



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

Date: Monday 10th July 2023

Time: 6:00pm

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

Present:

Cllr E Parkin Deputy Mayor

Cllr B Brodigan

Cllr J Crozier

Cllr C Hardisty

Cllr J Martin-Long

Cllr P McHardy

Cllr A Williams

Cllr P Horton

Cllr T Duncan

Cllr S Flatley

In Attendance

Chief Officer

Administrator

Ten members of the public.

Two press representatives.

Prior to the start of the meeting Canon Michael Gisbourne said prayers

114/23	To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence. Apologies were received from Cllrs Bate and Hawke. Reasons for absence were not approved.
115/23	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. Cllrs Williams and Brodigan declared an interest in anything that may come before them as a member of NYC's area planning committee.
116/23	To receive an update from representatives of Ripon Military Heritage project. Representatives from RMHP gave a presentation. That RCC continue to support the project, Julian Smith MP is requested to continue to support and press the minister with portfolio for a satisfactory agreement in respect of this project. That ongoing concerns are raised with NYC regarding facilitating the maintenance and preservation of the site and the content of the s106 agreement. RESOLVED
117/23	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.

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RCC/SHAREPOINT/FULL COUNCIL/130223

	None.
118/23	<p>To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th June 2023 and 26th June 2023</p> <p>That these be approved as a true and accurate record of proceedings. RESOLVED with one abstention.</p>
119/23	<p>Financial and Governance Matters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To note that the Annual Governance and Accountability Return has been submitted to the external auditor. That this be noted. 2. To receive an update on workload from the Chief Officer. It was noted that there is still a significant backlog of work and that progress continues to be made. 3. To receive Small Grants Applications if appropriate and to make a decision on award. That the grant from Ripon Young Musician of the Year Competition 2023 in the sum of £400 be approved. RESOLVED with one abstention.
120/23	<p>To consider Hugh Ripley Hall and making a request for the transfer of the asset from NYC.</p> <p>That RCC formally request the asset be transferred to this council under NYC's Asset Transfer policy. RESOLVED</p>
121/23	<p>Standing Items</p> <p>To receive an update on the following matters and agree appropriate action if appropriate.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Christmas Lights. It was noted that the columns that have been out of use since public wifi was installed in the city would be available for Christmas Lights in 2023 and that NYC will meet the cost of installing switches and timers on those columns. This means that an additional 30 (approx.) motifs will be required for the coming season. Focus will be given to improving the lighting on North Street after the lighting on North St was disappointing/did not work properly in 2022. NYC have given permission for our existing contractor (Bradford Council MDC Festival Lights Department) to carry out whatever work is required to make the display a success in 2023. RCC's existing contractor is currently testing the owned stock and is due to report back on what repairs need to be undertaken and options for the lighting scheme in 2023. Cllr Parkin is considering the design of a feature light for the market place with the funds raised from his Mayoral Charity. Cllr Parkin and the Chief Officer are due to attend the two previous lighting contractors used by RCC to discuss the missing lighting stock and also Bradford Council MDC Festival Lights Department this week. That progressing the Christmas Lighting Scheme for 2023 be delegated to Chief Officer in consultation with Cllrs Parkin and Williams in accordance with budgetary

provisions.

RESOLVED with four against.

2. Market Square Tree lighting.

No update.

3. Highways Matters.

It was noted that recent cable work on Grosvenor Park has not been reinstated properly and that there is a significant ridge in the road which is causing vibration that is affecting the stability of the parkhomes nearby that are on a concrete slab. That RCC write to NYC Highways to raise this issue.

RESOLVED

Cllr Williams reported a positive update from NYC positive update on replacing and/or repairing the highways in Ripon following his meeting with Area 6.

Cllr Brodigan advised that she has arranged for NYC Highways to install H bars on each side of the disabled crossings on the market place to allow wheelchair users to cross the road safely.

Cllr Brodigan advised that she has arranged for a dead end sign to be installed on Ure Bank Terrace following complaints from a resident.

4. Events.

It was noted that the August Bank Holiday event is being progressed and that work has started on Christmas Lights Switch on. Work is ongoing with RAFA Battle of Britain event which will not include a parade as RAF Leeming are unable to commit personnel for a parade.

5. Devolution.

It was noted that a decision from NYC on the parish councils chosen for the double devolution pilot project would be made on 22nd August.

6. Bus service.

It was noted that the bus service is running smoothly, a transport working group meeting is due to be held in the coming weeks.

It was agreed that RCC write a robust response to NYC on the 'Review and Renewal of North Yorkshire Council Subsidised Local Bus Services in the Areas of Craven, Hambleton, Harrogate, Richmondshire and Ryedale', requesting that local services be preserved as they are much needed and greatly assist the local economy and community.

