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Dear Councillor,

16 February 2023

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the **TOWN DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE** to be conducted at the **Pannett Gallery**, on **Tuesday 21 February 2023 at 6:00pm**, the agenda for which is set out below



Michael King
Town Clerk

To: Councillors Mrs Brown, Dalrymple, Harston, Jones, Nock, Smith and Mrs Wilson

Cc: Subs. Councillors Mrs Coughlan, Mrs Turner and Mrs Wild

NOTICE OF MEETING – Public notice of the meeting is given in accordance with schedule 12, paragraph 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972.

AGENDA

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
To resolve upon apologies for inability to attend.
- 2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**
To declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or any other interests which members may have in the following agenda items and consider any dispensation requests.
- 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
Standing Orders will be suspended for up to 15 minutes to allow for questions or statements about business items on the agenda, submitted by members of the public (limited to 3 mins per person).
- 4. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20 DECEMBER 2022 (page 3)**
To approve as an accurate record the minutes of the Town Development and Improvement Meeting held on 20 December 2022.
- 5. CLERK'S UPDATE ON MATTERS RAISED PREVIOUSLY**
 - a) **294/22 REQUEST FOR ROAD MARKINGS**
To further consider the request from a member of the public for the extension of yellow lines around the corner of Gray Street and onto North Road for the safety of North Road. **(page 7)**
 - b) Verbal report from the Clerk
- 6. NOTICE OF MOTION (page 9)**
Information attached.

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7. **WHITBY GREEN SPACE**
information attached.

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8. **MATTERS OF REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE REQUIRED IN TOWN**

Opportunity for members to highlight areas of concern which may be brought to the attention of the appropriate department at either the borough or county council.

- a) White Point Avenue, the long part of the road, does not have any streetlights.

WHITBY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the **TOWN DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT** Committee held in the Pannett Gallery on Tuesday 20 December 2022 at 6:00pm.

Present: Councillors Harston (Chair), Brown, Dalrymple Jones, Nock, Mrs Wild (sub), and Mrs Wilson.

Also: M King, Town Clerk, Cllr Croft and two members of the public.

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287/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Smith

RESOLVED that Cllr Smith's apologies be accepted.

288/22 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None.

STANDING ORDERS SUSPENDED

289/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of the public spoke in support of the 20's Plenty Campaign, the Clerk read out an email received in support of the same. Cllr Croft, as a member of the public, explained the background to the information on parking tabled under item 281/22.

STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED

The Chair agreed to rearrange the remainder of the agenda to address these issues in turn.

290/22 20's PLENTY CAMPAIGN

Members considered a request from the community to support the 20's Plenty Campaign in North Yorkshire, which aims to persuade North Yorkshire County Council, as the relevant Highways Authority, to adopt a default 20mph speed limit in urban streets where people "live, work, shop, play or learn". It was the consensus of the meeting to adopt the campaign on behalf of the parish of Whitby and to support its intent where neighbouring authorities are themselves in favour.

MOVED by Councillor Harston, seconded by Councillor Mrs Wilson and unanimously

RESOLVED that the Council:

- Supports the 20's Plenty for North Yorkshire campaign;
- Calls on North Yorkshire County Council to work in coordination with Whitby Town Council to investigate

- a scheme to implement 20mph in Whitby; and
- Will work with neighbouring authorities in furtherance of this aim.

291/22

PARKING

Member's reviewed information supplied by Cllr Croft which contained an update from the Area 3 Highways team provided to County Councillor Swannick on issues relating to parking, highways and the street scene in Whitby, which had been previously considered at this committee in 2021 and 2022.

MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Nock and unanimously

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the two County Councillors, the County Council, and copying in the MP, to require an update on the commitments made in 2021 by officers and a former county councillor to undertake a review of off-street and on-street parking provision specifically in, and geared to, Whitby in light of the comments made to County Councillor Swannick, including the issues related to the wider street-scape.

292/22

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18 OCTOBER 2022.

MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Nock and unanimously

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2022 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

293/22

CLERK'S UPDATE ON MATTERS RAISED PREVIOUSLY

The Clerk noted that the resolutions of the previous meeting had been actioned and that substantive responses were awaited.

MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Nock and unanimously

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

294/22

REQUEST FOR ROAD MARKINGS

Submitted: a request from a member of the public for the extension of yellow lines around the corner of Gray Street and onto North Road for the safety of North Road. Members noted that street-works are currently underway in this area and that any decision to refer this request should be deferred until these have been completed.

MOVED by Councillor Harston, seconded by Councillor Dalrymple and unanimously

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to Area 3 Highways to request information on the works and plans for North Road at its junctions with Albion Place and Gray Street, for consideration at a future meeting.

295/22

MATTERS OF REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE REQUIRED IN TOWN

The following areas of concern were identified to be brought to the attention of the appropriate department at the borough or county council.

1. **Street Lighting** the significant number of street lights which are not functioning was raised. It was noted that county councillors had raised these with the street lighting team at the county council and that many individual reports had been made through the county council's on-line reporting tool.

MOVED by Cllr Dalrymple, seconded by Cllr Mrs Wild and unanimously

RESOLVED That the Clerk write to both county councillors for Whitby, copied to the MP and the relevant portfolio holder, to request that they establish from Street Lighting why so many lights are inoperative, which equipment is at fault, what can be done to rectify those faults, who is responsible for the required repairs and when the work will be carried out.

