**MOVED** by Councillor G Jackson, seconded by Councillor Mrs H Coughlan

**RESOLVED** that the recommendations of the Events Sub-Committee are approved.

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**LICENCING APPLICATION**

To consider a response in respect of the application for The White Horse and Griffin, White Horse Yard.

**MOVED** by Councillor Mrs H Coughlan, seconded by Councillor J Nock and

**RESOLVED** unanimously that the information be received.

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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION CONSULTATION**

To consider a response to the Government consultation on reorganisations options for one or two unitary authorities covering North Yorkshire.

**MOVED** by Councillor Mrs H Coughlan, seconded by Councillor J Nock, 'that Whitby Town Council has examined proposals for reorganisation and in light of our priorities listed on page 52 we support North Yorkshire County Council'

An amendment was

**MOVED** by Councillor R Barnett, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Wild, 'that the Town Council hold a meeting to consider the Town Council's response and to communicate this with the people of Whitby'

**AND LOST**

2 in favour 8 against

**SUBSTANTIVE MOTION**

**RESOLVED** unanimously that Whitby Town Council has examined proposals for reorganisation and in light of our priorities listed on page 52 we support North Yorkshire County Council.

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**MAYOR'S REPORT  
CIVIC ENGAGEMENTS**

The Town Mayor reported on the numerous meetings she has attended including the planting of a tree by Whitby Naturalists Society to promote and preserve wildlife in partnership with Scarborough Borough Council and the judging of a children's writing competition.

**MOVED** by Councillor Mrs H Coughlan, seconded by Councillor Mrs H Sumner

**RESOLVED** unanimously that Whitby Town Council support the wildlife initiative.

**MOVED** by Councillor T Jennison, seconded by Councillor Mrs H Coughlan

**RESOLVED** unanimously that the Mayors report is received.

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**CLERK'S REPORT**

**SBC BETTER HOMES CONSULTATION**

The Clerk reported on the process SBC are going through as a joint venture with a development partner to develop 10 sites across the Borough 3 being in Whitby. The package will include affordable housing as well as commercial housing, the cost of which will offset the subsidy toward the affordable housing component. There will be a public consultation later this month giving an opportunity for the Council to make a formal view in response.

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

**RESOLVED** unanimously that the Officers are invited to the next meeting of the Full Council.

**BT REMOVAL OF PHONE BOXES**

Councillors were made aware of the proposals by BT to remove the phone boxes on Upgang Lane, Horners Terrace and Royal Crescent.

**MOVED** by Councillors Mrs L Wild, seconded by Councillor Mrs H Sumner

**RESOLVED** that the phone box on Royal Crescent is retained as an emergency phone due to its proximity to the beach and sea front.

**MEETINGS**

The Clerk reported that there would be no extension to the statutory provision enabling virtual meetings, although there is a challenge being raised. There are obstacles regarding social distancing etc if face to face meetings are reinstated. Various options were put forward on how to move forward.

**MOVED** by Councillor G Goodberry, seconded by Councillor Mrs N Wilson

**RESOLVED** unanimously that meetings continue virtually until May.

**MOVED** by Councillor J Harston, seconded by Councillor Mrs N Wilson

**RESOLVED** that the Annual Meeting is brought forward and combined with next virtual meeting of the Full Council to be held on 4 May 2021  
2 against

**MOVED** by Councillor G Jackson, seconded by Councillor Mrs N Wilson

**RESOLVED** unanimously that the Clerks Report is noted and received.

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**FLOODING AWARENESS – STANDING ITEM**

Tides above 5.5 metres 9 to 16 April and 25 to 2 May 2021

**MOVED** by Councillor T Jennison, seconded by Councillor Mrs H Coughlan and

**RESOLVED** unanimously that this information is received.



4 May 2021