



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

Date: Monday 6th March 2023

Time: 6:00pm

Location: The Council Chamber, the Town Hall, Ripon, HG4 1DD.

Present:

Cllr S Hawke
Cllr B Brodigan
Cllr E Parkin
Cllr J Crozier
Cllr P McHardy
Cllr A Williams
Cllr P Horton
Cllr C Hardisty
Cllr T Duncan
Cllr S Flatley

The Right Worshipful the Mayor

In Attendance

Paula Benson
Two members of the public.
One press representatives.

Chief Officer

Prior to the start of the meeting Canon Michael Gisbourne, the Mayor's Chaplain, said prayers.

39/23	To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence. Apologies were received from Cllr Bate.				
40/23	To request any disclosure of an interest in relation to any matter under consideration at this meeting (financial or otherwise) and to consider any written requests for dispensation. Cllr Williams declared an interest as a member of NYCC and an interest from 1 st April 2023 as the Vice Chair of NYC's Area Planning Committee. Cllr Brodigan declared an interest from 1 st April 2023 as a member of NYC's Area Planning Committee.				
41/23	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. None.				
42/23	To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th February 2023. That these be approved as a true and accurate record of proceedings. <table border="1"><tr><td>Proposed – Cllr Williams</td><td>Seconded – Cllr Parkin</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">RESOLVED by a show of hands with one abstention.</td></tr></table>	Proposed – Cllr Williams	Seconded – Cllr Parkin	RESOLVED by a show of hands with one abstention.	
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43/23	Financial and Governance Matters: 1. To receive an update on the Partnership Funding Scheme and to agree appropriate action; The advice from the auditor was received. It was noted that public funds cannot be used to bolster the bank balance of a funded organisation and that organisations must demonstrate a need for funding. It was agreed that Partnership funding would not be provided in the 2022-23 financial year and that an EMR of £7,250 would be created from the current year's budget.				

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	<p>2. To receive the Income and Expenditure report dated 31st January 2023 and agree appropriate action. That this be received and noted.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="304 215 1482 253"> <tr> <td data-bbox="304 215 895 253">Proposed – Cllr Williams</td> <td data-bbox="895 215 1482 253">Seconded – Cllr Crozier</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a show of hands.</p>	Proposed – Cllr Williams	Seconded – Cllr Crozier
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44/23	<p>Quarry Moor</p> <p>1. To receive an update on the issue of the trees at Quarry Moor if appropriate. Cllr Martin-Long gave an update on this matter. A positive meeting had been held with Natural England to discuss the site and tree removal and it was agreed that we would proceed with the removal of six to eight trees as identified by the HBC Tree Officer. Natural England have offered to attend the meetings of the committee to provide expert input and to re-visit and renew the management agreement. Cllr Martin-Long advised that she had undertaken a site visit and was dismayed to see the damage to the playground and offensive graffiti written on the site. Both Cllr Martin-Long and the caretaker had attempted to remove the graffiti. Reports of a tree that was partially uprooted adjacent to the A61 were received from HBC last week. Arbortech were instructed under Fin Regs 3.4, emergency spend, and attended the same day to remove the tree. Cllr Martin-Long referred to the advice received from the Chief Officer via the Auditor to advise that formalising a call up contract and noting that our preferred provider on site who we have built a relationship with over a number of years on tree matters and who responds to our urgent calls would be an appropriate route to simplify the procurement process around tree works.</p>		
45/23	<p>To receive correspondence and agree appropriate action:</p> <p>1. Harlequin Group letter dated 17th February 2023 – Replacement of existing 34m EE rooftop equipment at Ripon Cathedral HG4 1QT. That the council advise the applicant that it will object to the proposal if it includes the loss of any parking spaces.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="304 1189 1482 1227"> <tr> <td data-bbox="304 1189 895 1227">Proposed – Cllr Williams</td> <td data-bbox="895 1189 1482 1227">Seconded – Cllr Horton</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a show of hands with one against.</p> <p>2. HBC email dated 20th February 2023 – Protecting Dark Skies in the Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). That this be received and noted.</p> <p>3. Email dated 15th February 2023 – Althestan Court Ripon Pre Planning Consultation. That this be received and noted and that Ure Bank Ward members arrange a meeting if they consider it appropriate to do so.</p>	Proposed – Cllr Williams	Seconded – Cllr Horton
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46/23	<p><u>Standing Items</u></p> <p>To receive an update on the following matters and agree appropriate action.</p> <p>1. Christmas Lights</p> <p>i. To receive a verbal update on the Christmas Lights provision for 2022 from the Chairman of the Christmas Lights Working Group;</p> <p>ii. To receive an update on the position with the Council’s contractor for 2021.</p> <p>That the Chief Officer again writes formally to Lite Limited to recover the Council’s assets with their return required within a 28 day time period. That the Chairman of the Christmas Lights Working Group arranges a meeting of the group once he has received feedback from the current year contractor.</p>		

