



OFFICIAL NOTICE OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIPON

Date: Monday 3rd April 2017
Time: 7:40pm
Location: The Council Chamber, the Town Hall, Ripon

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

In attendance: Mrs P Benson, the Clerk
Mr A Weston, City Development Manager
Mr J Vauvert, Serjeant at Mace

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Serjeant at Mace, Mr J Vauvert, opened proceedings with Prayer.

42-17	To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence. Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Jones.
43-17	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. Members of the public spoke to urge Ripon City Council to support the engagement of a planning specialist to advise the Council in forming a formal objection to the planning application at West Lane, item 47-17 refers.
44-17	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 Martin declared an interest in respect of item 47-17 as a member of HBC Planning Committee, reserving the right to change his opinion in view of any new information presented to HBC Planning Committee; Cllr Gaskin declared an interest in respect of item 47-17 as a resident of West Lane . Cllr Hawke declared an interest in respect of item 47-17 as a member of HBC Planning Committee, reserving the right to change his opinion in view of any new information presented to HBC Planning Committee; Cllr McHardy declared an interest in respect of item 47-17 as a member of HBC Referrals Committee and a substitute member of HBC Planning Committee.
45-17	To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th March 2017. That the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate account of proceedings with one amendment to 41-17, that the period since the closure of the railway be amended to 50 years.

	Proposed – Cllr Williams	Seconded – Cllr Hawke
	RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.	
46-17	To receive the Minutes of the Meetings from the following Committees	
	Hugh Ripley Hall Committee – 19th December 2016 and 13th February 2017;	
	Proposed – Cllr Williams	Seconded – Cllr Willis
	RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.	
	Cllr Williams expressed his thanks Cllr Willis for all his efforts at Hugh Ripley Hall during the last 12 months. All Council Members to be invited to view the hall to see the refurbishment works undertaken early in the next Civic year.	
	Finance and General Purposes Committee – 5th December 2016, 9th January 2017 and 6th February 2017;	
	Proposed – Cllr McHardy	Seconded – Cllr Hawke
	RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.	
	Planning Committee – 19th December 2016, 16th January 2017, 13th February 2017 and 13th March 2017.	
	Proposed – Cllr Horton	Seconded – Cllr Powell
	RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.	
47-17	To consider the appointment of a planning specialist to draft an appeal letter from RCC in respect of application 16/05261/EIAMAJ.	
	That the Council appoint a planning specialist to draft a letter to the Planning Inspectorate on the above application.	
	8:01pm Cllr Gaskin left the Council Chamber and did not take part in the vote.	
	Proposed – Cllr Williams	Seconded – Cllr Willis
	RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.	
	8:11pm Cllr Gaskin returned to the Council Chamber.	
48-17	To receive a paper and short presentation from representatives of the National Trust on the Skell Landscape Project.	
	Following a presentation from representatives of the National Trust, Council expressed their support for the project.	
	Councillors suggested that the following be considered in the project, Fairy Steps, Canal and Quarry Moor.	
49-17	To receive correspondence and to agree any appropriate action	
	i) NALC letter 10 March 2017;	
	ii) YLCA White Rose Update March 2017.	
	That this be received and noted.	
	Proposed – Cllr Williams	Seconded – Cllr Willis
	RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.	
50-17	To receive a request from the City Development Manager to extend the membership of the City Plan Committee beyond the end of the current Civic Year.	
	That this be agreed.	
	Proposed – Cllr Williams	Seconded – Cllr Chambers
	RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.	
51-17	To consider passing a resolution under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), that the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.	

	<p>That the Council do not resolve to enter into private session.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Proposed – Cllr Williams</td> <td>Seconded – Cllr Horton</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p>	Proposed – Cllr Williams	Seconded – Cllr Horton
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52-17	<p>To receive an update on the Town Hall Lease and to consider and approve the logistics of the office moves.</p> <p>That the expiring lease agreement is not acceptable to Ripon City Council and that the Clerk writes to the Chief Executive of HBC to advise same, listing the deficiencies of the agreement and requesting that legal input is obtained. That the RCC Members who are also HBC Members raise this issue at HBC Council.</p> <p>That the Clerk is authorised to sanction spend in respect of the office moves up to a maximum sum of £1000 subject to any decisions with a cost implication being approved by the Mayor and the Chair of Finance and General Purposes Committee prior to the cost being incurred.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Proposed – Cllr Willis</td> <td>Seconded – Cllr Williams</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p>	Proposed – Cllr Willis	Seconded – Cllr Williams
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53-17	<p>To receive a report from the City Development Manager on Hornblower and Heritage promotion and marketing and to agree appropriate action.</p> <p>That this is received and noted and not approved. That the City Development Manager returns a report to Council with a revised proposal. That the budgeting arrangements are reviewed by the Clerk with a view to more frequent silver talks being offered.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Proposed – Cllr Williams</td> <td>Seconded – Cllr Hawke</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p>	Proposed – Cllr Williams	Seconded – Cllr Hawke
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54-17	<p>To consider bestowing a Citizenship award on a member of the Public.</p> <p>That an award be presented to The Reverend Maurice Jennett for his service to Ripon and the Mayors of Ripon.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Proposed – Cllr Williams</td> <td>Seconded – Cllr Horton</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p>	Proposed – Cllr Williams	Seconded – Cllr Horton
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	<p>Private session was concluded at 9:03pm.</p>		
55-17	<p>To note the venue of the Annual Meeting of the Council/Mayor Making – 8th May 2017.</p> <p>That this be noted and received.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Proposed – Cllr Williams</td> <td>Seconded – Cllr Horton</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p>	Proposed – Cllr Williams	Seconded – Cllr Horton
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56-17	<p>To receive a report from the City Development Manager on Road Closures and to agree appropriate action.</p> <p>That the City Development Manager's recommendation be accepted and that the signs required are purchased. That the Clerk writes to DTMS to thank them for their help and support over many years.</p> <p>Cllr Bate left the meeting at 9:16pm</p>		

	Proposed – Cllr Williams	Seconded – Cllr Horton
	RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.	
57-17	To receive a report from Harrogate Borough Councillors if appropriate – for information only.	
	None received.	
58-17	To receive a report from North Yorkshire County Councillors if appropriate – for information only.	
	Cllr Horton advised that the recent planning application at Ripon Grammar School had been determined.	
59-17	Mayoral Announcements – for information.	
	The Mayor expressed his thanks to all council members for the support given during his Mayoral year.	
	It was noted that the Annual Parish Meeting would need to be held during May. Date to be confirmed although Wednesday 17 th May 2017 preferred.	
	The late receipt of the Harrogate Borough Council Draft Economic Growth Strategy 2017-35 Consultation was noted. The City Development Manager was requested to advise HBC that a response before 5 May 2017 was not possible and that it was not acceptable to require a response to such an important consultation in such a short timeframe.	

With business concluded the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:40pm.

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

SIGNED

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THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR