



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

Date: 6th October 2025

Time: 6:00pm

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

Present

Cllr B Brodigan - Mayor

Cllr A Williams

Cllr C Hardisty

Cllr P McHardy

Cllr P Horton

Cllr T Duncan

Cllr S Flatley

Cllr J Martin-Long

In Attendance

Locum Town Clerk

Members of public

Press representative

Prior to the start of the meeting the mayor said prayers.

160/25	<p>To confirm the appointment of the Locum Town Clerk for this meeting</p> <p>The mayor made the following comments:</p> <p>1 The meeting is legally convened, using the agenda issued on the 1st of October. The legality of the meeting has been confirmed by the Yorkshire Local Councils Association</p> <p>2 Due process was followed to confirm the resignation of Cllr Crozier as mayor, with Cllr Camplejohn presenting it to Full Council. Following this, Cllr Brodigan was elected by a meeting of Full Council.</p> <p>The appointment of the locum clerk was discussed. Cllr Williams raised some concerns, and it was explained that the HR Cttee had been informed, that the rate used was the same as before and that the work was for a couple of days only.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p>
161/25	<p>1. To receive apologies;</p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllrs Crozier, Hawke and Camplejohn.</p> <p>2. To approve reasons for absence.</p> <p>Reasons for absence were approved.</p>
162/25	<p>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.</p>

	None.
163/25	<p>1. To receive a Petition. This was received and considered at item 170/25 below</p> <p>2. 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. A member of the public spoke about the work of some residents to make events and community activities happen in the city and hoped the Council would listen to their views. A member of the public spoke about the legality of the meeting. The mayor explained that they were not speaking about an item on the agenda and asked them to stop speaking. A member of the public asked why the agenda was not checked before it was sent out and that the mayor should resign. A member of the public queried why posts from the Council Facebook account had been deleted and asked for an apology for this.</p>
164/25	<p>To appoint signatories for the Council financial documents. This item was DEFERRED to the next meeting.</p>
165/25	<p>To amend Standing Order 19 so as to remove references to Leader, Deputy Leader and change references from staffing committee to Human Resources Committee RESOLVED.</p>
166/25	<p>To form and appoint members of a new Civic Events Cttee , separate for the existing Events Cttee and consider the content of the Terms of Reference for the new Cttee. RESOLVED: Create new Cttee. Appoint Cllrs Hardisty, McHardy, Duncan, Martin-Long, Hawke.. Use suggested TOR circulated prior to the meeting.</p>
167/25	<p>To note funding in the budget for 2025/26 that is relevant to the Civic Events Cttee. NOTED.</p>
168/25	<p>To receive the following verbal reports:</p> <p>1 Kirkgate Park None.</p> <p>2 Christmas Lights Cllr Williams is happy to speak to the appointed contractors as aware erection is due to take place in the coming weeks.</p> <p>3 Somerset Row/High Skellgate waste Reported that there are instances of rubbish in the streets. A request should be made to NYC to send a representative to explain to residents how to avoid the problem. NOTED.</p>

169/25	<p>To note the locks being changed for the Town Hall front door, with the necessary liaison with North Yorkshire Council and confirm that keys should be returned by any former key holders.</p> <p>It was explained that NYC is looking into repairing the lock as well.</p> <p>NOTED.</p>
170/25	<p>To note the request below for a Parish Meeting and confirm next steps:</p> <p>‘We the undersigned as residents of the Parish of Ripon call a Parish Meeting to discuss the following items and to resolve to hold a Parish Poll on the said items:</p> <p>No confidence in the Mayor of Ripon and a Parish Poll to be held on the question 'do you have confidence in Cllr Brodigan as Mayor of Ripon, yes or no?’</p> <p>No confidence in Cllr Bate and a Parish Poll to be held on the question ‘why Cllr Bates who has chosen to reside in Green Hammerton some 15 miles away still hold a seat on Ripon City Council. Given that she has attended less than 50% of the meetings of Full Council since the last election in May 2022 should she resign her seat, yes or no?’</p> <p>NOTED</p> <p>The Council will arrange for this meeting to take place but suggest that the item relating to Cllr Bate is withdrawn as she has resigned from the Council.</p>

With business concluded the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed

Cllr B Brodigan Mayor.

Dated