

## COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIPON

### MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 27 July 2015 AT 7.39PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE TOWN HALL, RIPON

PRESENT:

- Cllr L P A Barnes
- Cllr J Bate
- Cllr M Chambers
- Cllr S Hawke
- Cllr P Horton
- Cllr S Jones
- Cllr S Martin
- Cllr A I Morgan – Deputy Mayor
- Cllr P Pearson
- Cllr C E Powell
- Cllr M Stanley
- Cllr Williams

The Clerk  
 Serjeant at Mace  
 46 members of the public  
 Member of the press

Late Arrivals: None

Early Departures: None

In the absence of the Mayor the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Adrian Morgan in the Chair.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Serjeant at Mace said prayers.

		Action By:
54/15.	<p><u>To receive apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr P McHardy – The Right Worshipful The Mayor, Cllr Waiting &amp; Cllr Willis</p>	
55/15.	<p><u>Members of the public are invited to question, seek clarification or make representation to members of the Council on any agenda item as listed below.</u></p> <p>A member of the public asked members if any members were related to each other.</p> <p>A member of the public asked a question in relation to agenda item 61/15 as follows. As a result of Cllr Williams conviction &amp; election as Chairman of the Finance &amp; General Purposes committee the people of Ripon are concerned about the integrity of the councilors. The motion proposed by Cllr Stanley was neither personal or specific &amp; those who voted against the motion should stand up &amp; explain why they did so. In addition in line with the localism act the declaration of interest should be completed within 28 days &amp; there is entry for Cllr Bate on the website &amp; can Cllr Bate explain this.</p> <p>A member of the public asked how effective Ripon City Councillors are &amp; do Councillors check their register of interests &amp; if they don't fully declare interests what the consequences are. She also asked for a reminder of how the members voted at the last meeting in relation to agenda item 47/15 of the Full council</p>	

	<p>meeting.</p> <p>This member was asked which agenda item her questions related to.</p> <p>Cllr Stanley advised that this related to agenda item 56/15 &amp; advised members of the public of the voting on agenda item 47/15 at the last meeting.</p> <p>A member of the public asked a question relating to agenda item 56/15, disclosures of interest.</p> <p>Cllr Williams made a point of order that members of the public were only allowed to speak on items that were on the agenda &amp; that the Clerk should make a ruling on this.</p> <p>As the Clerk had been unable to hear what the member of the public had said she was unable to decide whether the member of the public was speaking on an agenda item or not.</p> <p>The Deputy Chairman asked this member of the public to speak again. The member of the public believed that Cllr Williams had failed in declaring an interest at the council meeting on 29 June 2015.</p> <p>The member of the public again asked if any councilors were related to each other.</p> <p>A member of the public asked if Cllr Williams was well enough to serve as a Councillor.</p> <p>A member of the public asked members to answer the questions that had been asked.</p> <p>Cllr Stanley voluntarily said he was not related to another councilor. Cllr Chamber, Cllr Pearson, Cllr Barnes, Cllr Martin, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Jones, Cllr Bate, Cllr Powell. Cllr Horton, Cllr Williams, Cllr Hawke then all confirmed that they were not related to another Councillor.</p>	
56/15.	<p><u>To request any Disclosure of an interest in relation to any matter under consideration at this meeting (financial or otherwise) &amp; to consider any written requests for dispensation</u></p> <p>There were no disclosures of interest.</p>	
57/15.	<p><u>To approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 29 June 2015</u></p> <p>The minutes of this meeting had not been prepared in time for tonight's meeting, therefore this item was deferred until the next meeting of council for approval.</p>	
58/15.	<p><u>To receive the following committee meeting minutes for information only</u></p> <p>a. <u>Finance &amp; General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 29 June 2015</u></p> <p>As the minutes of this meeting had not been approved at the Finance &amp; General Purposes Committee meeting earlier this evening this item was deferred.</p>	
59/15.	<p><u>To receive the resignation of the Chair of Finance &amp; General Purposes Committee and to Elect a new Chair.</u></p>	

	<p>A letter had been received by the Clerk from Cllr Williams resigning from his position as Chairman of the Finance &amp; General Purposes Committee.</p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Horton      Seconded – Cllr Powell  “that Cllr Hawke be nominated as Chairman of the Finance &amp; General Purposes Committee”</p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Martin      Seconded – Cllr Chambers  “that Cllr Pearson be nominated as Chairman of the Finance &amp; General Purposes Committee”</p> <p>As there were 2 nominations for the Chair of the committee a vote was taken.</p> <p>5 members voted in favour, 5 members voted against &amp; 1 member abstained for Councillor Hawke to be Chairman of the Finance &amp; General Purposes committee. 1 member did not vote.</p> <p>6 members voted in favour, 3 members voted against &amp; 2 members abstained for Councillor Pearson to be Chairman of the Finance &amp; General Purposes Committee. 1 member did not vote</p> <p>Cllr Hawke said that he would stand down on the proposal &amp; support Councillor Pearson.</p> <p>Councillor Pearson elected as Chairman of the Finance &amp; General Purposes Committee</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>Cllr Pearson thanked Councillor Hawke &amp; that he would be pleased to work with Councillor Hawke as his Deputy.</p>	
60/15.	<p><u>Petition Policy Update - Deputy Mayor Cllr A Morgan to speak</u></p> <p>This policy had not been prepared yet &amp; was deferred to the next meeting of the Staffing Committee where council policies are approved.</p>	
61/15.	<p><u>To provide an update in relation to the implementation of the motion presented on 29 June 2015 (Agenda item 47/15).</u></p> <p>The Clerk advised that clarity was needed on the motion approved at the last meeting &amp; she was still awaiting advice from the NALC solicitor .</p> <p>Cllr Stanley reported that he had brought the motion to the Council meeting on 29 June 2015 which had been approved. This made the motion a legal standing order until Council agrees otherwise.</p> <p>As this matter had been discussed at the Finance &amp; General Purposes Committee no further discussion took place.</p>	
62/15.	<p><u>Information Displayed on the Council Website - Cllr S Martin to speak.</u></p> <p>Cllr Martin asked all Councillors to check the information on the website was correct &amp; up to date about themselves as he believed some of the information is currently out of date or missing.</p>	

63/15.	<p><u>To receive information on the recording of meetings of the City Council</u></p> <p>The Clerk had prepared a paper to inform members that in future she would like meetings to be recorded to assist with the accurate preparation of minutes &amp; staff training with recording kept for a period of 6 months then destroyed.</p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Martin      Seconded – Cllr Barnes</p> <p>“That meetings of Council may be recorded by the Council staff &amp; retained for a period of 6 months before destruction.”</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p>	
64/15.	<p><u>To receive a report form Harrogate Borough Council if appropriate</u></p> <p>Cllr Chambers (District Councillor for Spa Ward) reported that at HBC Full Council members voted to move to new Council offices.</p> <p>Cllr Williams asked if the Harrogate Borough Councillors had any further information on the Gladman development which he understood had been circulated to Borough Councillors.</p> <p>Cllr Martin (District Councillor for Moorside Ward) advised members that no decision had been made on when the planning application would come before the planning committee but best guess would be mid-September or October with no guarantee.</p>	
65/15.	<p><u>To receive a report from North Yorkshire County Councillors if appropriate</u></p> <p>Cllr Bateman (County Councillor, Ripon North) informed members that there had been an issue with works that Morrison utilities had been carrying out on the road around the Market Square which had caused chaos. Highways, Area 6 had been sent to investigate &amp; the utilities company were at fault.</p>	

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

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