

Date: Monday 21st March 2016

Time: 19.00 hrs

Location: Council Chamber, Ripon Town Hall

Present: Cllr P McHardy – The Right Worshipful The Mayor

Clir L P A Barnes
Clir M Chambers
Clir P Horton
Clir S L Jones
Clir S Martin
Clir A I Morgan
Clir P Pearson
Clir C E Powell
Clir M Stanley
Clir A Williams

Cllr R T Willis In attendance: The Clerk

The Mayor's Chaplain Serjeant at Mace

2 members of the public.

Early Departures: 1 member of the public (19.06 hrs).

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Mayor's Chaplain said prayers.

23-16	Apologies.					
	Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Bate, who was visiting a sick relative, and					
	Councillor Hawke, who was on holiday.					
24-16	Disclosures of interests and requests for dispensations.					
	There were no disclosures of interests or requests for dispensations.					
25-16	Representations from members of the public.					
	A member of the public tabled a question about the evidence base used by the planning committee					
when considering a pre-application on proposals for a new M&S store in Ripon.						
	It was noted that the relevant planning committee meeting minutes were not included for ratification this meeting.					
	this meeting.					
26-16	Minutes of the last Council Meeting.					
	Proposed – Cllr Williams Seconded – Cllr Willis					
	"That the minutes of the last Full Council Meeting held on 8 th February 2016 be approved and signed					
	by the Chairman as a true record."					
	RESOLVED					
	REGOLVED					
27-16	Committee Meeting Minutes					
	a) Planning Committee Meeting held on 15 th February 2016.					
	Proposed – Cllr Horton Seconded – Cllr Powell					
	"That the minutes of the above meeting be received and noted."					
	RESOLVED					



b) Hugh Ripley Hall Committee Meeting held on 21st December 2015.

Proposed - Cllr Morgan

Seconded - Cllr Williams

"That the minutes of the above meeting be received and noted."

RESOLVED

28-16 Alderman T F Spence Charity

a) Administration of the Charity.

The meeting considered a report, prepared by the Clerk, providing members with an update on the administration of the Charity.

The report included the following points of concern:

- There hasn't been a Trustee's meeting since February 2015. A meeting was convened on 3rd February 2016 and this was used as a way of reigniting management operations under the new set up of personnel at the City Council.
- The day-to-day administration of the Reserve has not been kept up to date and there was no Working Group meeting for nearly a year. At the meeting on 3rd February 2016 Councillors expressed their thanks to the Warden and Ranger for keeping things ticking over in this period, but there clearly needs to be more input from the main Trustee (Ripon City Council).
- There doesn't appear to be a funding strategy for the Charity whose reserves will run out during the 2016/17 financial year. There is no funding allocation in the Council's 2016/17 budget.
- Although there is a Management and Maintenance Plan in place for the reserve it appears to
 the Clerk that there are at least two complimentary policies missing, covering the Charity's
 procedures for the inspection and maintenance of the playground area and trees in the
 Reserve. It is her recommendation that these be put in place as soon as possible.

The report also included the following, more positive points:

- The site Ranger reported to a Working Group meeting on 3rd February 2016 that he is comfortable that the SSSI remains in a good condition and there are no major concerns in this area.
- The playground appears to be in reasonably good condition.
- The Charity's accounts have been kept up to date, submitted to Euraaudit for preparation and verification and Charity Commission returns are up to date.

Proposed – Cllr Stanley

Seconded - Cllr Jones

"That the report be received, noted and considered in more detail at the Alderman TF Spence Trustee's meeting on 23rd March 2016."

RESOLVED

b) HSBC bank account.

The requirement for an HSBC bank account to use for the day-to-day Alderman TF Spence / Quarry Moor finances was noted.

c) Next Alderman T F Spence meetings.

The date of the next Alderman TF Spence (Trustee and Management Committee) meetings were confirmed as being 5pm on 23rd March 2016 in the Mayor's Parlour.



29-16 Boundary Commission – Electoral Review of Harrogate

It was noted that the Boundary Commission Working Group had met twice since the last Full Council meeting.

It had considered the draft proposals for re-configuring ward boundaries in Ripon as being put forward by Harrogate Borough Council. The proposals would see the City divided in to 4 wards, with one District Councillor per ward.

