

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
10th February 2015

Present: Councillors Draper (Chairman), Kenyon, McIntyre, Nicholson, Swift, Westmorland & Wilson.

Apologies: Councillors Campbell, Pickin, Upson & Wootton.

20 members of the public were in attendance.

284 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

To receive questions from Members of the Public as per the Town Council's Standing Orders - 1 d & e.

No questions had been submitted.

285 POLICE REPRESENTATION AT TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS - (Refer to Minute No. 70 – 2012/13)

If a representative from the Police is in attendance they will be given the opportunity to raise any relevant matter. Members of the Council however will restrict Police matters they raise to those relating to Hemsworth Township.

No representative from the Police was in attendance.

286 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors should disclose pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest/s in any item/s on this agenda.

Chairman to read out the following statement. Members are referred to, and shall observe, the provisions of the Hemsworth Town Council's Code of Conduct. If a Councillor has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest he/she must, unless a dispensation has been granted, withdraw from the meeting room and take no part in the discussion or vote. If any interest (Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary) has not been entered in the Town Council's register then you must disclose it at the meeting and inform the Monitoring Officer within 28 days of the date of initial disclosure. Failure to abide by the provisions of the Code in regard to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests now amounts to a criminal offence.

No disclosures were made

287 CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk reported on the following items of correspondence:

a. WMDC – Waste Recycling

It was agreed that the information which was circulated with the agenda be noted.

b. YLCA - White Rose update

It was agreed that the information received be noted.

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288 PLANNING MATTERS

The Town Clerk reported on the following:

- a. Weekly planning lists, applications, acknowledgment of comments and notification of decisions.

Councillor Kenyon raised an issue of 12 dwellings at Kinsley and due to this application requested details on what money the Town Council would receive. The Clerk stated that she was unaware of any monies due.

It was agreed that the information provided by the Town Clerk be noted and the Clerk obtains a response to Councillor Kenyon's request.

- b. Local Development Framework – Update/Consultation period

It was agreed that the information provided by the Town Clerk be noted and details be circulated to all members for comments and the matter be put on the agenda for the next Town Council meeting.

289 LICENCING

It was agreed that the information provided by the Town Clerk be noted.

290 FITZWILLIAM CENTRE

The Clerk gave an update on the final approval of the transfer and object of the Charity. The Clerk informed members that she had spoken to the Charity Commission in relation to having the first Trustees meeting at the end of May following the elections and how the first years accounts would be dealt with (Town Council acting as defacto trustee) and was awaiting written approval of these steps.

It was agreed that the information provided by the Town Clerk be noted and the Clerk keeps members informed of the Charity Commissions response.

291 CO-OPTION – Vacancy South Ward

The Town Clerk explained matters relating to the vacancy and the Council considered if they wish to co-opt to fill this current vacancy.

Councillor Wilson proposed that due to the forthcoming elections that this Town Council does not fill the vacancy by co-option. This was seconded by Councillor Swift.

RESOLVED That by a unanimous vote the proposal was carried.

292 TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Councillor Kenyon stated that the last paragraph on page 199 was incorrect. Discussion took place on this matter and the Chairman moved progress.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 02nd December 2014 and the Special Town Council meeting held 03rd February 2015, as detailed in Minute Book No. 5, 2014/2015, pages 148 – 150 & 198 - 211 were moved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

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293 COMMITTEE & SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of Committees & Sub Committees as detailed in Minute Book No. 5, 2014/2015 were moved as a true record:

PAGE NO.	COMMITTEE	DATE
151 - 165	Leisure	06 January 2015
166 - 173	Recreation	13 January 2015
174 - 178	Finance	20 January 2015
189A	Finance Sub	15 November 2014
189B	Finance Sub	16 December 2014
190 - 192	Policy	27 January 2015

N.B. Payments re: November & December 2014 are detailed on pages 179 -189. Payments re: October 2014 are detailed on pages 193 – 197.

294 QUESTIONS ON THE MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION

Councillor Kenyon raised issues relating to the purchase figures on the food stocktakes (pages 163 to 165). The Chairman asked Councillor Kenyon to be more specific on this matter. Councillor Kenyon responded by saying that the total of purchases did not add up to the figures in the Lakeside accounts. The Chairman noted Councillor Kenyon's comments and moved on with business.

Councillor Kenyon asked what the income of £554.17 received on 14 November 2015 related to (Page 169).

It was agreed that as the Clerk did not have the details to hand the information would be sent to Councillor Kenyon.

Councillor Kenyon requested details on the following payments made; Cheque No.s 716310, 716321, 716329 & 716375.

It was agreed that as the Clerk did not have the details to hand the information would be sent to Councillor Kenyon.

Councillor Kenyon raised concerns that the Finance Sub Committee was not quorate in December and yet payments had been made. The Chairman stated that the cheques needed to be processed and noted Councillor Kenyon's concerns.

Councillor Kenyon wished to raise a matter relating to Minute No. 279. The Chairman stated that this matter would be taken in exclusion of press and public.

Councillor Kenyon raised issues relating to cheque No. 716249 – payment made to HLW Keeble Hawson for legal fees in connection with Kirkby Road.

It was agreed that Councillor Kenyon's points on breach of contract and legal fees continually being paid by this Council be noted.

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294 QUESTIONS ON THE MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION – continued

Councillor Kenyon stated that this Town Council should look at charging people when payments are made by debit or credit card so as to recoup the charges this Council pays on a monthly basis.

It was agreed that this matter be referred to the next Finance Committee.

295 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Minutes No. 351 (14/11/95), the accounts for payment as examined and approved under Minute No. 263 of the Finance Committee held on 20 January 2015, be confirmed and approved for payment.

296 EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That in view of the confidential nature of business to be transacted, it is advisable, in the public interest, that the public and press are excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

297 QUESTIONS ON THE MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION – continued

Councillor Kenyon raised concerns over Minute No. 279b (Insurance claim) and went on to raise issues relating to the sale of Kirkby Road and complaints he had received. The Chairman stated that the appropriate legal advice was being sought on these matters.

Meeting closed @ 7.50 p.m.