



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

Date: 2nd February 2026

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 S Hunt

Cllr S Hawke

Cllr G Camplejohn

Cllr J Crozier

In Attendance

Locum Town Clerk

Administrator

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

said by the Mayor

18/26	<p>i. To receive apologies; Apologies were received from Cllr Martin-Long</p> <p>ii. To approve reasons for absence. Reasons for absence were approved.</p>
19/26	<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> <p>Cllrs Williams and Brodigan declared an interest in anything that may come before them as a member of NYC's area planning committee and NYC generally, declaring a prejudicial interest as an elected member who will vote on the Area Planning Committee in respect of planning matters.</p>
20/26	<p>Members of the public are invited to question, seek clarification or make representation to members of the Council on any Agenda item.</p> <p>None.</p>
21/26	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>1. To consider the updated schedule of reserves and confirm the position.</p> <p>The proposed additional EMRs are: Xmas Lights £40,000; Staffing £30,000; Elections £30,000; and City Bus £36,000. Total £136,000.</p>

	<p>RESOLVED.</p> <p>2. To agree the budget and precept amount for 2026/27.</p> <p>Having considered the Reserves position, the Cllrs considered the budget and precept as presented in the draft report for Council.</p> <p>It was proposed that an increase from 1st April 2026 for the grants paid to partnership funding by 10%.</p> <p>It was proposed that the small grants budget be increased to £15,000 and open the scheme for 2026/2027 on 2nd March 2026. Application requests to be tabled in April.</p> <p>The full budget was then accepted.</p> <p>The Precept for 2026/27 will be £501,506, setting the Band D as £81.78, an increase of 2.61%.</p> <p>A recorded vote was requested:</p> <p>In favour: Cllr B Brodigan, Cllr A Williams, Cllr C Hardisty, Cllr P McHardy, Cllr P Horton, Cllr T Duncan, Cllr S Flatley, Cllr S Hunt, Cllr S Hawke, Cllr G Camplejohn, Cllr J Crozier</p> <p>Against: None</p> <p>RESOLVED.</p> <p>3. To consider a request in relation to a small grant award.</p> <p>Heritage Trust request was considered, and it was proposed that the council investigate if all the funds needed to proceed with the film can be provided.</p> <p>RESOLVED.</p>
22/26	<p>Planning Matters:</p> <p>i. To consider urgent planning matters as detailed below.</p> <p>ii. To receive the planning appendix.</p> <p>RESOLVED.</p>
23/26	<p>To appoint members to the Mayors Lamp Post Working Group and adopt a Terms of Reference for this group.</p> <p>Members appointed: Cllr A Williams, Cllr J Crozier, Cllr G Camplejohn, Cllr S Hawke, Cllr S Hunt, Cllr C Hardisty</p> <p>Cllr J Crozier as Chair.</p> <p>The draft TOR was adopted.</p> <p>RESOLVED.</p>
24/26	<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.</p>
25/26	<p>To consider any recommendations from, and any other issues raised by, the Human Resources Cttee.</p> <p>The Council were updated that the Chief Officer role has been appointed and start date will be 2nd March 2026.</p> <p>It was updated that the candidate will be studying towards the CiLCA qualification.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Locum Chief Officer would remain in situ until the 2nd of April 2026.</p> <p>It was updated that the offer of employment for the Deputy Clerk had not yet been accepted.</p> <p>RESOLVED.</p>

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-planning-applications/view-and-comment-planning-applications-your-area>

DCPARISH 26/00060/FUL	Single storey side and rear extension. 5 Grange Park Road Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 2NJ 26/00060/FUL Single storey side and rear extension 5 Grange Park Road Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 2NJ
DCPARISH 25/04043/FUL	Replacement single storey gable extension, loft conversion with front and rear dormers, replacement side extension and detached oak frame car port. Riverside 49 Borrage Lane Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 2PZ 25/04043/FUL Replacement single storey gable extension, loft conversion with front and rear dormers, replacement side extension and detached oak frame car port. Riverside 49 Borrage Lane Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 2PZ
DCPARISH 26/00228/FUL	Single storey rear extension to replace conservatory, installation of front porch. 14 Grange Park Road Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 2NJ 26/00228/FUL Single storey rear extension to replace conservatory, installation of front porch 14 Grange Park Road Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 2NJ

Signed :

Cllr B Brodigan Mayor.

Dated: