



# Skipton Town Council

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## Full Council Thursday 15 September 2016 at 7pm

Present: Councillors M Emmerson, A Rankine, G Bell, J Dawson, C Harbron, Mrs. P Heseltine, R G Heseltine, E Jaquin, J Kerr, P Madeley Mrs. K McIntyre & P Whitaker.

Officers: Dave Parker (Chief Officer), Wendy Allsopp (Committee Services Officer) & Brett Butler (Town Centre Manager).

2 members of the public and 1 member of the press were present

1. To accept representations from the Public between 7.00 pm and 7.15 pm.

Mr Alex Bentley, former Chairman of the Royal British Legion (RBL) Skipton Branch, addressed the meeting, along with his wife Mrs Sheila Bentley.

Mr and Mrs Bentley raised a number of issues surrounding a disciplinary hearing held by the British Legion at which the Council's Chief Officer had attended to give evidence.

Mr and Mrs Bentley supplied Members with written details of the issues they wished to raise.

2. To accept apologies for absence.

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs. C Clark, W Clark, C Dow & A Hickman due to them having prior commitments.

3. To record declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in items on the agenda.

None.

4. To consider the recommendations of the Chief Officer relating to requests for dispensations to Members on items requiring a declaration of pecuniary and non pecuniary interests.

None.

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5. To approve the minutes from the Full Council meetings held on 14 July and 11 August 2016.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the Full Council meetings held on 14 July & 11 August 2016 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at those meetings.

6. To report and receive information arising from the minutes of items not on the agenda from Members and the Chief Officer.

A Member asked questions about issues surrounding the parking of Market trader vans on the High Street on Market days.

These questions were answered by the Chief Officer and the Chairman of the Markets Management Group.

It was agreed that the Markets Management Group should consider how to inform the public what the Market rules are.

7. To receive and consider minutes, recommendations and reports of the Environment and Planning Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on the 26 May 2016 and Sub-Committee meetings held on the 6 June, 4 July & 18 July as a true and accurate record of what transpired at those meetings.

8. To receive and consider minutes, recommendations and reports of the Public Services Committee

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Public Services Committee meetings held on the 9 June & 7 July 2016 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at those meetings.

9. To receive and consider minutes, recommendations and reports of the Finance and Policy Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on the 16 June 2016 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meeting.

10. To receive a report of the Mayoral Engagements for July until September 2016.

The Mayor, Councillor Emmerson, asked Members to note the engagements which he had attended.

The Mayor had enjoyed all the events which he had attended. It was noted that he had also been involved with filming for a television programme in York.

11. To confirm a proposed amendment to the Council's Standing Orders.

Members **RESOLVED** to support the recommendations made by the Finance & Policy and Audit & Scrutiny Committees to amend Standing Order 15 (a) (vi) to read 'a non-committee (or group) member of Council shall be permitted to participate in debate but shall not vote on business at that meeting'.

12. To consider matters relating to the timing and frequency of Council Committee meetings.

Councillors **RESOLVED** to amend the start time of Council Committee meetings to 6.30pm commencing with the meeting of the Public Services Committee scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

13. To appoint a nominated Trustee to the Managing Committee of the Tarn Moor Estate

It was **RESOLVED** to nominate Cllr Paul Whitaker to the board of Managing Trustees to the Tarn Moor Estate serving a period of four years commencing 8th November 2016.

It was further **RESOLVED** to authorise the Chief Officer to notify the Clerk to the Trustees of the Council's appointment.

14. To consider an appeal against a decision of the Council's Public Services Committee to reject a claim for alleged damage to a resident's vehicle.

Members considered the appeal and it was **RESOLVED** that the Council should reject the appeal and uphold the decision of the Public Services Committee.

15. To approve a recommendation from the Public Services Committee for a transfer of funds from the Town Centre Management reserve.

Members approved the transfer of £5,000 from the Town Centre Management reserve to the Christmas lighting nominal account and; £5,170 from the Recreation Grounds Refurbishment Reserve to the general Recreation Grounds nominal account.

16. Questions for the Leader of the Council.

None.

17. To receive notification of matters that members would like including on a future agenda.

None.

The meeting closed at 8.27 pm