



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ALDERMAN SPENCE COMMITTEE

Date: 25th September 2023
Time: 6:00pm
Location: Council Chamber, Town Hall, Ripon.

Present:

Cllr Julie Ann Martin-Long
Cllr Peter Horton
Cllr Chris Hardisty
Cllr Stuart Flatley
Cllr Tony Duncan
Cllr Eamon Parkin

In Attendance

Chief Officer
Administrator
11 members of the public.

1/23	To receive apologies and accept reasons for absence. Cllr Horton opened the meeting.
2/23	1. To elect a Chairman of the Committee; That Cllr Martin-Long be elected Chairman of the Committee RESOLVED unanimous 2. To elect a Deputy Chairman of the Committee. That Cllr Duncan be elected Deputy Chairman of the Committee. RESOLVED unanimous
3/23	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. None declared.
4/23	Members of the public are invited to question, seek clarification or make representation to members of the Committee on any agenda item as listed below. Members of the public questioned intentions to remove the play park from the site and if bins are to be removed; raised concerns regarding trees on site and spoke about concerns regarding the trees impeding cables and overhead wires.
5/23	To receive and approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 29th July 2019. That these be approved as a true and accurate record of proceedings. RESOLVED with 4 abstentions.
6/23	To receive a report from the Warden and agree appropriate action. That this be received and noted.

7/23	<p>To receive an update on Financial and Governance Matters.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Income and Expenditure report to the period ending 31st July 2023; That this be received and noted. 2. To receive the aged Income and Expenditure reports if available; The Chief Officer advised that these are not yet available.. 3. To receive the documents requested from NYCRO if available and/or an update on the process. It was noted that the documents had not yet been received.
8/23	<p>To receive an update on the Natural England Management Plan and Higher-Level Stewardship agreement renewal, including timeframes and details of the interim position.</p> <p>It was noted that the higher tier schemes are not available until 1st January 2025 and that the previous scheme ended in November 2022. The verbal report from Natural England notes that Flora and Fauna are in good condition and the moor is in favourable condition. A further visit from Natural England is awaited. It was noted that there is some possible funding for the geological side of the moor. Funding for the cliff face SSSI is potentially available up to a 100% grant.</p>
9/23	<p>To note the position on the various matters on the site and agree appropriate action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demolition of the hut and removal of the playground. 2. Trees; 3. Fencing; 4. Flailing of the paths; 5. Cliff face; 6. Car Park; A general discussion took place on items 1-5. Concerns were raised about the car park and it was agreed that RCC write to Natural England to see if permission is required for works to the car park surface. 7. Fire. It was noted that the response to fire on the site would be led by the emergency services.
10/23	<p>To note the time and date of the next meeting.</p> <p>4th December 2023.</p>

With business concluded the Chairman closed the meeting at 6:40pm.

Signed

Chairman

Dated

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