



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIPON

Date: 12th February 2018
Time: 7:32pm
Location: The Council Chamber, the Town Hall, Ripon, HG4 1DD

Present: Cllr P McHardy – The Right Worshipful The Mayor
 Cllr L Barnes
 Cllr M Chambers
 Cllr A Gaskin
 Cllr P Horton
 Cllr S Hawke
 Cllr S Jones
 Cllr S Martin
 Cllr A Morgan
 Cllr P Pearson
 Cllr C Powell
 Cllr M Stanley
 Cllr R Willis
 Cllr A Williams

In attendance: Mrs P Benson, the Clerk
 Mr J Vauvert, Serjeant at Mace
 Twenty members of the public.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Canon Barry Pyke, said Prayers

15-18	To receive apologies and approve reason for absence. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Bate.		
16-18	Members of the public are invited to question, seek clarification or make representation to members of the Council on any Agenda item as listed below. Three members of the public spoke in support of the proposed cycle race.		
17-18	To request any disclosure of an interest in relation to any matter under consideration at this meeting (financial or otherwise) & to consider any written requests for dispensation. Cllr Willis declared a non pecuniary interest in item 24-18, advising that he will be speaking and voting on the item. Cllr Pearson declared an interest in item 20-18.		
18-18	To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th January 2018. That the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate account of proceedings. <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Proposed – Cllr Williams</td> <td>Seconded – Cllr Willis</td> </tr> </table> RESOLVED by a show of hands with three abstentions.	Proposed – Cllr Williams	Seconded – Cllr Willis
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19-18	To receive the Minutes of the Meetings from the following Committees: Planning Committee – 4th September 2017, 25th September 2017, 16th October 2017, 13th November 2017, 11th December 2017, and 8th January 2018. <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Proposed – Cllr Horton</td> <td>Seconded – Cllr Barnes</td> </tr> </table> RESOLVED by a show of hands with four abstentions.	Proposed – Cllr Horton	Seconded – Cllr Barnes
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Finance and General Purposes Committee – 10th July 2017, 11th September 2017, 9th October 2017, 6th November 2017, 20th November 2017 and 4th December 2017

Proposed – Cllr Morgan

Seconded – Cllr Pearson

RESOLVED by a show of hands with two abstentions.

Hugh Ripley Hall Committee – 31st July 2017.

Proposed – Cllr Williams

Seconded – Cllr Willis

RESOLVED by a show of hands with five abstentions.

20-18

To consider an invoice relating to the Market Place Lease.

That the Standing Orders be suspended in respect of this item.

Proposed – Cllr Williams

Seconded – Cllr Horton

RESOLVED by a show of hands with nine in favour, four against and one abstention.

The Sergeant at Mace removed the Mace from the Council Chamber at 7:45pm.

Cllr Williams advised that it appeared that the firm of solicitors had been instructed to undertake the work on the market place lease without authority to do so, that both he and the Clerk had checked the minutes from Full Council back to the date of the last election in May 2015 and that no definitive minute approving the spend had been found.

Cllr Stanley identified himself as the member involved in this item, advising that he did not act without instruction, that his instructions came from a committee of this council. Cllr Stanley asked the Clerk if the notebooks of the previous Clerks were available for review. The Clerk advised that she had not seen them but would check the archive records. Cllr Stanley advised that this invoice and minute reference 56/15 could not be taken in isolation.

Cllr Williams proposed that the firm of solicitors be paid under power 135(4), further, that the matter be referred to the Council's auditor, that Cllr Stanley be referred to the HBC Monitoring Officer and that North Yorkshire Police be advised of this matter.

Cllr Horton seconded Cllr Williams' proposal, adding that Cllr Stanley be required to repay the expenditure to Council.

Cllr Pearson advised that to suggest that Councillors were unaware of what was going on is not true, that it is quite clear from the documents presented by the Clerk under this item that Councillors were aware of the involvement of Eccles Heddon. Cllr Pearson advised that the proposal did not stand up to scrutiny.

That the council pay the invoice (135 (4));

That the matter is referred to the auditor;

That the actions of Cllr Stanley surrounding the invoice referred to in item (20-18) are referred to the Monitoring Officer;

That the matter surrounding (06-18) and (20-18) be referred to North Yorkshire Police;

That Cllr Stanley be required to reimburse the Council for the sum of the invoice detailed in (20-18).

