



## Howden Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Howden Town Council held Tuesday August 22nd 2023 at 7pm at the Town Council Offices, Bridgegate, Howden.

Present: Councillors Roberts (Chair), Perkins, Drury, Long, Hart, Pears, Ward, Cave, Brett, Howard, Blee

In Attendance: Three Members of the Public (Co-option Candidates)

### **2023-150-FC: Apologies for absence – to receive and accept.**

Apologies were received from Councillor Ashton – Accepted.

### **2023-151-FC: Declaration of Interest –**

2023-151.1-FC Declarations of Interests, in respect to Agenda items, to be made and recorded in the minutes even if an interest has been declared in the register.

None.

2023-151.2-FC For the Council to note any dispensations presented to the Clerk prior to the meeting and their resolution.

None.

### **2023-152-FC: Co-Option: To vote on the co-option for the one vacant seat. For resolution. (NB The elected Councillor will sign their declaration of acceptance and sit on Council immediately).**

Following co-option vote Michael Clarke received a majority vote. He signed the declaration of acceptance of office and sat on Council straight away.

### **2023-153-FC: Public Participation. To adjourn (for a maximum of 15 minutes) the meeting for members of the public to make representation over any item on the agenda. (NB any item not on the agenda will not be discussed but may be considered for a future meeting).**

No members of the public wanted to participate.

### **2023-154-FC: Minutes of the Town Council meeting held Tuesday July 18th 2023 – to agree and approve as a true record.**

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held Tuesday July 18<sup>th</sup> 2023 were agreed and approved as a true record.

### **2023-155-FC: Minutes of the Howden Joint Burial Committee Meeting held Monday July 24<sup>th</sup> 2023 – to receive and approve any recommendations.**

The minutes of the Howden Joint Burial Committee meeting held Monday July 24<sup>th</sup> were received – there were no recommendations.

### **2023-156-FC: Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held Tuesday August 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 – to receive and approve any recommendations.**



The minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held Tuesday August 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 were received – there were no recommendations.

**2023-157-FC: Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held Tuesday August 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 – to receive and approve any recommendations.**

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held Tuesday August 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 were received. Council resolved to agree to the Committee recommendation to ask ERYC to abandon parking charges in the ERYC car parks in Howden. The Clerk to send request on behalf of Council.

**2023-158-FC: Howden Young People's Project. To receive report and proposal from Councillor Howard and agree any actions.**

Councillor Howard proposed a Young People's Project initiative involving The Moorlands Charity in Goole. The first stage would be engaging with young people in the town via their peers to see what provisions they would like to see in the town. The total cost of this first stage of the project is approximately £8,000. Council agreed to this Project and to pledge up to £2,700 towards this first stage. Councillor Howard to take the lead on the project initially and keep Council updated.

**2023-159-FC: Men in Sheds. To receive report and proposal from Councillor Howard and agree any actions.**

Council agreed to support Councillor Howard's proposal to set up a Men in Sheds initiative in Howden.

**2023-160-FC: Community Governance Review. To agree Council response to the proposed review during the consultation period.**

It was agreed to submit the same response as per the previous consultation.

**2023-161-FC: Neighbourhood Watch. To receive a report from the Clerk and agree any actions.**

The Clerk reported she and a small number of Councillors had met with ERYC and a member of the public who are wanting to set up a town wide Neighbourhood Watch initiative. Council agreed to support the initiative.

**2023-162-FC: Town Centre/Events Officer Report. To receive report and agree any actions.**

The Clerk reported on behalf of the Town Centre/Events Officer. She reported a successful grant application for £10,000 from the Shared Prosperity Fund towards the £12,000 Visit Howden project. Council considered three website quotes and agreed with And Marketing for website development for the project. The Clerk also reported ERYC had granted £500 towards Tour of Britain events. Council will host a Community Coffee morning alongside Howden Minster on Tuesday September 5<sup>th</sup>.

**2023-163-FC: Town Centre Wi-Fi. To receive report from the Chair and agree any actions.**

Following a presentation earlier in the month by ERYC it was agreed to support their bid for town centre public wi-fi.



**2023-164-FC: Howden AFC. To receive request from Howden AFC to change agreed grant payments and conditions.**

There were no requests presented to consider.

**2023-165-FC: Ashes Committee. To receive the latest minutes and agree any actions.**

There were no minutes received.

**2023-166-FC: Boom Update. To receive a report from the Chair and agree any actions.**

Council agreed to register with the Planning Inspectorate to be kept up to date with any developments.

**2023-167-FC: ERNLCCA Councillor Training. To confirm date and time of training and agree to open up to other local Parish Councils.**

The Clerk confirmed Good Councillor training would be taking place on Thursday November 9<sup>th</sup> – she asked Councillors to confirm their attendance, before offering places to other parish councils.

**2023-168-FC: Local Council Award Scheme. To receive a report from the Clerk regarding Council participation in the Local Council Award Scheme and agree any actions.**

Council agreed to work towards the Foundation Award of the Local Council Award Scheme. The Clerk to keep Council updated and agree registration date in early 2024.

**2023-169-FC: Howden Cycle Event. To receive report from the Chair and agree any actions.**

The Chair reported he had been approached by a team who were looking at organising a Howden Bicycle Road race. Council agreed to support them, as long as the event was an independent one and they took charge of road closures etc.

**2023-170-FC: Delegated Decisions. To ratify decisions delegated to the Clerk.**

All decisions were received and ratified.

**2023-171-FC: Finance July/August. To authorise the invoices and monthly schedules for payment; to receive a copy of the bank transactions and reconciled bank statements (including Co-Operative Bank and NS&I) since the last meeting and a copy of RIALTAS reports to receive and accept.**

A copy of the July and August monthly schedules with voucher numbers for each invoice received and the date they had cleared the bank were presented, alongside bank reconciliations up to middle of July 2023 (Approved). Council approved the payments of £17,132.86 for July since the last meeting and £2606.61 for August to be made.

**2023-172-FC: Monthly Checklist. To receive the Clerk's monthly checklist.**

The monthly checklist was received.

**2023-173-FC: Ward Councillor. To receive report from Ward Councillor David Howard and agree any items for next agenda.**



Councillor Howard reported that after talks and many months of meetings with ERYC, they had agreed to a reduction to the speed limit (down to 50mph) at Knedlington crossroads. They would also look at reducing the kerb line and installing cats' eyes. It was agreed to collect more data to look at further measures with an online survey in collaboration with Asselby and Barmby Parish Councils. He also reported he now has 10 volunteers for a Community Speedwatch initiative and Council agreed to this.

**2023-174-FC: Correspondence.**

The Clerk reported the Local Growth Team had started work on brown tourist signs that would be erected on the entry roads to Howden and shared a mock-up one that was in the initial stage.

**2023-175-FC: Items for next agenda.**

Standing Items.

**2023-176-FC: Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday September 19<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 7pm.**

The meeting closed at 8.37pm.