

**Annual Town Council Meeting
16 May 2024**

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

Seventeen members of the public were in attendance.

This meeting was simultaneously broadcast and recorded via Zoom.

001 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Hardacre proposed Cllr S Middleton as chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Rushmer.

Cllr Conway proposed Cllr Bates as chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Whitehead.

For Cllr Middleton:

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

For Cllr Bates:

Cllrs Bates, Conway, Dodson, Fernie, McGinnies and Whitehead

Resolved that Cllr Shaun Middleton be elected chairman for the ensuing year.

002 CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The chairman's declaration of acceptance of office was signed and received.

003 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Bacon.

Resolved that the reason for absence be approved.

004 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr S Middleton & V Middleton declared a pecuniary interest in item 7.

005 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr V Middleton proposed Cllr Rushmer as vice-chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Kendall.

Cllr Dodson proposed Cllr McGinnies as vice-chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Whitehead.

For Cllr Rushmer: Cllrs Hardacre, Kendall, S Middleton, V Middleton, Ogunage, Oldroyd, Stephens and Rushmer

For Cllr McGinnies:

Cllrs Bates, Conway, Dodson, Fernie, McGinnies and Whitehead

Resolved that Cllr Rushmer be elected vice-chairman for the ensuing year.

006 VICE-CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The vice-chairman's declaration of acceptance of office was signed and received.

007 CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE

Due to his pecuniary interest, Cllr Middleton took no part in the discussion or decision regarding this item and as such Cllr Rushmer assumed the chair. Resolved that the chairman receive no allowance this year (unanimous). Cllr Middleton resumed the chair at this juncture.

008 COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

a) Cllr McGinnies proposed to defer this item, this was seconded by Cllr Conway.

For:

Cllrs Bates, Conway, Dodson, Fernie, McGinnies and Whitehead

Against:

Cllrs Hardacre, Kendall, S Middleton, V Middleton, Ogunage, Oldroyd, Stephens and Rushmer

Cllr S Middleton proposed that the committee structure consist of a finance committee, leisure & recreation committee and policy, planning and staffing committee and that the terms of reference presented to the council be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Rushmer.

For:

Hardacre, Kendall, S Middleton, V Middleton, Ogunage, Oldroyd, Stephens and Rushmer

Against:

Bates, Conway, Dodson and Whitehead

Abstentions:

Fernie and McGinnies

Resolved that the committee structure consists of a finance committee, leisure & recreation committee and policy, planning and staffing committee and that the terms of reference presented to the council be approved.

009 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Cllr S Middleton proposed that the schedule of meetings be approved, this was seconded by Cllr V Middleton.

For: Cllrs McGinnies, Stephens, Ogunade, S Middleton, Kendall, Hardacre, Oldroyd, V Middleton, Fernie, Rushmer and bates

Against: Cllr Conway.

Resolved that the schedule of meetings be approved

010 STANDING PANELS

Resolved that the respective standing panels for grievances/disciplinaries and complaints consist of Cllrs Conway, Fernie, Hardacre, Kendall, Ogunade, McGinnies, S Middleton, Stephens and Whitehead (unanimous).

011 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS, STANDING ORDERS AND CODE OF CONDUCT

Resolved that the adoption of the council's financial regulations, standing orders and code of conduct be deferred (unanimous).

012 POLICIES

Resolved that the adoption of the council's policies be deferred (unanimous).

013 ASSET REGISTER

Resolved that the asset register be approved (unanimous).

014 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Resolved that Cllrs S Middleton and Rushmer be the council's appointed voting representatives to the Yorkshire Local Councils Association.

015 LEGAL ADVISORS/SOLICITORS

Resolved that this item be deferred and reviewed in due course. In the meantime, current advisors may be used for existing issues.

016 TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Resolved that the respective minutes of the council meeting held on 18 April 2024 and the extraordinary council meeting held on 30 April 2024 be approved.

017 COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Resolved that the minutes of the following meeting be approved and adopted:

Leisure and Recreation 7 March 2023

018 INTERNAL CONTROLS AND INTERNAL AUDIT

Resolved that this item be deferred and reviewed in due course.

019 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2022-23

Resolved that this item be deferred and reviewed in due course.

020 ANNUAL ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2022-23

Resolved that this item be deferred and reviewed in due course.

021 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members of the public raised the following matters:

- Disposal of assets.
- Council's plans for the coming year.
- The asset register.
- General power of competence.
- Items in exclusion of press and public.
- Reserves.
- Confidentiality.
- Dissemination of information.
- The budget.

The meeting closed at 20:30.