

STOKESLEY TOWN COUNCIL

**A Meeting was held in the Town Hall, Stokesley, on Tuesday
11 February 2020**

Present: Cllrs Mike Canavan, Sean Carey (arrived at 7.30 pm), Bryn Griffiths, Christopher Johnson, Nigel Johnson, David Oxley, Karen Robinson, Graham Sowerby and Andy Wake.

Clerk – Mrs Julie McLuckie. D&S Reporter – Mr Keith Turland, two Police Officers and five members of the public.

In accordance with the notice of meeting a public forum session took place from 7.00pm to 7.15pm.

The Police reported that there had been a total of 23 incidents reported between 12 January and 10 February 2020. This was a decrease on the previous month. The police continue to request information from the community in relation to drug use. A Community Event including the Police, Trading Standards, representative from North Yorkshire Police's Economic Crime Unit and a Community Banker from Natwest will take place in the Town Hall on Friday 14 February between 9 am and 11.45 am.

The owner of Mill Riggs Farm confirmed that an Appeal submission has been made following the planning decision to not approve the development of a Care Home Facility on the current farm site (Appeal Reference APP/G2713/W/19/3242194). The owner reaffirmed his reasons for wanting to develop a Care Home in Stokesley and his reasons for developing in the area proposed. He confirmed that he had received over 100 letters of support for the proposal which would be submitted to the Secretary of State as part of the appeal.

A resident from Riversdene expressed his concern regarding the footpath adjacent to his property and the lack of maintenance that has taken place despite previous requests and reassurances that the Town Council would maintain. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would speak with our Contractor to ensure this is in the maintenance schedule.

Two representatives from Strikes Garden Centre attended the meeting and asked if the Town Council would be interested in them applying to maintain the hard standing on which the temporary building was placed. The proposed that they could utilise it as an overflow car park and that they could make it available for parking for the Stokesley Show and events such as car boot sales etc. **RESOLVED** that members were not in favour of this and wanted to see this area reinstated to its original state as per the planning approval. One of the main reasons for this was because the height of this temporary structure is raised and leads to water flooding onto the carriageway.

A resident suggested that the Town Council consider promoting Stokesley as an accessible friendly Market Town once the Levenside footpath is developed. He felt that this is something that several other Market Towns cannot offer and that they are often not accessible that this would be selling point for Stokesley.

District Cllr Andy Wake advised that HDC will be submitting a Section 215 Notice on the owner of the Old Club site and that this will include an internal inspection of the building.

County Cllr Bryn Griffiths that both County and District would be setting their Council Tax in the coming week following the end of the Consultation period. Cllr Griffiths also confirmed that the footpath along the bypass has been laid but it is due to have a topping of slurry in May/June this year.

1/11/02/20 NOTICE OF MEETING

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

2/11/02/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED to receive and accept the apologies from Cllr Ian Blakemore.

3/11/02/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

RESOLVED to accept the declaration of interest from Cllr Chris Johnson regarding planning application reference 19/02197/FUL – Cleveland Nurseries, 46 Station Road.

4/11/02/20 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 14 January 2020 were agreed and signed as a true record.

5/11/02/20 PLANNING

a. The following Planning Applications were received and reviewed.

Applications Received

19/02722/FUL – 1 Brewery Terrace -Construction of a 2 storey rear extension. **RESOLVED** no objections, but any opportunity to replace modern materials sensibly with traditional materials should be secured and given the location it will be important to have defined access and material storage points during the construction period.

20/00075/MRC – 5 Stanley Grove – Application for removal of condition 4 (building use) relating to planning application 17/00563/FUL – proposed garage conversion and construction of single storey rear extension to create an annexe. **RESOLVED** that the Town Council would now like to see the planning authority carry out the careful assessment to examine the independent use of the building to assess whether the development would be acceptable in terms of policy, access and amenity as stipulated as a condition in the original application.

19/02197/FUL – Cleveland Nurseries, 46 Station Road – Construction of 2no dwelling houses with associated garages and vehicle parking. **RESOLVED** no objections in principle to the provision of two dwellings. However, Stokesley Town Council does object because of the scale of the two dwellings at 2.5 / 3 storeys fails to respect the character of all the dwellings along Station Road which are a maximum of two storeys. The alignment of property 1 (closest to Station Road) sits unsympathetically with the current street scene.

20/00053/TPO – 29 Springfield – Proposed works to a tree subject to a Tree Preservation Order 1991/16 – Beech. **RESOLVED** no objections.

