

**Town Council Meeting
16 November 2023**

Present: Councilors Bacon, Bates, Conway, Dodson, Fernie, Hardacre, Kendall, McGinnies, S Middleton, V Middleton, Ogunade, Oldroyd, Rushmer, Stephens, Whitehead, the acting town clerk and the deputy town clerk.

Eleven members of the public were in attendance.

This meeting was simultaneously livestreamed and recorded via Zoom.

190 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies received.

191 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr S Middleton declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 13. There were no other declarations of interest other than those already declared in members' respective register of interests.

Cllr S Middleton requested a recorded vote on all subsequent items.

192 TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Cllr Dodson proposed that the minutes of the council meeting held on 16 November 2023 be approved.

For – Cllrs Bacon, Whitehead, Fernie, Dodson, Bates, V Middleton, Stephens and Hardacre.

Against – Cllrs Conway and S Middleton

Abstentions – Cllrs Rushmer, Ogunade, Kendall and Oldroyd.

Resolved that the minutes of the council meeting held on 16 November 2023 be approved.

193 CORRESPONDANCE RECEIVED

The chairman reported on correspondence received from a parishioner.

194 HANGING BASKETS

Cllr S Middleton proposed that quotes be obtained for the provision of hanging baskets. This was seconded by Cllr V Middleton.

Resolved that quotes be obtained for the provision of hanging baskets.

195 CITIZENS ADVICE

Resolved that the request from citizens advice to increase the payment for 2024/25 to £4,043 be approved (unanimous).

196 FITZWILLIAM OLD PEOPLE'S CENTRE AGM

Resolved that the Old Peoples Centre AGM be held at the Fitzwilliam Centre on 11th January 2024 at 7pm and that the management committee shall consist of all councilors (unanimous).

197 GARAGES AT WEST END

Cllr S Middleton proposed that a schedule of maintenance be agreed for this area and that Keepmoat Homes be contacted regarding working with the council

to replace the vandalized benches and improve the area. This was seconded by Cllr V Middleton.

For – Cllrs Bacon, Bates, Conway, Fernie, Hardacre, Kendall, McGinnies, S Middleton, V Middleton, Ogunade, Oldroyd, Rushmer, Stephens and Whitehead.

Against – Cllr Dodson

Resolved that a schedule of maintenance be agreed for this area and that Keepmoat Homes be contacted regarding working with the council to replace the vandalized benches and improve the area.

198 BOUNDARY REVIEW

Resolved that the update on the proposed boundary review be noted and responded to.

199 AMENITIES WORKING GROUP

Cllr Whithead proposed that an amenities working group be set up, this was seconded by Cllr Conway.

For – Cllrs Bacon, Whitehead, Conway, Fernie, Dodson and Bates.

Against – Cllrs Oldroyd, Kendall, Hardacre, Ogunade, S Middleton, V Middleton, Stephens and Rushmer.

Abstentions – Cllr McGinnies.

The motion failed.

200 SPECIAL MOTION – ABUSE POLICY

Cllr S Middleton proposed that the council revert to the previous abuse policy, this was seconded by Cllr Kendall.

For – Cllrs Oldroyd, Kendall, Hardacre, V Middleton, S Middleton and Rushmer.

Against – Cllrs Bacon, Whitehead, Conway, Fernie, Dodson, McGinnies, Bates, Stephens and Ogunade.

The Motion failed.

201 CHRISTMAS TREE

Resolved that quotes be obtained for the supply of electricity to the Christmas tree in Kinsley.

201 GRANT

Resolved that the grant to Little Fishes for £500 be approved (unanimous).

202 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members of the public raised the following matters:

- Council chat groups
- LP21
- The Abuse policy.

The meeting closed at 20:40.