

AMBLE TOWN COUNCIL – AUGUST 2016

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Thursday 11th August 2016 at 6.00pm in the Town Council Office, Fourways 2, 6 Dilston Terrace, Amble.

PRESENT:

Cllrs H Lewis(Chair), R Arckless, I Hinson and M Horn with E Brown, Town Clerk
J Willoughby, Journalist

Action

70. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies of absence from Cllrs J Dargue, K Morrison, C Weir and J Watson due to holidays. The apologies were accepted.

71. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were requested to advise the Council of any Declarations of Interest appertaining to the following Agenda Items. No interests were declared.

72. BUSINESS EXPRESSLY REQUIRED BY STATUTE

West Ward vacancy – Expressions of interest would be considered at the September meeting of the Council.

73. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: (maximum 15 minutes): No members of Public were present.

74. MINUTES: TOWN COUNCIL

74.1: The minutes of the meeting held 14th July 2016 were agreed and adopted on the proposal Cllr Lewis, seconded by Cllr Horn.

74.2: The minutes of the meeting held 28th July 2016 were agreed and adopted on the proposal of Cllr Lewis, seconded by Cllr Horn.

75. CLERK'S REPORT:

The Council noted the contents of the report and considered actions where necessary.

75.1: Notes of Parking and Traffic Flow meeting held 20th July 2016 – The Clerk was still working on these minutes and would circulate once they were complete. Clerk

75.2: Amble signage audit – No update had been received as yet. An update would be requested for the next Parking and Traffic Flow meeting.

75.3: Repairs to war memorial - It was unlikely repairs would be carried out before Remembrance Day. Quotations were still being collated. Clerk

75.4: Information boards; proof of design received the board design was approved and the art work was expecting within the next 4-6 weeks.

75.5: Update on status of The Gut – No further updates had been received.

75.6: Street lighting additional items – this was deferred until the September meeting.

75.7: Cllr Arckless – update on Dovecote centre costings – Cllr Arckless did not have an update but would continue to pursue this. Arckless

75.8: North Area Review of Supported Bus Services - Members welcomed the proposal to extend the current 471/472 service provision to cover Albert Street and Percy Drive in addition to the Links Estate. It was felt this will enhance the offer to the town and its community as well as making the service more financially viable and thus help to retain this valuable lifeline for the town estates, some of which have a high proportion of elderly and/or frail residents and low car ownership. It is trusted the current two hourly service will remain but would welcome additional runs if this were possible. Details of the actual proposed route were requested as soon as these are available.

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75.9: NCC – Local Transport Plan Priorities – Members agreed to reiterate the requests from last year. Clerk

75.10: Proposal to request the speed camera van be moved from the South entrance (as it was felt the new roundabout provided a natural deterrent to speeding) the van was suggested to be located on Percy Drive following many complaints of speeding here. – Members agreed to submit a letter supporting this move. Clerk

76. CHAIRMAN’S COMMUNICATIONS and REPORT:

To receive the communications and report of the Chairman pertaining to Council Business:

76.1: Cllr Dargue. – The Clerk read out Cllr Dargue’s Report which was noted for information.

77. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS:

77.1: County Councillor Arckless provided a verbal report. He had recently raised ground maintenance issues with Paul Jones.

He had met with Warkworth Harbour Commissioners; formerly ADC and ATC had representation on the Commission. One of the Commissioners was keen to re-establish the lines of communication. It was agreed the Clerk would send a letter to WHC welcoming quarterly meetings in the future. Clerk

77.2: County Councillor Watson had submitted his apologies to the meeting.

78. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES & REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED BY MEMBERS AS PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS:

To receive the report of Councillors who represent ATC on outside bodies (Cllr Reports)

79. FINANCIAL REPORT:

79.1: Voucher numbers 120-133 were agreed for payment and receipts 33-42 were noted for information (Finance)

79.2: The bank reconciliation to date – was accepted for information.