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47/23	<p>To receive a verbal update on the resolution on the Ripon Barracks planning application made by Harrogate Borough Council on 23rd February 2023 together with the correspondence from Homes England dated February 2023 and attachments and agree appropriate action.</p> <p>The email of 1st March 2023 from Homes England was read to Council. That RCC meet with Homes England and that a specialist planning solicitor’s opinion is obtained on whether there are grounds for a judicial review. That the balance of funds in nominal code 4010 are transferred to an Ear Marked Reserve for this purpose at financial year end.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Proposed – Cllr Williams</td> <td>Seconded – Cllr Parkin</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">RESOLVED by a show of hands with one against.</td> </tr> </table>	Proposed – Cllr Williams	Seconded – Cllr Parkin	RESOLVED by a show of hands with one against.							
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48/23	<p>To receive a verbal update from the Transport Working Group and agree appropriate action if appropriate.</p> <p>Cllr Horton advised that there was no update at this time.</p>										
49/23	<p>Planning matters:</p> <p>1. To consider planning matters as detailed in the attached Appendix.</p>										
50/23	<p>To receive the following reports:</p> <p>1. Reports from Harrogate Borough Councillors if appropriate – for information only; None.</p> <p>2. Reports from North Yorkshire County Councillors if appropriate – for information only; Cllr Brodigan advised that she would take up appointments on both the Area Planning Committee and Taxi</p> <p>3. Reports from members and/or the Clerk on external organisations; None.</p> <p>4. Report from Ripon Together; None.</p> <p>5. Report from Ripon Bid. Cllr Williams advised that the Bid board were due to meet in the next week and that at a recent informal meeting they had expressed an intent to continue the Christmas Brochure in 2023, increasing the distribution area and increasing their contribution to RCC’s Christmas Light display. Discussions about the Bid funding the infrastructure work that is required</p>										

51/23

Mayoral Announcements – for information.

The Mayor advised that he had a number of charity functions planned in the coming months.

With business concluded the Chairman closed the meeting at 7:10pm

Signed _____
Cllr S Hawke, The Right Worshipful the Mayor

Date _____

Planning matters:

1. To receive the Planning Appendix;
2. Planning applications as listed below to be considered and responses agreed to the consultations being carried out by the Planning Authority.

Details of all planning applications listed below can be viewed online prior to the meeting at:

<http://www.harrogate.gov.uk/plan/Pages/New%20Plan/Find-an-application.aspx>

23/00469/FUL	<p>Wrens The House Of Independent Retailers 20 Fishergate Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 1DY Conversion of 3 floors above ground floor retail unit to form two apartments with alterations to rear pitched roof to form flat roofed parapet wall and access arrangements, installation of external staircase, railings and roof lights and alterations to fenestration. https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RPIF2KHYK1P00 That RCC do not have any comment to make on this application.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="512 846 1482 929"> <tr> <td data-bbox="512 846 1018 884">Proposed – Cllr Crozier</td> <td data-bbox="1018 846 1482 884">Seconded – Cllr Williams</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="512 884 1482 929">RESOLVED by a show of hands.</td> </tr> </table>	Proposed – Cllr Crozier	Seconded – Cllr Williams	RESOLVED by a show of hands.	
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23/00470/LB	<p>Wrens The House Of Independent Retailers 20 Fishergate Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 1DY Listed building application for conversion of 3 floors above ground floor retail unit to form two apartments with alterations to rear pitched roof to form flat roofed parapet wall and access arrangements, installation of external staircase, railings and roof lights, alterations to fenestration and internal works to partitions and joinery. https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RPIF2MHYK1Q00</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="512 1265 1482 1350"> <tr> <td data-bbox="512 1265 1018 1303">Proposed – Cllr Crozier</td> <td data-bbox="1018 1265 1482 1303">Seconded – Cllr Williams</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="512 1303 1482 1350">RESOLVED by a show of hands.</td> </tr> </table>	Proposed – Cllr Crozier	Seconded – Cllr Williams	RESOLVED by a show of hands.	
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23/00225/TPO	<p>Laurel Bank 1 Spring Bank Road Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 1HB Works to TPO 17/1989 T1 redwood - T1 crown lift 1no. redwood to height of 5 metres above ground level. Works to TPO 17/1989 T2 beech - T2 crown lift 1no. copper beech tree to height of 5 metres above ground level https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=ROQ3SDHYJLZ00.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="512 1619 1482 1704"> <tr> <td data-bbox="512 1619 1018 1657">Proposed – Cllr Crozier</td> <td data-bbox="1018 1619 1482 1657">Seconded – Cllr Williams</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="512 1657 1482 1704">RESOLVED by a show of hands.</td> </tr> </table>	Proposed – Cllr Crozier	Seconded – Cllr Williams	RESOLVED by a show of hands.	
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23/00617/FUL	<p>Red Gables 14 South Crescent Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 1SW Construction of side extension to form utility room and sun room, erection of canopy over entrance and conversion of garage to form annex. https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RQ0PNCHYK9Z00</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="512 1933 1482 2016"> <tr> <td data-bbox="512 1933 1018 1971">Proposed – Cllr Crozier</td> <td data-bbox="1018 1933 1482 1971">Seconded – Cllr Williams</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="512 1971 1482 2016">RESOLVED by a show of hands.</td> </tr> </table>	Proposed – Cllr Crozier	Seconded – Cllr Williams	RESOLVED by a show of hands.	
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	23/00282/LB	<p>Ripon Cathedral Minster Road Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 1QT Demolition of outbuildings and walls in connection with the construction of an annex to the Cathedral https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=ROXR23HYJPI00.</p> <p>That the council do not comment on this application at this time but that the Cathedral are requested to organise a meeting within the city to allow for the opinions of the Council, businesses and other stakeholders to be discussed.</p> <p>That RCC request that HBC do not formally determine this application and that the proposed development at the Cathedral is viewed as one application and not through a piecemeal approach.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="528 533 1474 573"> <tr> <td data-bbox="528 533 1062 573">Proposed – Cllr Williams</td> <td data-bbox="1062 533 1474 573">Seconded – Cllr Martin-Long</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a show of hands.</p>	Proposed – Cllr Williams	Seconded – Cllr Martin-Long
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