



Howden Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Howden Town Council held on Tuesday February 16th 2021 at 7pm via Zoom Conference Call.

Present: Councillors H Roberts, D Patrick, R Drury, H Chiswell, H Pears, E Ward, S Smythson, R Blee, R Hart, A Morris, A Wilson D Howard

In attendance: Member of the Press, Member of the Public, Councillor Charlie Bayram

Clerk: S Hardcastle

2021-20-FC: Apologies for absence – to receive and accept.

Apologies received by Councillor Thackray – accepted.

2021-21-FC: Declaration of Interest –

2021-21.1-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

2021-21.2-FC For the Council to note any dispensations presented to the Clerk prior to the meeting and their resolution.

None

2021-22-FC: Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday January 19th 2021 – to agree and approve as a true record. (Attached)

The minutes of the meeting held Tuesday January 19th 2021 were agreed as a true record.

2021-23-FC: Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held February 2nd 2021 – to receive. (Attached)

The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held February 2nd 2021 were received.

2021-24-FC: Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held February 9th 2021– to receive and approve any recommendations. (Attached)

The minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held February 9th were received. The Chair explained that it had been recommended the tendering decision process for the Howden Knedlington Road Cemetery Maintenance be taken to Full Council with a report from the Clerk for each tender. It was decided that Company '4' met all the criteria and they would be asked to undertake the contract. The Clerk will liaise with the company and the HJBC.

2021-25-FC: To review delegate powers and duties to the Clerk in consultation with the Chair of Council and two Chairs of Committees in the case of emergency under Local Government Act 1972, section 101.

It was agreed to continue this for another month and review at the next meeting of the Town Council.



2021-26-FC: Drainage and Sewerage issues. To receive a report and updates from the Chair on the latest flooding, drainage and sewerage problems.

The Chair gave a report on the latest developments following flooding and sewerage issues in Howden. Correspondence had been sent to the Chief Executive of Yorkshire Water, David Davis MP, Councillor Charlie Bayram, the East Riding of Yorkshire Council, The Environment Agency and OFWAT to express huge concerns with the issue. Responses had been received with the confirmation Yorkshire Water are responsible for the Public Sewer Network. Assurances have been made that YW are looking into this, looking at increasing the capacity at the Broad Lane pumping station and we would be updated as investigations continue.

2021-27-FC: Howden Market Street Pedestrianisation. To receive an update from Joe Russell of East Riding of Yorkshire Council, to make and note observations on the latest plans. (Attached)

Joe Russell from East Riding of Yorkshire Council presented an update on the consultation for plans to temporarily pedestrianise part of the Market Place. Due to a majority vote against the proposals, it was agreed that the plans would not be taken any further. Mr Russell pointed out that there was still a lot of work to be done to help towns post-Covid and a meeting date is to be made to discuss some future plans. The Clerk and the Chair to attend.

2021-28-FC: Howden Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) 2021-2024. To receive any update from the Clerk.

The Clerk reported she had fed back the Town Council's comments from the previous meeting but at the date of the meeting had not heard anything back.

2021-29-FC: In the Canopy. To receive any update from the Clerk.

The Clerk reported she had spoken to Mrs Blee and Mrs Twiddle. Talks were still ongoing regarding how they are going to market themselves and until such time a lease cannot be signed. As soon as Covid restrictions allow the Clerk will meet with them at the site.

2021-30-FC: Complaints to East Riding of Yorkshire Council. To agree official complaint to East Riding of Yorkshire Council in respect of Howden Marsh.

The Clerk reported that since the agenda had been written the East Riding of Yorkshire Council had replied so no official complaint was needed. The letter was received by Council and agreed next steps would be taken to the Amenities Committee.

2021-31-FC: Howden Helpers. To receive an update from Cllr Howard.

Councillor Howard reported that all was going well; volunteers were busy taking residents for their Covid vaccinations and making plans for post-Covid, although rates are still relatively high in this area.

2021-32-FC: ERYC Cllr Bayram: To receive a verbal report.

Councillor Bayram reported he had been busy with East Riding of Yorkshire Council looking at ways of reducing Council Tax for residents.

2021-33-FC: Court Case. To receive the verdict of the Hull Crown Court Case of the former Clerk dated Thursday February 11th 2021.



The Chair reported that the Court Case of the former Clerk had reached a conclusion. She was found guilty of two counts of theft and received a 16 month custodial sentence, suspended for 18 months. She has also been made to undertake 300 hours of unpaid work. The Clerk has written a brief press release with Humberside Police Press Office which was agreed and will be used in any media communications.

2021-34-FC: Correspondence: to receive.

It was noted Councillor Thackray had requested to have apologies received for a period of six months.

2021-35-FC: Finance January and February. Papers to include a copy of the monthly schedules for payment authorisation; a copy of the bank transactions since the last meeting and a copy of RIALTAS reports to receive and accept. (Attached)

A copy of the January and February monthly schedules with voucher numbers for each invoice received and the date they had cleared the bank were presented, alongside bank reconciliations up to the 29th January. The invoices and monthly schedule had been checked by Councillor Drury and the papers presented were approved. The Council approved the payments to be made.

2021-36-FC: Items for next agenda.

Updates on drainage issues; East Riding of Yorkshire Council Market Place plans; Update on Court Case of former Clerk.

2021-37-FC: Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday March 16th at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.28pm