19/02515/FUL – The Old Granary, 10A Levenside – Application to replace the existing roof. **RESOLVED** no objections in principle to the re-roofing of the property. However, given that the property is within the Conservation Area Stokesley Town Council noted that the application is not for a like-for-like tile replacement. The proposed colour is a natural red which appears to be much lighter than the tiles as shown in the photographs. Therefore, whilst objecting on this basis the choice of an alternative colour similar, if not identical to the existing tiles would overcome this issue. Not included in the application is the requirements for scaffolding to surround the property whilst the roof replacement is carried out. The property is at the corner of North Levenside and Leven Wynd. Whilst it is accepted that both roads may each need to close for a short period for the installation of the scaffolding, there is a requirement for the extent of the scaffolding to be shown in the supporting documents. North Levenside is a one-way street, with no kerb / footpath, and the wish would be to ensure that access along its for at least cars and other light vehicles. Therefore, specification of the width of the scaffolding within the highway to permit such access should be a condition of any approval of this application. Leven Wynd is a very narrow road, only wide enough for one vehicle. However, it does have a footpath adjacent to the Old Granary, which is NYCC maintainable highway. Therefore, specification of the width of the scaffolding within the width of the footpath to permit such access should be a condition of any approval of this application. If this is not feasible then, as the cobbled roadway is registered as Manorial Land, permission to erect scaffolding on it would be required from Stokesley Town Council.

Applications Granted

19/02385/FUL – 20 Woodlands Walk – Single storey garden room extension to rear to replace existing conservatory and part garage conversion to incorporate WC.

19/02249/FUL – Chunk Choc, 6 Three Tunns Wynd – Change of use from retail unit to A1 dog grooming parlour.

19/02462/FUL & 19/02463/LBC – The Manor House – Construction of new double garage on remains of old orangery attached to Manor house and new entrance portico to front elevation.

19/02444/FUL – 13 Allen Grove - Demolition of existing conservatory and replace with single storey rear extension.

19/02467/FUL – 16 Levenside – Installation of a sky dish to the rear of the dwellings.

- b. Planning and Development Issues. **RESOLVED** that the Strikes site needs to be reinstated as per the planning permission and that this should also include the hedge. The Clerk was asked to confirm that the banner at the Queens Head has appropriate approval.

6/11/02/20 REVIEW OF ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

See the attached Appendix 1.

7/11/02/20 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. **RESOLVED** to agree the financial statements for January 2020.
2. **RESOLVED** that the payments made during January 2020 totalling £15813.12 were agreed.
3. **RESOLVED** that the Redmayne Bentley Investment update for the both the Town Council and Manorial Lands Trust up to 31 December 2019 circulated on 31.1.20 be received.

8/11/02/20 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Town Council

1. Strategic Objectives for 2019/20.
 - a. Cobbles – no further update.
 - b. Parking – Parking Working Group is scheduled to take place on 13 February 2020 and Cllr Canavan confirmed that he would circulate the responses he has drafted to the Solicitors in advance.
 - c. River Leven Project – Cllr Oxley confirmed that the Project Group had met with the two architect companies who have provided quotes for the work and reviewed the detail within the quote and are now waiting for a revised quote submission from them both.
 - d. Developing Stokesley as a Gateway to the North York Moors – no further update.
 - e. Electrical Vehicle Charging Points – Cllr Blakemore had met with HDC officer to discuss and was due to meet with Cllr Johnson with a view to reviewing options and producing a report back to Members.
2. Town Council Surgery – Cllrs Canavan and Johnson hosted the Surgery which was attended by 3 residents who raised the following issues:

- a. Mill Riggs Farm Care Home Facility proposal – update provided at the Surgery on the access issues and that it was outside of the Local Development Plan, but the resident could make comment to HDC as the Local Planning Authority.
 - b. Proposal to introduce a Chat Bench in Stokesley. **RESOLVED** that we would introduce a Chat Bench and that this would be one of the ones on the High Street close to the crossing. The Clerk would purchase a plaque to be displayed on the bench.
 - c. Litter around the Town Centre – advised that HDC are responsible for litter collection but also made aware that Stokesley Town Council will be supporting the ‘Great British Litter Clean’ event again this year.
3. Climate Action – Deferred to the next meeting as Cllr Blakemore was not in attendance and he had represented the Town Council at the recent meetings.
 4. Press Releases Approval – **RESOLVED** the Clerk would upload the recent newsletters that have appeared in the Market Place to the website.

