

Minutes of the Ordinary Audit, Scrutiny & Planning Committee meeting, Held on Thursday 1st February 2024, at 6.30pm in the Town Hall, Skipton

Present: Councillor C Harbron (Chairman), Councillor A Heseltine, Councillor S Bentley, Councillor Nash, Councillor V Kettu, Councillor S Morton & Councillor B McDaid.

Mrs L Close – Chief Officer

Mrs H Marshall – Finance Manager

7 members of the public.

2324/048 Item 1 – Chairman’s Remarks

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

2324/049 Item 2 - Apologies for Absence

Councillor M Courcier was absent from the meeting.

2324/050 Item 3 – Disclosures of Interest

None received.

2324/051 Item 4 – Dispensations

None requested.

Using Standing Order 1, The Chairman moved items on the agenda

2324/052 Item 5 – Representations from public

Members of the public were invited to address the meeting.

Residents from the Regent Drive area of Skipton spoke to the meeting regarding a planning application that had been submitted by the occupants of number 35.

Notes and photos were distributed to members.

2324/053 Item 8 – Planning and Licensing Applications

Application ZA/23/25538/HH – 35 Regents Drive

Proposed by Councillor C Harbron

Seconded by Councillor B McDaid

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Resolved to submit an objection to the above named application. Members support the neighbours right to light and privacy. Members feel that the provision made for working over a main sewage system is not adequate and there is a strong feeling of the site being overdeveloped for the area. *Unanimous*

Application ZA/24/25648/TCA – 85A Keighley Road, Skipton

Proposed by Councillor C Harbron

Seconded by Councillor B McDaid

Resolved that members object to the felling of healthy tree's and this would go against the sustainability plan of Skipton Town Council. *Unanimous*

Application ZA/24/25678/TCA – 3 Gainsborough Court

Proposed by Councillor C Harbron

Seconded by Councillor S Morton

Resolved that members object to the felling of healthy tree's and this would go against the sustainability plan of Skipton Town Council. *Unanimous*

Licensing applications.

Whiskey & wine – No Objections

Amity Place – Proposed by Councillor C Nash, seconded by Councillor A Heseltine and unanimously resolved that members were against granting this license as the external arrangements had far too many covers and would create a disturbance to residents of Providence Place.

Swadford Tap – Proposed by Councillor C Nash, seconded by Councillor A Heseltine and unanimously agreed that the license arrangements if granted should be reviewed after 6 months to ensure noise disturbance is not occurring.

2324/054 Item 6 – Minutes

Proposed by Councillor A Heseltine

Seconded by Councillor C Harbron

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting on the 2nd of November 2023 and 23rd November 2023 are a true and accurate record of the meeting. *Unanimous*

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2324/055 Item 7 – Response from NYC Highways

The Chair invited a member of the public to speak to this item as they had raised it at a previous meeting.

A) High Street.

I thank the Town Council for their support of my requests for road safety works in the town centre and at the eastern end of Otley Road. The committee must share my disappointment that Highways have not given cost estimates for these works and do not now support the provision of an island - it only needs to be about 50 metres in length - to prevent vehicles turning in to Jerry Croft. Highways continue, 'there are so many turning movements along the length of High Streetthat trying to stop one movement is going to be ineffective'. The 'one movement' DOES BREACH the No Right Turn traffic order, for which North Yorkshire Police do not have the physical resources to enforce.

I suggest that STC's Public Safety Group extend their request for CCTV at the Bus Station to include CCTV provision at the top of High Street, so that vehicles breaching the Traffic Regulation Order can be recorded.

B) Warning Signage

Highways report that the existing signs at the town boundary on Boughton Road, which say "Welcome to Skipton 30 mph zone ahead" are not prescribed by the Department of Transport and should be removed.

I suggest these signs are replaced by Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) or Countdown markers, 300, 200, 100 metres approaching the urban area on both Boughton Road and Otley Road. VAS's have been erected at sites throughout the County and several are listed on the Councillor's Locality Budget pages of the North Yorkshire Council website".

In conclusion, I recall mentioning the Implications, taken from the STC Committee Paper template, as Positive for STC, in raising these issues prior to any road traffic collision but negative for NYC in not giving the cost estimates earlier requested by a resolution of the A S & P committee.

Proposed by Councillor S Morton

Seconded by Councillor C Harbron

Resolved to ask that the representative from Highways attended the next meeting to discuss in further detail. *Unanimous*

The Chief Officer did remind members that an email invitation had been circulated from Highways with dates of meetings available and it was confirmed members would look to see which event they could attend.

2324/056 Item 9 – Residents Parking Scheme

Proposed by Councillor S Bentley

Seconded by Councillor V Kettu

Resolved subject to the residents confirmation that they are aware of the criteria involved, support will be given for a residents parking scheme. *Unanimous.*

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2324/057 Item 10 – Yellow Lines Rockwood Close

Proposed by Councillor B McDaid

Seconded by Councillor C Nash

Resolved that support will be provided to support their application to NYC for installation of double yellow lines. *Unanimous.*

2324/058 Item 11 – Dales Bus Service

The information and request from a member of the public was received and noted. Councillor Morton updated the meeting on the proposed Local Transport Plan the hopes of involvement with the Town Council and to listen to the views and concerns the public have raised.

2324/059 Item 12 – Internal Control Checklist

The internal control checklist was received and noted.

2324/060 Item 13 – Audit Report

The Audit report was received and noted, and the recommendations were discussed, and it was agreed that the document would be represented at the next meeting for an update to be given and to allow time for members to read the report.

2324/061 Item 14 – Data Audit

The Data Audit was received and noted

2324/062 Item 15 – Scrutiny of Policies

This item would be placed on the next agenda to be looked at again as time was limited.

2324/063 Item 16 – Notification of Business for a future agenda

GDPR Policies

With no further business the meeting closed at 20.08pm

Date of next meeting –2nd May 2024