2. **Gritting** members considered requests which had been received from members of the public for replenishment of grit bins in the recent cold weather and information relayed from Highways by County Councillor Swannick, that pavements were not prioritised for gritting and that the county council encourages the establishment of Community Gritting Partnerships with funding from parish councils to address this.

MOVED by Cllr Dalrymple, seconded by Cllr Jones and unanimously

RESOLVED That the Clerk write to both county councillors for Whitby, copied to the MP and the relevant portfolio holder, to request that they establish from Highways the number and location of grit bins in Whitby, when these were installed, which of these are currently the property of NYCC, when these were last filled and why these are no longer filled, on the basis that existing bins should be filled because the need for these was established in the past by NYCC.

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At the December meeting (294/22) the Committee requested additional information for NYCC Highways to understand the context of the request from a member of the public for the extension of yellow lines around the corner of Gray Street and onto North Road for the safety of North Road. Members had noted that street-works were underway in that area and that any decision to refer this request should be deferred until these have been completed.

A reply was provided by Area 3, North Yorkshire Highways on 23 December:

"The works that have occurred at this junction over the last few months are actually three different sets of work. Two of them have been done from the highways office and the last one is from Yorkshire Water. Yesterday, we noticed that the Yorkshire Water works have being completed. The next step is that NY Highways will inspect the works and if everything is adequate, we will be able to start to arrange for the double yellow and give way lines to be reinstated. Please note that the road marking work is weather dependant."

As a reminder, the original request was:

"I live on the corner of Esk Terrace and the junction of North Road. This is a busy thoroughfare for lorries entering and leaving the town; the drivers are often unable to make the sharp lefthand turn onto Park Terrace, which many times results in them backing the whole of the way down North Road until they reach the corner. As you can imagine, this is very unsafe for pedestrians, and I have seen cars damaged by these lorries. Furthermore, people staying in holiday homes on the Railway can be very inconsiderate and park without due care and attention to the flow of traffic. This results in vehicles reversing for quite some distance down North Road, which is an obvious hazard.

"I am writing to ask if you would consult with the parish council and gather their views on the safety of North Road, most particularly the junction of Gray Street. The extension of yellow lines around the corner and onto North Road would significantly help with this problem. Scarborough Council are trying to attract tourists to not only come for the day but also to spend more time in the town by staying overnight, so it seems to me that it is only a matter of time before we witness a fatality.

"I would be very grateful if you would put my concerns to the parish council and let me know the outcome. I understand that it could take six months for yellow lines to be instituted, but this is surely a safety measure that we on the Railway desperately need."

Keep the £2 Bus Fare

Moved by Cllr Jones, Seconded by Cllr Mrs Wilson:

“Whitby Town Council calls on North Yorkshire County Council and on the Mayor of the Tees Valley Combined Authority, Ben Houchen to use their powers as Travel Concession Authorities to extend the Government's £2 bus fare scheme past its end date in March, to support working people during the cost-of-living crisis and to help facilitate a modal-shift towards more efficient and environmental forms of transport.”

Background:

The current scheme to limit the cost of single, adult bus fares to £2 is Government funded and will end after only 3 months when fares on local services will again rise their usual unaffordable amounts.

Elected Mayors in places like Manchester and West Yorkshire have made plans to extend this scheme past the limited 3-month scope of the Governments project and in some cases have already been running reduced fares schemes since September.

The Majority of buses which serve Whitby are operated by Arriva North East and either come under the County Council's area of influence or the Tees Valley Mayor's purview, under which they are already working together on public transport projects.

The **Whitby Community Network** has published an extensive audit of the urban and suburban greenspaces in and around Whitby, in an area bounded by the National Park.

The study is available here:

<https://www.whitbycommunitynetwork.org/green-space/>

It leads to a ten-point plan:

<https://www.whitbycommunitynetwork.org/green-space-proposal/>

“As we have seen in our analysis of Whitby green space, there is a significant deficit of natural, urban park and sports green space and, additionally, some areas of green space have not been adequately maintained for many years.

“Our plan, in short, is to

- halt the decline of green space, removing the causes of decline.*
- work to eliminate the deficit in quantity relative to the local standard,*
- improve the quality of the areas that are rated Average or Poor.*
- improve the overall biodiversity of the available green spaces.*

“This is defined by a 10-point plan.

- 1. Oppose all reallocation of Green Space for any type of development;*
- 2. Manage Green Space locally;*
- 3. Prohibit Car Parking on Green Space;*
- 4. Develop Calla Beck to improve the quality and biodiversity;*
- 5. Develop Stakesby Vale to improve the quality and biodiversity;*
- 6. Provide more free-to-access public sports areas;*
- 7. Develop a Country Park around the Viaduct (Natural/Sports Green Space) in memory of Queen Elizabeth II;*
- 8. Develop Urban Parks in East and West side residential areas;*
- 9. Develop Ruswarp Fields into a Wetland (Natural Green Space);*
- 10. Develop a Waterfront Urban Park”*

The Committee may wish to consider to what extent the town council is able to engage with the Network to publicise or pursue any or all of these objectives and whether there are any additional areas that could be considered within the analysis or within the proposals that could form part of a wider community dialogue as part of, or alongside, the development of the Neighbourhood Plan.