Committees and Working Groups

1. **RESOLVED** that the minutes from the Communications and Event Committee held on 29 January 2020 be received. Members confirmed support the VE Day 75th Anniversary Celebration proposals and asked if we could also encourage the Friday Market Stall Holders to get involved.
2. **RESOLVED** that the feedback from the quarterly meeting with the Police which took place on 4 February 2020 be received. They had confirmed that we were due to get 2 additional PCSOs to cover the Stokesley area. The Police also confirmed that they would be happy to attend a site meeting on Thirsk Road to discuss the speeding concerns and they would support introducing a 40mph limit.

North Yorkshire County Council

1. **RESOLVED** that the response to our request for information regarding the Urban Grass Cutting payments for 2020/21 circulated on 22.1.20 be received. Cllr Griffiths would try and ascertain the costs associated if NYCC pay a contractor to carry out the cuts in Stokesley.

Hambleton District Council

1. **RESOLVED** that the Notice of Appeal form Mill Riggs Farm – Demolition of house and associated buildings; change of use of land and the construction of a Care Home (Use Class C2), together with change of use of land to include a service yard and refuse area, associated landscaping and car parking be received.

Police

1. The Police Report had been circulated and discussed in the Public Session.

YLCA

1. **RESOLVED** that the NALC Chief Executives Bulletins be received.

Correspondence/Complaints received

1. **RESOLVED** that the thank you letter from Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council regarding the toy donation event organised by Mr Carter circulated on 3.2.20 be received. Members were pleased to hear that Mr Carter plans to host an event again this year.
2. **RESOLVED** that the correspondence regarding tree maintenance from the residents of 5 The Beeches circulated on 4.2.20 be received. The Clerk would confirm that the trees are on their land and therefore they are responsible for any maintenance.
3. **RESOLVED** that the correspondence from Tranter's regarding 33 High Street circulated on 24.1.20 be received and noted.
4. **RESOLVED** that the e-mail regarding the proposed road closure on Levenside circulated on 23.1.20 be received and the response agreed under the Planning Application Reference 19/02515/FUL.
5. **RESOLVED** that the correspondence from the Rotary Club notifying the Town Council that their 'Classics on Show' will take place on 20 June 2020 circulated on 13.1.20 be received and noted.
6. **RESOLVED** that the letter from The Royal British Legion regarding the Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the end of World War II circulated on 27.1.20 be received and agreed.
7. **RESOLVED** that the request from the Church regarding a payment towards the upkeep of the Cemetery circulated on 6.2.20 be received. Members concluded that following a review of the church finances that they did not feel there was any requirement for the Town Council to contribute towards the cemetery upkeep.

Items tabled for information

No items received.

10/11/02/20 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that in accordance with Paragraph 1 (2) of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Town Council excluded the press and public from the meeting to deal with items of a confidential nature.

1. **RESOLVED** that the mosaic portraying George Carter MBE could be displayed in the Carter Room.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Town Council Meeting Actions

Minute No. Date Agreed	Task	Lead Councillor	Responsible Committee	Expected date for completion	Status
5/13/11/18 c. 14/5/19 update	Millies Paddock – response received. The Clerk would write to the Chief Executive to confirm the questions previously raised and request a response.	Clerk	Town Council	11/6/19	E-mail sent on 5.6.19 – response received on 18.6.19. Cllr Canavan would submit a personal complaint to the Ombudsman. Closed.
8/12/11/19 3.	Town Hall Clock – to arrange repair and if this does not work to look to purchase a new one.	Clerk	Town Council		Initial review of repair work required will take place week commencing 23 March 2020. Ongoing
8/12/11/19 5.	NYCC NY net Fibre Broadband Roll Out – to see if the Town Hall can be included as one of the buildings to receive Fibre Broadband as it houses the Town Wi-fi and is used by a lot of people.	Cllr Griffiths	Town Council		Full Fibre Roll Out cost information circulated on 5.3.20. Agreed that this was too costly. Closed.
8/14/01/19 Correspondence 5.	West Green Parking – to conduct a survey or residents regarding	Clerk	Town Council		Consultation document circulated with a closing date of 6 March 2020. Results provided and it was

	marking out the parking bays				agreed to notify residents of the response in writing and through the newsletter. Closed.
8/11/02/20 TC Surgery	Chat Bench – notice to be displayed with a view to securing a permanent plaque in due course.	Clerk	Town Council		Notice displayed and promoted through website etc. Plaque to be purchased. Ongoing.
8/11/02/20 NYCC	Urban Grass Cutting Payment – to try and establish the contractor costs to NYCC if they were to complete the cuts.	Cllr Bryn Griffiths	Town Council		Ongoing.