Proposed – Cllr Stanley

Seconded - Cllr Powell

"That Ripon City Council supports Harrogate Borough Council's proposed warding scheme for Ripon, subject to one alteration:

That the boundary line between the Moorside and Minster wards be redrawn along Knaresborough Road. Gallows Hill Drive / Park to achieve a more balanced balance of electors."

RESOLVED

30-16 Barracks Summit

The following points were noted in relation to the summit convened by Julian Smith MP on 11th March 2016:

- 1,100 houses are proposed on the main site, with a potential 200 extra on the Laver Banks training area.
- The Ripon City [Neighbourhood] Plan contains a masterplan approach for the redevelopment of the barracks site.
- The disposal process is likely to take some time, although concern was expressed that the next summit meeting will not be called for another 12 months.
- The Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire had suggested that best use should be made of the site's engineering facilities and history.
- The Football Club's desire to see a whole community approach to the development was supported.
- A desire to see a transparent process was expressed.
- It was noted that the Council's Planning Committee is seeking a meeting with Borough Councillor Rebecca Burnett (Cabinet Member for Planning and Sustainable Transport) to discuss the issue of development in Ripon.

31-16 Transparency in Local Government

Proposed – Cllr Martin

Seconded - Cllr Williams

"That Ripon City Council begins to meet the requirements of the Transparency Code for Small Authorities immediately and to work towards meeting the requirements of the Local Government Transparency Code within the 2016/17 financial year."

RESOLVED

32-16 Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations

Proposed – Cllr Williams

Seconded – Cllr Stanley

"That:

- a) The contents of the City Development Manager's report be noted and the proposed approach be endorsed.
- b) The Council should seek to participate in the Queen's 90th Birthday Beacons event.
- c) The work of the City Development Team and City Council Officers in relation to supporting the Lord Lieutenant's Event at the Cathedral be noted.



	 d) The outline of the event proposed for the Big Lunch – Picnic in the Gardens, Party in the Park be noted and the suggested approach agreed, to include expansion of the working group to include members of the community and other organisations who can help to deliver the event. e) That £2,000 of the Council's funds be earmarked for putting on this celebratory event." RESOLVED					
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33-16	No. 76 Squadron – Centenary Celebrations No.76 Squadron Squadron was formed in Ripon for home defence duties on 15th September 1916. The Squadron's Association would like to commemorate the centenary and has booked a service in Ripon Cathedral on 15 th September 2016.					
	Proposed – Cllr Chambers Seconded – Cllr Williams					
	"That a civic reception be hosted on 15 th September 2015 to commemorate the centenary of the formation of No. 76 Squadron and that investigations be made in to the absence of a standard in Ripon Cathedral."					
	RESOLVED					
34-16	 Correspondence to be received and considered: a) Ripon Library Support Group Meetings. The meeting received the notes of meetings held on 26th January and 24th February 2016. Concern was expressed that the core running costs of the library may not be met by North Yorkshire County Council under the new model and that this responsibility may fall to volunteers. Councillor Horton agreed to attend the next Support Group Meeting and seek information on this point. b) St Mary Magdalen and St John the Baptist, Ripon Hospitals and Chapels Charities – 					
	Report for 2015.					
	Proposed – Cllr Stanley Seconded – Cllr Chambers					
	"That the report be received and noted."					
	RESOLVED					
	c) Ripon Museums Trust An invitation has been forwarded to Councillors to attend the 200th Anniversary Celebration Event.					
	Proposed – Cllr Martin Seconded – Cllr McHardy					
	"That the invitation be received and noted."					
	RESOLVED					
35-16	Report from Harrogate Borough Councillors. There were no reports given.					
36-16	Report from North Yorkshire County Councillors. There were no reports given.					



37-16

Mayoral Announcements – for information only.

- The County Council's Vehicle Activated Sign is in situ on Palace Road, but is not yet fully functioning.
- The Mayor's end of term ball will take place on 25th March 2016 and the Mayor expressed her thanks to everyone who had given donations of prizes or money to her charities.

The meeting closed at 20.04 hrs. These minutes were recorded and prepared by Iona Taylor, Acting Clerk to the City Council.						
SIGNED		DATE				
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