

Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Full Council held on Wednesday the 07th of September 2022 at The Methodist Church Hall, Haxby at 7.00pm.

Present:

Cllr G Cockburn(chair)	Cllr R Pearson
Cllr C Mulholland	Cllr M Harrison
Cllr E Pearson	Cllr J Secker
Cllr M Guilford	Cllr T Carmichael
Cllr I Craven	Cllr N Wyatt

Sashi Kala -Admin Off -Minutes

1. Approve reasons for absence

Cllr D Rice has resigned from his post with immediate effect.

Cllr T Richardson

2. Disclosures of Interest

None

The chairman decided to have the meeting start from Agenda 6 as public were present in the hall.

Confidential item

Resolved to exclude the press and public under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 S1(2), during consideration of business of a confidential nature during agenda items 3, 4, 5 & 7.

3. Resignation of Staff

To receive and note the resignation of the Town Clerk and the Administrative Officer and to discuss a way forward for the town council in light of the reasons for resignations and to agree to any actions arising from this.

Received and noted the statement as written by the Clerk Louanna Winch.

Objection raised by the Staffing committee members that the resignation should have been submitted to them and that the staff statement was slanderous without proof.

Cllr R Pearson has submitted that she would be taking YLCA advise on this issue.

Cllr C Mulholland suggested the way forward might be to rethink the staffing issues with an overhaul of job descriptions, timings and other related issues and that there might be a need for a staffing meeting to be held on an extraordinary basis, in view of the emergency within the Town Council Office.

No resolution was passed.

4. Recruitment of new staff

4.1 To agree to suspend the Staffing Committee for the duration of the meeting and its terms of reference of the Staffing Committee – **Resolved with 4 abstaining.**

4.2 To agree to advertise for the position of Town Clerk and Administrative Officer. – **Not resolved**

4.3 To agree to confirm the permanent appointment of D. Nurse – resolved to confirm the permanent appointment.

5. Suspension of council meetings in September and October

5.1 To agree to suspend all council meetings scheduled in September and October 2022, (apart from Planning, Cemetery and Staffing Committees), to allow time for the recruitment of staff and for a handover period from the current Clerk.- Resolved with 3 Abstaining

5.2 To agree to close the office on Wednesdays to Friday until further notice. Contact by telephone will continue as normal - Resolved with 3 Abstaining

6. Wyre Pond

6.1 To agree to suspend the Amenities Committee for the duration of the meeting and its terms of reference – Resolved with 2 abstaining & 1 negative vote.

6.2 To decide on first line actions to be undertaken to address the issues around the pond and address the public outcry at the councils perceived lack of action – resolved to get some expert opinions on the situation and proceed according to the cost implications.

6.3 To engage the services of a structural engineer, conservation expert, Yorkshire water - water drainage engineer and any other professional as appropriate - resolved to get some expert opinions on the situation and proceed according to the cost implications.

6.4 To ask for advice and quotations from three arboriculturists regarding the TPO's on the willow trees and to reduce the height of other trees adjacent to The Village, encroaching onto the footpath- resolved to get some expert opinions on the situation and proceed according to the cost implications.

6.5 To discuss the recent issues raised in the community re the Wyre Pond, including the algae bloom and to agree to any actions arising from the discussion - resolved to get some expert opinions on the situation and proceed according to the cost implications.

Cllr R Pearson gave a brief presentation in regard to the history and situation of the pond. A few of the present public gave their known history of the pond and trees and Cllr R Pearson and the Chair have agreed to work with the residents around the pond and to keep them in the loop for all future actions in regard to the same.

7. Access to council owned land at Ethel Ward Playing Field To discuss a proposal received from Yorkcare requesting the use of the Ethel Ward Playing Field and the Scout Hut outer area, for use as a holding area for materials, during a 16-month duration as the rebuild of Haxby Hall is commenced, and to agree to any actions arising from this.

Resolved that Cllr C Mulholland & Cllr I Craven to find out the historic references to the planning application put in at York Council. The Office to find out what had been agreed historically within the planning committee meetings in regard to the same. Cllr R Pearson to write to the company to delay any decision in regard to the same.

8. Next meeting date of the Full Council The next meeting of the Full Council will take place on Monday the 14th of November 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 22.33

Chairman