MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIPON

Date: **Monday 9th January 2017**
Time: **19:55 hours**
Location: **Council Chamber, Ripon Town Hall**

Present:
Cllr A I Morgan– The Right Worshipful The Mayor
Cllr J Bate
Cllr L Barnes
Cllr A Gaskin
Cllr S Hawke
Cllr P Horton
Cllr P McHardy
Cllr S Martin
Cllr P Pearson
Cllr C E Powell
Cllr M Stanley
Cllr A Williams
Cllr R T Willis

In attendance:
Mrs P Benson, the Clerk
Mr A Weston, City Development Manager
Mr J Vauvert, Serjeant at Mace

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Mayor's Chaplain, Canon Paul Greenwell, opened the proceedings with Prayer.

01-17	**To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence.** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Chambers and Cllr Jones.
02-17	**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.** None present.
03-17	**To request any disclosure of an interest in relation to any matter under consideration at this meeting (financial or otherwise) & to consider any written requests for dispensation.** Cllr Morgan declared an interest in item 8-17 as a member of the Ripon Railway Reinstatement Group.
04-17	**To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held 5th December 2016.** Proposed – Cllr Williams | Seconded – Cllr Hawke RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.
05-17	**To receive and approve the Draft Budget for 2017/18.** That the budget approved by the Finance and General Purposes Committee be adopted by Ripon City Council and that precept for the 2017-18 be set at £305,000; That the precept includes a core amount of £283,000 and that reserves are set at a minimum of 50% of the core precept. That the Council approve the following non-recurring items: • £12,000 towards a feasibility study to reinstate the railway line to Ripon. It noted that the sum of money is contingent upon alternative funds being sought and that Ripon City Council monies are to be used as a fund of last resort. It was further agreed that an additional £6,000 would be made available towards the cost of the feasibility study from Strategic Investment Fund consisting of £2,500 previously agreed

	in the 2016-17 financial year and a further £3,500 in the 2017-18 financial year. • £10,000 in respect of events held on the Market Square. Proposed – Cllr Williams | Seconded – Cllr Hawke RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.
06-17	**To receive a report from the City Development Manager to outline a proposal for 2017/18 to increase the amount of event activity on Ripon Market Place.** That the contents of the report are approved and that the budget for 2017-18 include an amount of £10,000 to fund events held on the Market Square. 05-17 above refers. Proposed – Cllr Williams | Seconded – Cllr Hawke RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.
07-17	**To receive the email dated 9th December 2016 regarding the Wilfred Owen Sculpture proposal and to agree a suitable location for the bust to be sited within the city.** That the sculptor be invited to visit Ripon for his opinion on where the bust should be sited. It was noted that planning permission will be required. Proposed – Cllr Williams | Seconded – Cllr McHardy RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.
08-17	**To receive the Clerk's Memo dated 4th January 2017- Funding of a railway feasibility study and to agree any appropriate action.** That the contents of the memo are noted and that the budget for 2017-18 includes an amount of £12,000 to fund a railway feasibility study. Further, that all alternative funding avenues are explored and funds applied for and that these monies are a fund of last resort. 05-17 above refers. Proposed – Cllr Williams | Seconded – Cllr Hawke RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.
09-17	**Mayoral Announcements – for information.** It was noted that Canon Jennett was retiring, Councillors expressed their gratitude for his service to three Mayors of Ripon. It was agreed that Canon Jennett be invited to Mayor Making in May 2017.
10-17	**To Note any items for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting of the Full Council to be held on 6th February 2017.** Wilfred Owen Sculpture; Town Hall Lease.

With business concluded the meeting was closed at 20:24 hours.

These minutes were recorded and prepared by Paula Benson, Clerk to the City Council.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR