



Yarm Town Council
Town Hall
High Street
Yarm
TS15 9AH

Minutes of the Yarm Town Council Meeting Tuesday 10th March 2020 at 7pm

In Attendance:

Cllr A Gallafant (Chair)	Cllr A Moffitt
Cllr P Smailes (Proper Officer)	Cllr M Simpson
Cllr C Johnson	Cllr P Monck
Cllr P Addison	
Cllr J Coulson	

- 1.0 **Appointment of a Chair and Vice Chair:** Cllr Gallafant in attendance
- 2.0 **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were received from Cllrs. Walker and Morton
- 3.0 **Code of Conduct**
Declarations of Interest: Non noted
- 4.0 **Confirmation of Minutes – Yarm Town Council:** the minutes of the previous meeting, held on Tuesday 11th February 2020, were accepted and signed by the Chair
- 5.0 **Matters Arising:** no items noted
- 6.0 **Acceptance of Minutes – Weigh and Tolls Committee:** the minutes of the Weigh and Tolls Committee, held on Tuesday 11th February, were accepted by Councillors
- 7.0 **Finance**
 - (a) **Accounts:** Cllr Addison provided a summary of accounts paid by either cheque or direct debit since the previous meeting noted the payment of £752.26 to SBC to be deferred.
Councillors authorised the payment of accounts
- 8.0 **Matters arising from the previous meeting**
 - (b) **Snaith's field War Memorial** Cllr Monck informed the attendees that he started the 1914-18 group and they would be paying for the changes in the size of the memorial. Cllr Monck also stated the RBL is a partner of the 1914-18 group but do not run it. He also asked which councillor had informed Lin Simpson of the payment to change the memorial as she had informed him that it was a councillor. A member of the public Brian Newcombe, shouted that he had contacted Lin Simpson. Cllr Monck said that it had nothing to do with him and he had no right to contact her.

- (c) **Standing orders...** It has been discussed at a previous meeting that Standing Orders need to be updated as well as the Financial Regulations. The suggestion is that each councillor should read them and bring up points, rather than spend a full session on reading through them. Cllr Smailes informed the council that the Standing Orders on the website are old ones and dated 2015 and there were an updated version issued in 2019 and Cllr Monck stated they are on the computer...**Action Cllr Addison to email the new version to all councillors.**
- (d) **Key box** has now been updated and there are only three keys logged and registered so action cleared.
- (e) **Scholar's Court registry is still ongoing.**
- (f) **West Street** an objection has been put in on behalf of YTC in regards to the development plan.
- (g) **Yarm Grammar School** Cllr Morton needs to update his dispensation now he is on the trust.
- (h) **Allotments** Cllr Gallafant informed the electric meter is still recording usage and the last bill was £300 and only electricity is the kettle and other small items being used, still ongoing recording and the meter needs to be check by the utility company...**Action by Cllr Gallafant**
- (i) **FYO request** Cllr Johnson stated that the request should have been sent out to all councillors and should have been kept informed.
- (j) **Dog Fouling...** Cllrs Gallafant and Smailes have both contacted SBC and Care for your area, there is really nothing more that can be done by YTC.
- (k) **V.E. Day celebrations** Nothing has been organised by YTC, although Yarm Gala is the 40' theme

9.0 **Correspondence List:** Cllr Addison provided a summary of correspondence received since the last meeting, noting that a number of invoice related concerns had been addressed.

10.0 **Adjournment and Questions from the Public**

- Mrs C Jones queried why her email was not responded to and not on the correspondence list, Cllr Monck stated he hadn't seen it but would check.
- Mr Bates informed the council that he had revised his application for lighting and paths on Leven Bank, 7 dwellings for self build and asked YTC if they will be objecting to the changes. YTC stated no objective will be put into SBC.
- Car parking on West Street, Cllr T Hampton on the planning committee and will be updating YTC
- Mr B Newcombe asked when Snaith's Field Memorial, will be removed. Cllr Monck stated the end of March.
- Mrs C Jones referred to the above as Moncks Folly and Cllr Gallafant asked her to apologise for using that term in the council meeting, which she did.
- Cycle Event, Mrs Jones stated she had spoken to the owner of the bicycle shop and will make sure that is it ISAG approved and have all the necessary documents in place.

11.0 **Policy and Resources**

12.0 **Worsall Road Roundabout.** Cllr Gallafant informed the council that Wilkinson Landscape Company are going to spend £30,000 to develop the roundabout and plans are in and we need to agree to their terms of agreement for 25 years. **Cllrs agreed are Gallafant, Smailes, Moffitt, Monck, Addison, Coulson, Johnson, Simpson.**

13.0 **High Street Banners** the design approved and sent off

14.0 **Air Quality Concern.** Cllr T Hampton to send letter to SBC and issue their concern of the air quality. It will cost the council £1900 to set up YTC own monitoring voted on agreement recorded

Agreed Cllr Johnson, Smailes, Coulson, Moffitt, Simpson, Gallafant

Not agreed Cllr Addison

- 15.0 **Back land Parking** still under consideration and Cllr Hampton has a direct line to Richard McGuckin as is the long and short stay on West Street. **Action Cllr Gallafant to circulate map sent out to all councillors.**
- 16.0 **Water logging** on the A19 was being chased up by Cllr Hampton
- 17.0 **Town Clerk interview, letters are being sent out for interviews**
- 18.0 **Yarm Chapel** Lights don't need to be changed and additional repairs approved taking the cost to nearly £900, approved by council. Funeral Bier to stay in chapel and just moved out when chapel is needed for an event. Fees from burials go to YTC Cllr Moffitt made a suggestion that money is put aside for future purchase of land for another cemetery.
- 19.0 **Church Wall repair cost is £700 and approved by the council**
- 20.0 **Payment for moving of Snaith's field memorial, an offer has come in from a benefactor to pay £300 for changes, but Cllr Monck and Addison, will make the payment.**
- 21.0 **Snaith's Field 100 year Anniversary.** C. Jones and Cllr Morton will discuss.
- 22.0 **Allotments.** Cllr Gallafant is to buy a rotivator at the cost of £150 from the allotment budget for the top allotments and the meeting room at a cost of £4700, all councillors in attendance agreed approval
- 23.0 **Bench Maintenance** Cllr Smailes to speak to Brian the handyman on painting the benches and map will be sent showing which benches are owned by YTC. **Action completed**
- 24.0 **Fellowship Hall.** **FYO request Cllr Monck explained that a request had come through and he had responded and all request sent to the Fellowship Hall Committee and they hold licences for drink, events, insurance, has accounts.**
- 25.0 **War Memorial Insurance** There will be no additional costs to the insurance and no affect to the premium.
- 26.0 **Coronavirus Updates** to keep updated and future council meetings may require minutes and agendas to be emailed and Cllr Gallafant is speaking to SBC for updates on council meetings and the use of electronic voting.
- 27.0 **Items for Information/Consideration**
 - (a) Snaith's Field update
 - (b) Yarm Gala
 - (c) Carols on the Cobbles
 - (d) Cycle Event
- 14.0 **The next Yarm Town Council meeting to be held at 7pm on Tuesday 14th April 2020 in the Fellowship Hall, West Street Yarm**

Cllr Gallafant declared the meeting closed at 8:40pm

Cllr Gallafant

Date