79.3:– Internal audit - The report was presented for information and accepted with no issues arising.

79.4. Grant requests – A grant request has been received from Tiny Woods Academy, as funding had already been provided to this group under a previous application this financial year the Clerk had replied informing of the Council grant awarding policy.

79. AMENITIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

79.1: To consider for approval and adoption the minutes of the meeting held 28th July 2016 – The Clerk had been unable to complete the minutes in time for the meeting. They would be circulated once available and considered for approval at the September meeting of the Council. Clerk

79.2: The next meeting of the Amenities Management Committee would be held on 25th August 2016.

80: PLANNING COMMITTEE

80.1: To note for information planning decisions, planning matters pending and planning matters pending consideration during the month of July 2016 (Plan Apps July) – The planning report had not been circulated and would therefore be circulated out of meeting.

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81: AGENDA ITEMS:

81.1: To consider co-option procedure policy – The Policy adopted by Whitby Town Council was used for reference. Members agreed that it was preferable for candidates to address the Council direct in the meeting where co-option would be considered and it was also preferred to vote via secret ballot. The Clerk would query with NALC the procedure when considering candidates related to existing members. A written policy would be produced as soon as clarification was received.

Clerk

81.2: To consider the creation of a staffing working group to make recommendations to Council at September/October meeting – It was agreed to ask members to consider being on this and to circulate a date for a meeting of a working group to make recommendations to the Town Council.

Clerk

81.3: To consider the 2017 WW1 commemorative event – 2017 will commemorate the Battle of Passchendaele, so we plan to hold an event around 31st July. Suggestions from the community on the nature of an event at this time would be welcome; so far, the idea of having a 'wartime' meal has been put forward.

81.4: To agree to Cllr Morrison attending the next parking and traffic flow meeting in Cllr Dargue's absence – This was agreed.

81.5: To retrospectively agree to news page and accounts insert. – This was agreed.

82. COMMUNICATIONS:

82.1 Letter from Paul Jones, Director of Local Services and Housing Delivery - Reviewing of Charging for Inert DIY Waste at HWRC sites – This was noted for information.

82.2: Devolution event – It was agreed that Cllr Dargue would attend The Next Steps for Devolution: Delivering the Northern Powerhouse in the North East on Wednesday 5th October 2016 in Central Newcastle, travel expenses for the event could be reclaimed upon submission of the receipts.

Dargue

83. INFORMATION ITEMS AND ITEMS FOR CIRCULATION:

The Council noted the following information items.

83.1: NALC Enews 12 July 2016

83.2: NALC Enews 19 July 2016

83.3: NALC Enews 26 July 2016

83.4: NALC Enews 2 August 2016

83.6: PRS - Have your say in our Local Authorities consultation

83.7: Link To NALC Community Led Housing Survey

83.8: Northumberland AONB Coastal Views July 2016

84. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

84:1 The next Meeting will be on Thursday 8th September 2016 at. 6.00pm. in the Town Council Office, Fourways 2, 6 Dilston Terrace.

It was agreed that under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public will be excluded from the Meeting during consideration of the following items on the Agenda due to their sensitive nature.

PUBLIC VERSION OF PRIVATE

85: PRIVATE REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES & REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED BY MEMBERS AS PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS – None.

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86: AGENDA ITEMS

86.1: CCTV walkabout – It was agreed to arrange for Cllr Dargue and Lewis to meet with a reputable company.

Dargue/Lewis

86.2: Seasonal worker update – The Seasonal worker had now started employment.

86.3: Letter regarding land matter – The Clerk had responded stating that the Council as a whole would need to decide on this matter and any communications should be directed through the Clerk. If any legal agreement was needed then communications should progress through the Council's appointed solicitor.

Clerk

86.4: Meeting with solicitor re: tenancy agreements/ land issues – The Solicitor had requested further information and detailed plans. The Clerk would forward any available information.

Clerk

Acronyms:

The meeting ended at 7.30pm

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