

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT WINNING POST, MARSHLAND ROAD, MOOREENDS ON THE 14 DECEMBER 2021 AT 7PM.

Present: Councillors Craig Ellis Town Mayor (Chairman), S Durant Deputy Town Mayor, J Blackham, N Etherington, K Fox, G Ap Harri, J Phillips, R Powell, M Phillips

Also, in attendance – 1 member of the public and a reporter from the local press.

LOCUM TOWN CLERK

Councillor C Ellis, Chairman, reported that the Town Clerk, Mr. Matthew Gleadell, was unable to attend the meeting and that Mr. Chris Geeson, (Locum Town Clerk August 2017 – October 2018) had been invited to oversee the meeting and offer any professional advice as necessary.

3762. APOLOGIES

Apologies noted as received from the following Councillors

C Blackham, A Cuttall, M Houlbrook, R Porter, S Sweeting and M Williams

3763. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Councillor S Durant, Deputy Town Mayor, declared an interest in the Planning matters as she is on the Planning Committee at Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council.

3765. MINUTES

The Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday, 9th November 2021 were received and approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3766. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The member of the public present raised questions relating to issues concerning clarification on the feeding of ducks at The Delves and was referred to Item 7 on the agenda.

3767. FINANCIAL REPORT

RESOLVED: That the absence of the Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer (TC&RFO) detailed consideration be deferred.

Members were directed to raise specific questions and queries direct to TC&RFO.

3768. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED: That the two minor planning applications, detailed of which had been circulated with the agenda for the meeting, were noted.

3769. THE DELVES FISHERY

An officer report Delves – Feeding of the Ducks had been circulated with the agenda requesting the Town Council to determine an approved policy.

The request for clarification had been made raised by the angling club seeking guidance on how the public should safely feed the ducks whilst ensuring that angling, including fishing competitions, can be conducted without disruptions.

RESOLVED: That subject to advice obtained from Environmental Agency the Town Council confirms a commitment to determine a safe and acceptable policy and subsequently arrange publicity and signage accordingly.

3770. COMMUNITY HALL HIRE CHARGES

An officer report Community Hall Charges – Financial Information had been circulated with the agenda requesting the Town Council to consider a review of charges.

RESOLVED: That in the absence of the TC&RFO this matter be deferred and referred to the imminent budget and precept determination for 2022-2023.

3771. STAFFING & COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE REMIT.

An officer report Staffing Committee Remit had been circulated with the agenda recommending that the Town Council adopt the recently revised terms of reference for the Staffing Committee, as issued by the Yorkshire Local Councils' Association (YLCA), be adopted

The report also sought clarification as to whether the Staffing & Complaints Committee should retain its complaint function which is not included in the revised YLCA remit.

RESOLVED:

- a. That the report be received.
- b. That the Town Council adopts the revised remit recommended by the YLCA as regards the terms of reference for the Staffing Committee.
- c. That the Staffing & Complaints Committee retain the existing complaints function in its entirety.

3772. GRIEVANCE POLICY

A revised Grievance Policy as issued by the YLCA has been circulated with the agenda for the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the revised Grievance Policy as issued and recommended by the YLCA be received and adopted

3773. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential of the remaining business to be transacted.

3774. MOORENDS RECREATION GROUND.

A confidential officer's report relating to an incident at Moorends Recreation Ground had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and that all necessary works be commissioned immediately to rectify the identified grounds and lighting issues.

RESOLVED: Arising from Minute 3774 above and referring to the absence of the TC&RFO delegated powers be confirmed for the Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor to enable emergency works and services to be commissioned as deemed necessary.