

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Skipton Town Council held in the meeting room of the Craven Community Hub (Old Craven College building), Skipton High Street on Thursday 17th July 2025, 7.00 pm

Those Present.

Chairman: Councillor W Feather (Mayor)

Councillor K McIntyre, Councillor L Morgan, Councillor C Nash, Councillor P Madeley, Councillor A Heseltine, Councillor C Harbron, Councillor S Bentley, Councillor V Kettu, Councillor D Noland, Councillor B McDaid & Councillor J Woollacott.

Officers: Mrs L Close (Chief Officer), Mrs J Dean (Deputy Clerk),
Press: A reporter from the Craven Herald

2526/001 ITEM 1 – Chairman's Remarks

Councillor Feather welcomed everybody to the meeting and the Engagements that he had attended were received and noted.

2526/002 ITEM 2 – Reasons for absence

Councillor R Heseltine and Councillor S Morton both had family commitments, and Councillor M Pickard and Councillor A Higgins both had a prior work commitment – reasons accepted.

2526/003 ITEM 3 – Declaration of Interest

None declared

2526/004 ITEM 4 – Dispensation requests

None requested

2526/005 ITEM 5 – Representations from the public

None present

2526/006 ITEM 6 – Minutes

Proposed by Councillor P Madeley, seconded by Councillor D Noland and resolved in favour that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2025 were a true and accurate record of the meeting.

2526/007 ITEM 7 – Finance reports

Proposed by Councillor P Madeley, seconded by Councillor B McDaid, and resolved in favour of approving the budget to date, the schedule of payments, receipts and bank reconciliations.

2526/008 ITEM 8 – Internal Auditor

Proposed by Councillor P Madeley, seconded by Councillor K McIntyre and resolved in favour of appointing Accountant Yorkshire Limited.

2526/009 ITEM 9 – Local Council award scheme

Members noted that the Council had achieved the Silver Award from the National Association of Local Council award scheme.

2526/010 ITEM 10 – Planning application

Councillor C Nash raised concerns regarding the application and advised the meeting of the various reasons that an application for a different supermarket was refused previously.

Councillor P Madeley raised concerns that this application should be decided at a planning committee and not by officers.

Discussions were then held in favour and against the application by members. Councillor C Nash proposed that Council should object to this application due to the access restrictions on foot, the inadequate transport plan, and the application is not following the development plan, and the competition for the Town Centre.

This proposal was not seconded and subsequently fell.

Proposed by Councillor K McIntyre, seconded by Councillor B McDaid, to support the application with the caveat that the travel plans are given more consideration, and the application is sent to the local planning committee.

10 votes in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention

Motion carried

2526/011 ITEM 11 – North Yorkshire Councillors

Councillor D Noland advised that the Local plan was only at the calling for sites stage, with no definite plans being confirmed.

A new car parking document was being prepared for consultation, and

The Mayor of York and North Yorkshire had doubled the investment in to Active travel schemes.

2526/012 ITEM 12 – Outside Bodies

A report was circulated from Councillor L Morgan regarding the Greatwood Community Centre updates.

Councillor P Madeley advised the meeting that there would be a garden party held on Friday, 29th August.

2526/013 ITEM 13 – Community Safety working group

Councillor McDaid gave an update on the working group.

2526/014 ITEM 14 – Notification of business for a future agenda

Councillor Feather asked members to bring ideas forward for the market.

With no further business transacted, the meeting was closed at 20.05pm.

The next meeting of Full Council will be held on 17th September 2025 at the
Community Hub. The High Street, Skipton at 19.00pm