Proposed – Cllr Williams

Seconded – Cllr Horton

RESOLVED by a show of hands with seven in favour and seven against. The Mayor used her

	<p>casting vote and the motion was carried.</p> <p>The Sergeant at Mace returned the Mace to the Council Chamber at 8:10pm.</p>				
21-18	<p>To receive and approve the following documents:</p> <p>1. Amended terms of reference:</p> <p>Planning Committee;</p> <p>Alderman T F Spence Committee.</p> <p>That the Planning Committee terms of reference be adopted. That the Alderman Spence Committee terms of reference be withdrawn and returned to a further meeting of the Council after review</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Proposed – Cllr Williams</td> <td>Seconded – Cllr Jones</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a show of hands with one against and two abstentions.</p> <p>2. Financial Regulations.</p> <p>That these be adopted.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Proposed – Cllr Williams</td> <td>Seconded – Cllr Stanley</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p>	Proposed – Cllr Williams	Seconded – Cllr Jones	Proposed – Cllr Williams	Seconded – Cllr Stanley
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22-18	<p>1. To consider the appointment of a planning consultant to formulate a response to the Harrogate Draft Local Plan.</p> <p>2. To authorise the Planning Committee to submit a response on the Harrogate Draft Local Plan on behalf of Ripon City Council.</p> <p>That a planning consultant is not required. That the Planning Committee be authorised to submit a response to HBC on the Harrogate Draft Local Plan.</p> <p>Cllr Horton spoke to mention the comprehensive response drafted by the City Plan Committee.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Proposed – Cllr Stanley</td> <td>Seconded – Cllr Williams</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p>	Proposed – Cllr Stanley	Seconded – Cllr Williams		
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23-18	<p>To agree the budget and precept request for the 2018/2019 Financial Year.</p> <p>That the draft budget be approved and that the precept request of £300,253 be submitted to Harrogate Borough Council.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Proposed – Cllr Williams</td> <td>Seconded – Cllr Martin</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p>	Proposed – Cllr Williams	Seconded – Cllr Martin		
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24-18	<p>To consider to agree to underwrite the cost of road closures in respect of the proposed Ripon Cycle Road Races on 24th June 2018.</p> <p>That the Council agrees to underwrite the cost of the proposed Ripon Cycle Road Races on 24th June 2018 to a sum of £8,000. That this item does not need to be returned to Council in order for the chosen providers to be approved and that Cllr Willis, together with the Clerk are authorised to engage providers subject to Standing Orders and Financial Regulations being observed, to allow the event to progress in a timely manner.</p> <p>That the Council agrees to provide a grant in respect of the actual road closure costs up to a sum</p>				

	<p>of £3,000 for the St Wilfrid's procession.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Proposed – Cllr Williams</td> <td>Seconded – Cllr Stanley</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p>	Proposed – Cllr Williams	Seconded – Cllr Stanley
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25-18	<p>To receive correspondence and agree appropriate action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Tour de Yorkshire 2018 Small Grant Fund – HBC; Cllr Willis to submit a grant application for this item. HBC letter dated 31 January 2018 – Bulb/Wildflower Scheme; Cllr Powell to liaise with Ripon in Bloom on this item. HBC letter dated 31 January 2018 – Reorganisation Order – Alteration of Ward Pattern. Cllr Horton advised that this decision was disappointing and short sighted. Cllr McHardy voiced her agreement. Cllr Martin advised that this was submitted to a public consultation when only six Ripon City Councillors submitted a response. Cllr Pearson advised that the Committee structure would need re-visiting after the election when the number of Councillors will be reduced. 		
26-18	<p>To receive a report from Harrogate Borough Councillors if appropriate – for information only.</p> <p>Cllr Martin advised that the budget would be set on 14th February 2018;</p> <p>Cllr Chambers advised that progress had been made on the AllHallowgate development following ground stability checks and that the development would now proceed.</p>		
27-18	<p>To receive a report from North Yorkshire County Councillors if appropriate – for information only.</p> <p>Cllr Martin advised that he had arranged for a temporary repair on the bricksetts on Kirkgate following the appearance of a hole.</p>		
28-18	<p>Mayoral Announcements – for information.</p> <p>The Mayor advised that the annual Mayor's Ball would take place on 23rd March 2018 at the Spa Hotel with a ticket cost of £35 a head and encouraged all present to consider buying a ticket.</p>		

With business concluded the meeting was closed at 9:09 pm.

These minutes were recorded and prepared by Paula Benson, Clerk to the City Council.

SIGNED _____

DATE _____

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR