

# YARM TOWN COUNCIL



## DRAFT

### Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Yarm Town Council Meeting held in the Town Hall at 7.00pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019

**PRESENT:** Councillors Lyn Casey (in the Chair); Philip Addison, Barbara Wegg, Bob Wegg, Jason Hadlow, Alan Gallafant and Chris Walker. Also in attendance: Terry Chapman (Town Clerk).

#### Minute No.

**1. Apologies for absences.**

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs C Johnson, P Monck and S Luwero.

**2. Code of Conduct – Declaration of Interests – Dispensation**

Cllr Bob Wegg declared a non-prejudicial interest in items 4 and 5. Dispensation was granted.

**3. To consider and agree the date of Yarm Gala 2020 (to enable booking of key features).**

Councillors considered known competing events, particularly those taking place in Preston Park, during the Summer of 2020 and therefore **agreed** to set the date of next year's Yarm Gala as 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

**4. To review and agree Allotment rents for October 2020 (to ensure 12 month's notice is given)**

A review of rents charged for an allotment garden within the locality indicated that rents are typically £35. A discussion took place as to whether the rents for Yarm's allotments should be raised to the same amount. It was **agreed** that rents should be raised to £30 for the allotment year starting October 2020 and that the £8 concession granted to those aged 60 or over would cease as of that date.

**5. Confidential item – One.**

Councillors considered a confidential report detailing a history of events concerning two allotment holders, including information from Barclays Bank that an attempt to change the signatories of the bank account of the Yarm Community Allotments Association had been made, as well as complaints of pestering and harassment over a protracted period of time.

Councillors was **agreed** that the two allotment holders were in serious breach of the Allotment Rules and that both individuals should be advised of the termination of their allotment tenancy as per the terms of the Allotment Rules.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.55pm.

**Signed Chair of the meeting** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_