



**COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIPON
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
ALDERMAN T F SPENCE
COMMITTEE**

Date: 1st December 2025
Time: 6:00pm
Location: Council Chamber, Town Hall, Ripon.

Present:

- Cllr Martin-Long (Chairman)
- Cllr Duncan
- Cllr McHardy
- Cllr Hardisty
- F Cunliffe-Lister (non-voting member of the Cttee)
- M Stanley (non-voting member of the Cttee)
- T Bahrouni (non-voting member of the Cttee)
- D Taylor (non-voting member of the Cttee)
- J Dunford (non-voting member of the Cttee)
- J Geddes (observer)

In attendance:

- Locum Town Clerk
- Simon Warwick [Lower Ure Conservation Trust]

64/25	<p>1. To receive apologies for absence.</p> <p>2. To approve reasons for absence.</p> <p>Cllr Horton and Cllr Flatley sent their apologies.</p>
65/25	<p>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.</p> <p>None</p>
66/25	<p>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.</p> <p>None</p>
67/25	<p>To receive and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th August 2025.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p>
68/25	<p>To receive an update on Financial and Governance Matters:</p> <p>1. To receive payments and receipts report 1st April to 30th September 2025</p> <p>RECEIVED</p>
69/25	<p>To receive the following reports and agree appropriate action:</p> <p>1. Clerk’s verbal report, including any funding updates.</p> <p>The clerk explained that the updates would be covered at the relevant agenda items below.</p> <p>2. Warden’s report [to be tabled at the meeting]</p> <p>RECEIVED</p>
70/25	<p>To receive an update on antisocial behaviour and agree appropriate action.</p>

	The Chair updated the meeting.
71/25	<p>To receive any further updates on the award of the contract/partnership agreement following the meeting of Full Council on 2nd June 2025 and to agree appropriate action.</p> <p>Simon Warwick presented a report to the meeting of the work carried out so far by LUCT under the agreement with RCC. This was RECEIVED.</p>
72/25	<p>To receive any update on Natural England and SSSI matters, including Higher-Level Stewardship.</p> <p>It has been confirmed that an officer of RCC has to be granted an RPA before the Higher-Level Stewardship application can be taken forward.</p> <p>Susi Jenkins, the new member of the team, will apply for this in the coming days.</p> <p>NE have some feedback about the application and RCC will liaise with NE once the RPA is in place.</p>
73/25	<p>To note the position on the various matters on the site and agree appropriate action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hut. <p>21st Regiment have confirmed that the site visit has taken place and a report to this Cttee is being finalised.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Trees. <p>Following the tender, the award for the works was made.</p> <p>Permission is in place from NE.</p> <p>The officer from the F Commission has asked us to have a Felling Licence – at the meeting, members felt that we already had FC permission- this will be followed up after the meeting.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Fencing. 4. Car Park. <p>McDonalds litter picks have been taking place.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Litter bin. 6. Dog fouling. <p>Signage is in place.</p> <p>NB</p> <p>The Cttee have agreed to meet again in January.</p>

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