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Dear Councillor,

13 April 2023

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the **TOWN DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE** to be conducted at the **Pannett Gallery**, on **Tuesday 18 April 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 21 FEBRUARY 2023** **(page 3)**
To approve as an accurate record the minutes of the Town Development and Improvement Meeting held on 21 February 2023.
- 5. CLERK'S UPDATE ON MATTERS RAISED PREVIOUSLY**
Verbal report from the Clerk
- 6. SPEED WATCH & VAS** **(page 7)**
information attached.
- 7. REQUESTS FOR HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENTS** **(page 9)**
Request received for transmission to NYC.
- 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.

WHITBY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the **TOWN DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT** Committee held in the Pannett Gallery on Tuesday 21 February 2023 at 6:00pm.

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

Also: M King, Town Clerk, Cllr Croft and one member of the public.

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363/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs Brown.

MOVED by Councillor Harston, seconded by Councillor Nock and unanimously

RESOLVED that Cllr Brown's apologies be accepted.

364/22 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None.

STANDING ORDERS SUSPENDED

365/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of the public spoke in support of the Whitby Green Space initiative tabled under item 366/22.

STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED

The Chair agreed to rearrange the remainder of the agenda to address this issue in turn.

366/22 WHITBY GREEN SPACE

Members considered to what extent the town council could engage with the work undertaken by the Whitby Community Network to publicise or pursue the objectives set out in its Whitby Green Space initiative 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

MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Nock and unanimously

RESOLVED that the Council:

- a) provides a link to the study undertaken by the Whitby Community Network and the ten-point plan from the town council website; and
- b) refers the topic to the Neighbourhood Plan steering group, once constituted.

367/22 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20 DECEMBER 2022.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 December 2022 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

368/22 CLERK'S UPDATE ON MATTERS RAISED PREVIOUSLY**a) 294/22 REQUEST FOR ROAD MARKINGS**

The committee considered information provided by NYCC in response to 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.

MOVED by Councillor Nock, seconded by Councillor Smith and unanimously

RESOLVED that the re-lining of Gray Street/North Road should be monitored and the Area 3 Highways Team be requested to provide further updates.

b) Verbal report from the Clerk

The Clerk noted that the resolutions of the previous meeting had been actioned and that he was to attend a scheduled meeting with Highways Officers to further explore the issues around street lighting and salt bins.

MOVED by Councillor Nock, seconded by Councillor Dalrymple and unanimously

RESOLVED that officers of Area 3 Highways be invited to attend a future meeting to provide an update for members.

369/22 NOTICE OF MOTION

Members noted that the government had recently announced the extension of the reduced fare scheme until June, but that, nonetheless, the eventual end of the scheme would disadvantage local people making rural journeys and reduce bus usage.

MOVED by Cllr Jones, Seconded by Cllr Mrs Wilson and unanimously

RESOLVED that 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, 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.

370/22 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 It was noted that on White Point Avenue, the long part of the road, does not have any streetlights. A response had been received to this

issue, reported on the NYCC on-line system, to the effect that the light would be replaced at some point. The light is owned by SBC and maintained by NYCC.

2. Pavilion Car Park members noted that the car-park barrier and several cones appear to be discarded on the cliff side. Hese had been previously notified to SBC and were to be cleared in August 2022.

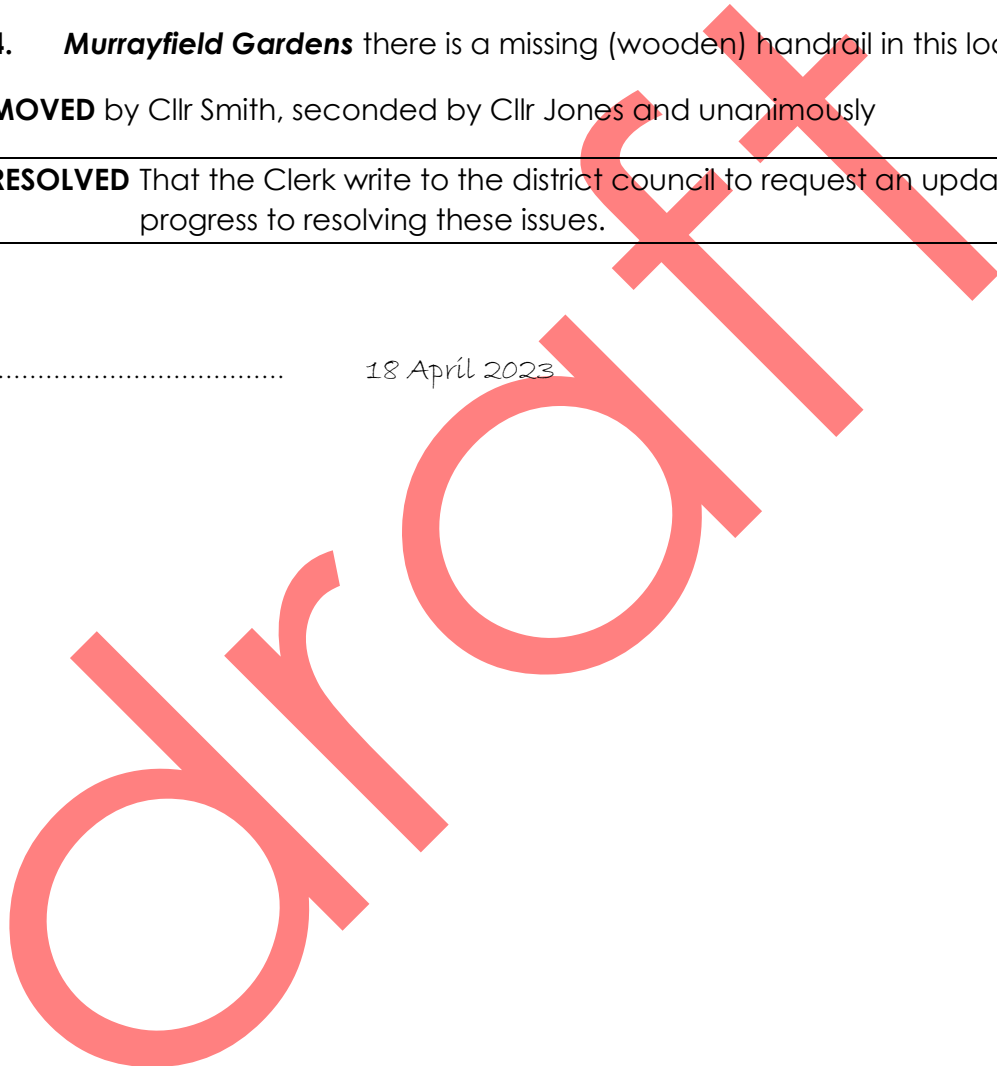
3. Dog Fouling members noted the current prevalence of dog fouling in Whitby streets and wanted to enquire what success SBC's dog wardens were having in identifying and penalising irresponsible dog owners under the existing PSPO.

4. Murrayfield Gardens there is a missing (wooden) handrail in this location.

MOVED by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Jones and unanimously

<p>RESOLVED That the Clerk write to the district council to request an update on progress to resolving these issues.</p>

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County Councillor Trumper has forwarded correspondence with a member of the public who has been concerned about perceived speeding on Guisborough Road.

Cllr Trumper has suggested that the town council might consider supporting the development of a community speed-watch group, established under the egis of North Yorkshire Police.

This is a scheme set up for the public to let the police know about locations where they're concerned about speeding.

North Yorkshire Police assess the location and if they think it's a good and safe place for monitoring to happen, trained members of the community will visit the location to record the details of offending vehicles.

What's captured:

- speed
- registration number
- vehicle colour and make.

Anyone caught speeding will be sent a letter from NYP informing them of their offence.

The police also monitor the data so they can take action against repeat offenders or those severely breaking the speed limit.

Individual reports of speeding can be made through the North Yorkshire Council website (<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/road-safety/speed-limits-speeding-and-road-safety-concerns>).

NYC and NYP and part of the York and North Yorkshire Road Safety Partnership is a group of local authorities, emergency services and other agencies that work together throughout the county to reduce the number of people killed and injured on the roads.

The partnership includes:

- North Yorkshire Council
- North Yorkshire Police
- North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue
- City of York
- Highways England
- Yorkshire Ambulance Service
- Yorkshire Air Ambulance Service

Formed in 2004, the campaign aimed to save 95 lives between 2005 and the end of 2010. The initial campaign officially ended on 31 March 2011, by which time 126 lives had been saved. Its success meant that the partnership decided to continue working together, with the aim of continuing to reduce casualties and collisions year on year.

I was going to send this to NYCC, but their website states that such requests must be made to/via the local parish council, hence this note.

I've stayed at Broadings Farm Caravan Site on the outskirts of Whitby several times, including this Easter weekend. I am surprised that there is no footpath from the caravan site down towards the Four Lane Ends roundabout. The actual path starts at Holmstead avenue (opposite the petrol station), but from here to the farm is 145m of muddy verge (as per pictures below). This is a well-trodden route and you can regularly see families, often with pushchairs, navigating this off-road section alongside traffic leaving Whitby an accelerating up to the national speed limit which starts at that point. Semi-buried kerb stones are an added trip hazard (I saw a pushchair topple forward as it struck these).

Considering what must be a considerable spend in the local economy by holidaymakers like myself, plus the obvious accident risk to pedestrians, please can I request that serious consideration be given to paving this stretch of verge, which to the casual observer looks wide enough to take a footpath.

The pictures below were after the mud had dried, thankfully.

145m of verge (footpath ends at this point)



Entrance to Broadings Farm:

