

Public Services Committee
Thursday 4 February 2016 - 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors R G Heseltine [Chairman], Mrs W Clark, J Dawson, Mrs P Heseltine, E Jaquin, P Madeley and Mrs K McIntyre.

Officers: Dave Parker [Chief Officer] and Les Chandler [Estate Manager]

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

None.

2. To accept apologies for absence.

Apologies were accepted from Cllr C Dow (holiday).

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.

5. To approve the minutes from the previous meeting held on 3 December 2015.

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2015 were accepted as a true and fair record of what transpired at that meeting.

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

None.

Councillor Jaquin joined the meeting.

7. To decide the extent to which the Town Council should commit its resources to helping to resolve the flooding problem on Roughaw Road, Skipton.

Although it has neither the funds nor the responsibility to address the problems created by surface water on Roughaw Road it was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council, as honest broker, should seek to ensure that the relevant authorities are brought together to try to find a satisfactory way of resolving the issue.

8. To decide what action to take, if any, in response to concerns raised about the condition of the access track from the East Castle Street garages site to Middletown Allotments.

In view of the deterioration of the track surface, the dangers posed to unauthorised motorised vehicle users, and ongoing security issues, it was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council should request that Craven District Council, as the landowner, enforces the 'no vehicular traffic' restriction on the footpath leading up to the southern end of the Middletown Allotments site.

9. To consider issues relating to the restoration of the churchyard wall at Holy Trinity.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council should undertake formal consultations with the Parochial Church Council, the Diocesan Advisory Committee, North Yorkshire County Council and Craven District Council to determine the best way of restoring the churchyard wall at Holy Trinity.

10. To decide whether the Town Council should take ownership of the finger posts in the town centre.

Given that it has neither the responsibility, nor the funds required to maintain them, it was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council should not: take ownership of the finger posts around the town; seek to secure the repair of the damaged post on Swadford Street; or do anything other than dispose of the remains of the post which formally stood at the junction of the High Street and Otley Street.

11. To consider whether the Town Council should participate in the lighting of beacons to mark the 90th birthday of HM The Queen.

In view of the significance of the event it was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council should take part in the celebrations to honour of the Queen's 90th birthday by lighting a beacon on the tower of Holy Trinity church on Thursday 21 April 2016 and meeting the associated costs.

12. To undertake the quarterly review of the non-routine maintenance schedule.

It was **NOTED** that the Environment Agency in association with its contractors Galliford Try, when undertaking flood alleviation works in the area, has agreed to complete and

meet the cost of all of the outstanding maintenance work at The Ginnel Play Area (including the installation of a replacement climbing net at a cost of £3,000).

- 13. To consider excluding press and public for consideration of item 10 on the grounds that it relates to confidential matters.

It was **RESOLVED** to exclude all press and public.

- 14. To

- 15. To receive notification on matters that members would like included on a future agenda.

None.

Meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

Chairman:

Signature:

Date: