

Minutes of the meeting of Pickering Town Council held on 18 June 2018 in the Memorial Hall, Pickering

Present: Councillor J Andrews, Councillor B Baker, Councillor M Danks, Councillor H Haythorne, Councillor S Jenson, Councillor P Littlewood, Councillor J Lovejoy, Councillor H McAnulty-Rickard, Councillor W Oxley and Councillor J Stott.

Eight members of the public attended the meeting.

32 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The council received and accepted apologies for absence from Councillor Neil Armstrong.

33 APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATIONS

The council noted that none of its members had applied for a dispensation.

34 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND PRESENTATIONS

A member of the public addressed the council about amended plans for application 17/01220/MFULE, Land at Whitby Road, Pickering. The resident raised concerns about the future maintenance of the landscape buffer shown in the amended plans and said that although the layout of homes on the Southern Boundary had changed there were still concerns about four bedroomed homes overlooking existing bungalows on Marshall Drive. He also said that there were still unanswered questions about the reduction in the number of trees on the site, the affordable homes provision and the planned drainage system.

A second resident spoke about the same planning application and said that she understood that the owners of the new properties would be responsible for the landscape buffer but was concerned that if they did not maintain this then this would cause problems for existing property owners.

Presentations

A member of Kirkbymoorside's Environmental Group was invited to address the council about the work that was being done in Kirkbymoorside to reduce plastic use and increase recycling. The council learnt about the need to balance the usefulness of plastic in our modern society against the harm that can be done by minute particles of plastics getting into the sea and marine life.

The council was asked to consider that plastic should be seen as a valuable resource and businesses should be encouraged to take action such as selling refillable containers for their goods, selling fruit and vegetables unwrapped and not having single use bags in their shops. The point was made that burning plastic was not an ideal method of disposal but many householders are unsure about what plastics could be recycled and many businesses find that paying for their plastic waste to be recycled is too expensive.

It was suggested that there were ways in which the town council could raise awareness of this issue and the council agreed that more discussions should be held.

35 THE ACTING TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

i) Meeting schedule: June – July¹

Date	Meeting	Venue	Time
July			
3	Planning Committee	Kitching Room	7pm
6	Councillors Audit	Kitching Room	9am
9	Community Park Committee	Beckett Room	7pm
23	Ordinary meeting of the council	Mill Room	7pm

ii) Notes, magazines, documents lodged in the council office:

- June newsletter of North Yorkshire County Council, North Yorkshire Now
- Minutes of Community and Police Group Meeting 16 May 2018
- NALC e-mail newsletter and Chief Executives' Bulletin 7 June 2018
- National Neighbourhood Watch newsletter May/June 2018
- North Yorkshire Play and Recreation Association info Summer Newsletter
- YLCA White Rose Update
- Invitation to NHS Scarborough and Ryedale Clinical Commissioning Group Annual General Meeting.

36 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

i) Planning applications considered by the council

17/01220/MFULE – Erection of 63 no. four bedroom dwellings, 98no. three bedroom dwellings, 62 no. two bedroom dwellings and 16no. one bedroom dwellings with associated garaging, parking, amenity areas, open space, landscaping, associated infrastructure and formation of vehicular access on Land at Whitby Road, Pickering (additional amendments received 11 June 2018).

Councillor Paul Littlewood declared an interest in this agenda item and left the room whilst it was discussed.

The council questioned the reasons for the developer amending the plans to add a landscape buffer to the Southern Boundary, although it was noted that the council had suggested this at a previous meeting. The council commented that previous concerns raised about drainage and pedestrian and vehicular access to the site had not been addressed and one member thought that the affordable homes were still too small.

ii) Planning applications: outcomes

The council received and noted the outcomes to five applications:

- 18/00331/LBC – internal and external alternations to include replacement of rear bathroom window, installation of rooflight to rear elevation roofsope, replacement of existing concrete pointing, replacement of existing main roof truss and insulation of internal roof structure at Spring View, Keld Head – approved;

¹ The specified rooms are in the Memorial Hall, Potter Hill unless stated otherwise.

- 18/00336/HOUSE – erection of single storey extension at Barker Stakes Farm, Ings Lane – approved;
 - 18/00122/FUL - change of use, alteration and extension of former hotel (131 Eastgate) to form a terrace of three, two bedroom dwellings, erection of three garden sheds/cycle stores and formation of four parking spaces with turning area following the demolition of existing side and rear extensions, together with the erection of a detached four bedroom dwelling, detached two bay garage and replacement of existing front boundary treatments with 1.2m high metal fence and pedestrian gate - amended details - approved;
 - 18/00373/HOUSE – erection of a single side/rear extension (revised details to approval 17/00470/HOUSE dated 11 July 2017) at 14 Littledale - withdrawn;
 - 18/00255/FUL – erection of two storey side extension to form a two bedroom self-contained annex at 32 Ings garth – approved.
- iii) Planning application 18/00011/FUL – Change of use from offices to a non-residential education centre (retrospective) at Unit 7 & 8 Ropery House. The council noted that there is to be a further consultation on this application when the council will have an opportunity to comment.