RESOLVED

7. Placemaking.

That a consultant be engaged draft a bid together to put proper tree cages and lighting in the trees around the market place and potentially the obelisk, restoration of the four telephone boxes including vandal proof glass under the Rural England Prosperity Fund, which aims to support local businesses, communities and place funding scheme.

That financial support is requested from Ripon Bid in respect of this matter and that the project becomes a joint working project.

Cllr Williams advised that he has requested that this is a matter for discussion at the Bid board meeting on 17th July.

It was noted that the consultants costs are expected to be in the region of £1,200-£1,500.

RESOLVED with two against.

8. Toilets at the Paddling Pool.

It was noted that the temporary toilets have been the subject of petty vandalism

	<p>which RCC must bear the cost of. North Yorkshire Conveniences are doing a good job with the toilets cleaned and locked daily. They would appear to be well used by the community.</p> <p>9. Ripon Barracks. It was noted that Homes England had offered to meet with RCC and that they would be invited to a future meeting of council.</p> <p>10. Quarry Moor in respect of the email dated 23rd June 2023. The Chief Officer advised that this item had been withdrawn.</p>
122/23	<p>To receive correspondence and agree appropriate action.</p> <p>1. Email dated 13th June 2023 – Ripon’s Camp Close public right of way and amenity. That this correspondence be passed to NYC as it is not in RCC’s jurisdiction. RESOLVED</p> <p>2. Email dated 14th June 2023 – Pavements etc at 2-4 Skellbank plus security issues at 5 Skellbank. Cllr Brodigan advised that NYC Highways have been informed and are dealing with the highways issues raised. That this be raised with NYC Planning Enforcement again and that they be requested to consider issuing a s.215 notice. RESOLVED</p>
123/23	<p>Planning matters:</p> <p>1. To consider planning matters as detailed overleaf. That the council do not object to the planning applications listed overleaf with comments to be made on one application. RESOLVED</p>
124/23	<p>To receive the following reports:</p> <p>1. Reports from North Yorkshire County Councillors if appropriate – for information only; Both NYC councillors gave updates on the political representation on NYC.</p> <p>2. Reports from members and/or the Clerk on external organisations; None.</p> <p>3. Report from Ripon Together; Received. Ripon Together requested that RCC provide leadership in terms of the green fair/initiative at the recent meeting of the RT board. The installation of solar panels on the rear roof of both the Town Hall and Hugh Ripley Hall was discussed.</p> <p>4. Report from Ripon Bid. None.</p> <p>It was noted that the legal advice referred to in 126/23 has not been received and that the Deputy Mayor advised that the remaining agenda items would be deferred and returned to a future meeting of council.</p>
125/23	<p>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>

126/23

To receive legal advice if received.

With business concluded the Deputy Mayor closed the meeting at 7:30pm.

Signed _____

Dated _____

123/23	<p>Planning matters:</p> <p>Planning applications as listed below to be considered and responses agreed to the consultations being carried out by the Planning Authority.</p> <p><i>Details of all planning applications listed below can be viewed online prior to the meeting at:</i></p> <p>https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/planning-and-conservation/view-and-comment-planning-applications/view-and-comment-planning-applications-your-area</p>
ZC23/01884/FUL	<p>Installation of an Automated Teller Machine. H And R Newsagents 81 North Street Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 1DP https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RUT5RPHYMAZ00</p>
ZC23/01885/ADV	<p>Display of 1no. internally-illuminated fascia sign and 1no. non-illuminated fascia sign. H And R Newsagents 81 North Street Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 1DP https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RUT5RQHYMB000</p>
ZC23/02242/FUL	<p>Proposed loft conversion with gable end and associated internal access. 11 Grove Lane Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 1TH https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RW8ED9HYN0200</p>
ZC23/02243/FUL	<p>Side extension to an existing 2 storey extension Lynncrest Fisher Green Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 1NL https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RW8EDHHYN0400</p>
ZC23/02237/FUL	<p>Replacement of roof from stone to slate and installation of solar panels to the rear elevation. Newtons Solicitors 36 Market Place Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 1DH https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RW760THYMZQ00</p> <p>That RCC write to NYC Planning Enforcement to request that the two holes from former cash machines in the front of the building are repaired.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p>

ZC23/02157/FUL	Erection of a single storey rear extension and pergola 5 Skellbank Close Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 2PX https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RVVL2XHMYMTX00
ZC23/02288/LB	Replacement of 6 no windows. 2 Kirkby Road Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 2ET https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RWCKD4HYN3600
ZC23/02348/FUL	Erection of part-single and part-two storey side extension, front porch and alteration to roof formation over existing two storey rear extension. 9 Mallorie Close Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 2QE https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RWLTK4HYFGS00
ZC23/01908/FULM	Erection of 14no. dwellinghouses Land To North Of Athelstan Court Kearsley Road Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 2RL https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RUV36JHYMCD00