

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

Date: Monday 9th October 2023

Time: 6:30pm

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

Present:

Cllr S Hawke

The Right Worshipful the Mayor

Cllr E Parkin

Cllr B Brodigan

Cllr C Hardisty

Cllr J Martin-Long

Cllr P McHardy

Cllr A Williams

Cllr P Horton

Cllr T Duncan

Cllr J Bate

Cllr S Flatlev

In Attendance

Chief Officer

Senior Administration Officer

4 members of the public.

One press representative.

Prior to the start of the meeting representatives from Homes England attended to update RCC on the Ripon Barracks Redevelopment, this session was open to the public although they were not permitted to ask questions in the Question and Answer session due to time restraints.

Canon Michael Gisbourne said prayers

140/23	To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence.	
	Apologies were received from Cllr Crozier. Reasons for absence were not approved.	
141/23	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. Cllr Brodigan, in particular, regarding the Ripon Spa Baths application.	
142/23	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	
143/23	To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 th September 2023. That these be approved as a true and accurate record of proceedings. RESOLVED	
144/23	To consider night-time parking issues on the Taxi Rank. It was noted that taxis are struggling to park on the taxi rank in the evenings due to parked	

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vehicles. Cllr Brodigan advised that she has raised taxi issues with NYC in her capacity as a NYC member and will raise it directly the next executive meeting on 17th October 2023. Cllr Williams advised that he would speak to parking services in the interim in his capacity as a NYC member.

145/23

Financial and Governance Matters:

1. To receive Small Grants Applications if appropriate and to make a decision on award.

That this application be approved and that the Friends of Spa Gardens be awarded £1000.

RESOLVED

146/23 Standing Items

To receive an update on the following matters and agree appropriate action if appropriate.

1. Christmas Lights;

The Chief Officer advised that all RCC property has been recovered from the old contractor together with a refund for the refurbishment of the motifs where the work was not undertaken. The refund has been issued directly from the old contractor to Bradford MBC who undertook the refurbishment at nil cost to RCC as a gesture of goodwill.

2. Quarry Moor.

It was noted that due to fact that the Higher Level Stewardship Agreement has expired and that we have not received Natural England's report on their findings at Quarry Moor, no further action can be taken at this time.

Documents obtained from the County Records office which contain reference to Quarry Moor (noted that these documents did not include the title deeds requested as they are not within the County Records office archive) together with audited financial information relating to all RCC expenditure under the Alderman T F Spence nominal code for the period 1st April 2018 – 31st March 2023 were issued to all members present.

147/23

To receive correspondence and agree appropriate action.

1. Email dated 28th September and 27th September 2023 – Bishopton Place Bins; The issue around delivery of bins to these properties was discussed and it was noted that bins were delivered to the properties on 2nd October, with all bins duly collected. Some homes have been temporarily supplied with bin bags due to the access issues. It was noted that bags left for collection could become an environmental hazard. Cllr Brodigan advised that she has been liaising with residents who will contact her directly in her NYC capacity if bags are not collected on time.

2. Email dated 1st October 2023 – Parking issues on Wellington Street;

It was noted that parking on Wellington Street is an issue for residents as people use the road for parking to get into town. It was proposed that the Council write to NYC to ask for a residents permit scheme be introduced.

RESOLVED

3. Email dated 2nd October 2023 – North Yorkshire Police and Ripon Town Hall.

Reference was made to the PFCC issuing a press statement confirming that NYP are moving into the Town Hall, spending £90,000 on tenants improvements. It was noted that NYC have not received a firm commitment from NYP to take up residency within the Town Hall.

That the Council write to PFCC and call upon the office to fulfil their commitment to the people of Ripon.

RESOLVED.

148/23 Planning matters: 1. To consider planning matters as detailed overleaf; The response on individual applications is resolved as detailed overleaf. 2. To receive the planning appendix. That this be received and noted.

149/23 To receive the following reports:

1. Reports from North Yorkshire Council Councillors if appropriate - for information only;

No update. Refer to items above for updates provided on RCC matters.

A query was raised regarding the community partnership in Ripon. It was noted that there have been a number of meetings that have taken place both in Ripon and elsewhere, but that the membership of the steering group had reached an impasse. An update will be provided in due course.

2. Reports from members and/or the Clerk on external organisations;

An update was provided from the Transport Working Group to the effect that the service is well supported but not as well supported as it could be. Two thirds of passengers are on concession passes. A significant subsidy of approximately £200,000 is currently required. Extending the route, better publicity and seasonal ticket passes are being investigated in an attempt to increase useage. It was noted that there were 1000 more bus journeys in Ripon July 2023 than in July 2022.

3. Report from Ripon Together:

None.

4. Report from Ripon Bid.

To note the Newsletter received by email on Monday 9th October 2023.

148/23 Planning matters: 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: https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/planning-and-conservation/view-and-comment-planningapplications/view-and-comment-planning-applications-your-area ZC23/02377/FUL Erection of 100 seater stand, 3 no. dugout structures, tractor shed, fencing and gates, rearranged car park for 50 vehicles, formation of pathways and the planting of 9 trees, following the removal of 4. Ripon Rugby Club Mallorie Park Drive Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 2QD https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal= **RWUMESHYFJ600** That the council do not object to this application. **RESOLVED** ZC23/03403/FUL Conversion of Ripon Spa Baths and Boiler Tower to form two commercial units and offices, including demolition of Swimming Pool building and replacement with single storey extension to Spa Building, and alterations to existing buildings. Erection of new building to accommodate four residential apartments. Alterations to landscaping to link new courtyard to Spa Gardens. Ripon Spa Baths Park Street Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 2BD https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summarv&kevVal= S0ZE4JHYHFO00 That the council requests a meeting with the applicant and their architect. Concerns were raised over parking provision, disabled access to Spa Gardens and apartment block appearance not in keeping with local architecture. That RCC do not submit comments on this application until engagement with the applicant and the architect. That RCC request an extension from NYC for our comments. **RESOLVED** That a meeting is proposed with one Cllr from each ward plus two NYC members. RESOLVED ZC23/03334/FUL Proposed two storey side extension, rear single storey extension, single storey front extension, hip to gable roof extension with additional flat roof dormers, insertion of front velux windows and render to all. 85 Clotherholme Road Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 2RH https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal= SONNPTHYHACOO. That the council do not object to this application. **RESOLVED**

ZC23/02671/FUL	Proposed erection of garden summer house and a garden equipment and poultry shed. Springfield House Littlethorpe Road Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 1TZ https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RXXIJQHYG1900 . That the council do not object to this application. RESOLVED
ZC23/03535/PMCB	Prior notification for the proposed conversion of the first and second floors to a residential apartment. Traditional Sweet Shop 85 North Street Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 1DP https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=s1JAOPHYHNB00 . That the council do not object to this application. RESOLVED

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

Signed
Γhe Right Worshipful the Mayor
Dated