37 VACANCY IN THE EAST WARD OF PICKERING

The council received an application for the vacancy in the East Ward from Mr Andrew Gadsby which was proposed, seconded and voted for unanimously. Mr Gadsby was duly elected.

38 TOWN BUS SERVICE

The council noted information from Passenger Transport services at North Yorkshire County Council on the town bus service. North Yorkshire County Council will run the town bus for an initial six month period but has raised concerns about low passenger numbers. The town council is promoting use of the bus service by advertising on posters, social media, notice boards and by making timetables available in the town council office.

39 STREETSCENE SERVICES

The council learnt that a reorganisation of town centre Streetscene Services by Ryedale District Council will not result in a reduction in services. The objective set by the District Council is to ensure a daily resource service for Pickering unless resources have to be diverted to another service or the demand for services change. Street cleansing and public toilet service reviews are underway with a view to any changes being approved in the 2019/20 budget setting process and counters are to be installed in the public toilets to give user numbers between July and December.

The council wanted to know how many hours are dedicated to providing a daily Streetscene service for Pickering at the moment and if the number of hours is likely to stay the same when the review is complete. The acting town clerk was instructed to ask Ryedale District Council this question.

40 S106 APPLICATION PICKERING FISHERY ASSOCIATION

Councillor Joy Andrews declared an interest in this agenda item and did not involve herself in the discussions or voting.

The council received a copy of the application form and supporting documents for a bid for £15000 of S106 monies which has been submitted to Ryedale District Council by Pickering Fishery Association. The plans are for the improvement of Pickering beck at Big Crooks,

South of Pickering, which will create an additional 100 metres of bankside for fishing, improve water quality and create area of woodland which will be a habitat for flora and fauna.

The council recognised that this project would improve the landscape of the area but decided that they could not support the application as Pickering Fishery Association only has sixty-five members who each pay a subscription fee and as such it does not benefit the whole community. Comments were also made that the project is outside of the town and will not be seen by most residents and S106 monies would be better spent on the play areas in the town which benefits a larger section of the community.

41 REQUEST TO KERB A GRAVE

The council received information about a request from a family to extend the kerbs on an existing grave in the Whitby Road cemetery to surround an adjacent grave, following a recent interment. The council decided that kerbs could be installed, subject to the size, colour and specification being as described in the information given by the family. The fee of £500.00 would be due as set out in the council's current burial fees.

42 RYEDALE FIVE TOWNS MEETING 3 JULY

The council considered items to add to the agenda for the Ryedale Five Towns meeting and decided that further discussions should take place about working together to reduce plastic waste and improve recycling. The council also suggested an agenda item about ways to keep the towns clean and tidy.

43 RYEDALE SWIMMING CLUB

The council received a letter from a resident concerned about the possible loss of swimming lessons which are currently provided by Ryedale Swimming Club at Ryedale Swim and Fitness Centre in Pickering, which is run by Everyone Active on behalf of Ryedale District Council. Everyone Active announced in January 2018 that they were to be the sole provider of swimming lessons at the facility.

The council noted that the Policy and Resources Committee of Ryedale District Council has recommended that the Swimming Club should continue to provide lessons with an increase in hire charges levied by Everyone Active. A final decision will be made by the District Council at its next meeting.

The town council recognised the value of the Swimming Club as a voluntary organisation that has been providing swimming lessons and coaching in the town for 45 years. The town council voted unanimously to support the club and will offer to promote its activities and make the organisation aware of its grants scheme.

44 HAWTHORN LANE PLAY AREA

The council learnt that a piece of play equipment in Hawthorn Lane play area had been damaged and subsequently removed by the acting town clerk. The council decided to obtain quotes for a suitable piece of equipment to be installed as a replacement.

45 TREES ON POTTER HILL AND EASTGATE

The council received information about the lime trees on Potter Hill and Eastgate which have been reported by several residents concerned that the trees are overgrown and are obscuring visibility for both motorists and pedestrians. Two members reported that they had also been approached by residents about the same issue. The town council decide to approach North

Yorkshire County Council, who own the trees, and ask them if the growth at the base of the trees can be cut back as a matter of urgency.

46 **FINANCE**

i) Councillors Audit: May 2018

The council received and endorsed the report on the audit carried out on 6 June 2018.

ii) Delegated decisions by the clerk

The council received and endorsed the decisions taken by the clerk and acting clerk since 15 May 2018.

iii) The councils' banking arrangements

The council were informed that instructions had been given to the NatWest bank to close both accounts with the bank and transfer all funds to Barclays Bank.

iv) Expenses claim form

The council authorised the acting town clerk's claim for expenses totalling £227.59.

x) Financial statement for May 2018

The council resolved that the financial statement for May be received and noted.

xi) June Accounts

The council resolved that the June accounts paid and due for payment totalling £16593.56 (revised accounts figure of £18351.17 will be approved at the next meeting)

47 **STAFF**

The council received an update on current staffing issues and decided that the date of the July council meeting should be changed to 23 July 2018 to accommodate staff absence and holidays.

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Town Mayor

