

Minutes of the Ordinary Audit, Scrutiny & Planning Committee meeting, Held on Thursday 7th September 2023, at 6.30pm in the Town Hall, Skipton

Present: Councillor C Harbron(Chairman), Councillor A Heseltine, Councillor C Nash, Councillor S Morton & Councillor V Kettu
Mrs L Close, Chief Officer
1 member of the public.

2324/015 Item 1 – Chairman’s Remarks

Councillor C Harbron welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everybody for attending.

2324/016 Item 2 - Apologies for Absence

Councillor B McDaid due to work commitments.
Councillor S Bentley who had a prior engagement
Resolved to accept the reasons given.

2324/017 Item 3 – Disclosures of Interest

None received.

2324/018 Item 4 – Dispensations

None requested.

2324/019 Item 5 – Representations from public

A member of the public spoke regarding Road Safety measures in the area. You may recall recent news items in the local press calling for vehicle speed monitoring cameras in Hellifield and Cowling. Also reports of North Yorkshire Police carrying out speed checks in Ingleton and near Horton in Ribblesdale in problem areas highlighted by the community. But North Yorkshire Police report, 'Enforcement will be continuing on a regular basis across Craven with officers only focussing on areas highlighted by the local community'. North Yorkshire Police conclude, 'Road Safety affects us all. Let's work together to reduce road related injuries and deaths in our communities'.

I concur with the Police and have suggested additional infrastructure and signage works to North Yorkshire Council Highways, including: -

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- a) Extending the central island or placing traffic cones along the centre line of High Street - just outside this Town Hall! - to prevent all northbound vehicles breaching the No Right Turn order by turning into Jerry Croft. Whilst helping at a charity stall on the setts I personally observed at least a dozen breaches in the course of one hour.
- b) Erecting Vehicle Activated signage or Countdown markers at the eastern end of Otley Road approaching the 30mph urban speed limit from Draughton.

These works have been declined by North Yorkshire Council Highways, so I feel that residents (including Skipton Town Council here at High Street) need to be aware that North Yorkshire Police will only focus on areas highlighted by the local community. I do not know whether North Yorkshire Council or North Yorkshire Police have financial constraints, but if so, I ask for some of the budget from Skipton Town Council's Planning Committee be earmarked for these infrastructure and signage works, before any road related injuries occur."

Councillor Harbron resolved to move the items of agenda and took Item 8 next (SO1a)

2324/020 Item 8 – Road Safety

The comments made by the member of the public were discussed.

Proposed by Councillor Harbron

Seconded by Councillor Bentley

Resolved to write a strongly worded letter to Highways to ask why there are no warning signs on the approach on Otley Road and Broughton Road to advise of the 30mph limit ahead and to ask for the policy on changing speed limits. *unanimous*

Proposed by Councillor C Nash

Seconded by Councillor A Heseltine

Resolved to write to Highways to advise that despite the new road markings, cars are continuing to turn right into Jerry Croft and is a dangerous situation that needs resolving. *Unanimous*

2324/021 Item 6 – Minutes of the previous minutes

Proposed by Councillor C Harbron

Seconded by Councillor A Heseltine and **RESOLVED** that the Audit, Scrutiny and Planning Meeting of the 6th of July 2023 are a true and accurate record of the meeting held. *4 in favour*

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2324/022 Item 7 – Scrutiny of Policies

Proposed by Councillor C Harbron

Seconded by Councillor V Kettu and **Resolved** unanimously to accept the Anti bullying and Harassment policy with no further changes.

The Business Continuity policy was discussed, and Councillor Morton asked if a practise of this policy had ever been carried out. The Chief officer confirmed it had not but could be something that was investigated.

Coach street toilet block needed to be added and another Councillor for the contact list.

Proposed by Councillor S Morton

Seconded by Councillor C Harbron and with the above changes, **resolved** unanimously to accept.

2324/023 Item 8 – Please see minute number 2324/020

2324/024 Item 9 – Planning Applications

ZA23/25304/LBC - Skipton Railway Station, Broughton Road, Skipton, BD23 1RT,
Removal of 6 no. life expired customer information screens, all to be replaced by new models in the same locations.

ZA23/25315/HH & ZA23/25316/LBC - 14 Weavers Court, Skipton, BD23 2UU
Replacement of two-bathroom windows and installation of EV charging point

ZA23/25310/FUL - 69 Gargrave Road, Skipton, BD23 1QN
Change of use from a B&B (Class C1) to a residential property (Class C3). No external alterations required to the premises.

Proposed by Councillor Nash

Seconded by Councillor Harbron

Resolved that no further comments would be submitted for the above applications and that a submission would be sent to the inspector regarding the appeal for the application of development at Broughton Road that the Town Council objection still stands on the grounds as previously submitted.

Unanimous

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2324/025 Item 10 – Licensing Training

Proposed by Councillor Harbron

Seconded by Councillor Nash

Resolved to accept the offer of training by North Yorkshire Council Licensing Officer.

2324/026 Item 11 – Notification of business for a Future Agenda

Sever Weather Policy.

Safeguarding / Child and Vulnerable Persons policy.

Market policy, including severe weather policy.

With no further business the meeting closed at 19.19pm

Date of next meeting –8th November 2023