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

Date: 14th January 2019
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: The Council Chamber, the Town Hall, Ripon, HG4 1DD

Present: Cllr P McHardy – The Right Worshipful The Mayor
Cllr J Bate
Cllr S Craggs
Cllr C Hardisty
Cllr S Hawke
Cllr S Martin
Cllr E Parkin
Cllr P M Horton
Cllr C E Powell
Cllr A Williams

In Attendance Mrs P Benson, Clerk, Mr J Vauvert and eleven members of the public

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Canon Barry Pyke opened the proceedings with Prayer.

01/19 To receive apologies and approve reason for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Chambers and Davis and reasons for absence approved from Cllr Davis.

02/19 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.

A member of the public spoke about planning application 17/05090/EIAMAJ objecting to it in the strongest terms in view of the fact that any development in that location will be isolated by the bypass and will breach the distinction between Littlethorpe and Ripon. Significant concerns about highways matters and the site exiting onto the A61 were raised.

Three members of the public spoke in objection to planning application 18/05055/FULMAJ.

03/19 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.

Cllrs Hawke and Martin declared interests in agenda item 11/19, Planning Matters, as members of HBC Planning Committee.

04/19 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th December 2018.

That the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate account of proceedings.

Proposed – Cllr Williams Seconded – Cllr Hawke

RESOLVED by a show of hands with one abstention.

05/19 To receive a briefing on the 'Take a Seat' campaign.

Mrs Barnes briefed Council on the 'Take a Seat' campaign on behalf of the Ripon Sensory and Impairment Group. Retailers and businesses are encouraged to allow people who need to sit down to ‘take a seat’ on their premises without any obligation to make a purchase.

That the council endorse and promote the scheme.

Proposed – Cllr Williams Seconded – Cllr McHardy
RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.

The Mayor allowed item 11/19 to be brought forward for the benefit of the members of the public present.

11/19  Planning matters

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| 6.44.175.EIAMAJ 17/05090/EIAMAJ | Land comprising Field at 431401 469281 Knaresborough Road, Littlethorpe | That the council object to the application on the following grounds:  
- The council is aware that the proposed development is within Littlethorpe Parish, however the proposal impacts significantly on Ripon Parish.  
- RCC is the custodian of Quarry Moor, an important SSSI and is concerned about the impact this development might have on the Moor.  
- It does not feature in the HBC local plan.  
- To reach local amenities residents of the new development would need to cross the bypass which would cause significant safety concerns.  
- Ripon City Plan does not take into account the development at West Lane which has now received planning permission and therefore there is no demonstrable need for additional housing.  
- RCC would also like to reiterate and support Littlethorpe Parish Council's objections. |
| 6.31.1621.B.FUL 18/05050/FUL | Site to the East of 53 Palace Road, Ripon | That the council object to the application on the following grounds:  
- It breaches the City development limit.  
- Issues with access to highways  
- There is sufficient brownfield land within the city that could be developed. |
| 6.31.2327.C.FULMAJ 18/05055/FULMAJ | Land at Low Mill Estate, Ripon | That the council object to the application on the following grounds:  
- Content that the application has received consent but it will cause loss of a residential amenity  
- No need for an increase from 8 to 10 dwellings.  
- Concerns raised by a local resident that land has already been purchased for a turning circle  
- The City Plan does not zone for 10 dwellings |
| 6.31.1561.F.FUL 18/05002/FUL | Site of 68 to 69 North Street | That the council object to the application on the following grounds:  
The council is supportive of redevelopment of the site for housing but objects to retail use as it will cause obstructions from deliveries etc and considers the space could be better used. |
<p>| 6.31.1008.G.FUL 18/05124/FUL | 24 Westgate HG4 2BQ | That the council support the application. |</p>
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<td>06/19</td>
<td>To receive an update on Events and agree appropriate action.</td>
<td>It was noted that the New Year’s Eve event was a success. That the Events Working Group meet urgently to progress the appointment of an event management firm and that three providers are invited to present to the group to allow costings to be provided and received by Full Council. It was noted that HBC’s provider would need to be engaged to provide the event management around Tour De Yorkshire and UCI.</td>
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<td>07/19</td>
<td>Christmas Lights 2019.</td>
<td>That the Council invests the same amount of money on Christmas Lights in 2019 as in 2018. That a working group be formed consisting of 6 members of the Council with nominations being provided to the Clerk soonest. That decisions on Christmas lighting around the City must be taken by the Council as the body entering into the contract for procurement.</td>
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<td>08/19</td>
<td>To receive an update from the UCI Working Group and agree appropriate action.</td>
<td>That a weekend of RCC events is planned around the UCI races in Ripon, to include concert/music, fireworks, big screen on the square and exhibitions amongst other things. That HBC’s events management firm be approached regarding RCC events. That, subject to the 2019/20 budget discussions a budget of circa £47,500 be made available for these two events and that authority to spend monies is delegated to nominated councillors subject to the budget being approved.</td>
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<td>09/19</td>
<td>To receive an update on the bus service if appropriate.</td>
<td>Cllr Horton reported that feedback from NYCC has been positive and that they have confirmed that they are willing to continue to provide the service subject to usage levels remaining at similar levels. Cllr Powell left the meeting at 8:02pm.</td>
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| 10/19        | To consider purchasing a sound system for the Council Chamber. | That Cllr Parkin looks into the cost of an appropriate sound system for the Council Chamber. Discussions surrounding HBC’s long term strategy for the Town Hall following the announcement of the consultation on HBC customer service centre relocating to Community House took place. That the Clerk sources a projector to allow planning applications to be projected in meetings. Cllr Martin declared an interest as the Chairman of Community House.
RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands

### 12/19 Financial Matters

1. To approve the list of payments and receipts for November 2018;
   That these be approved.

RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands

2. To receive the income and expenditure reports for the month of November 2018;
   That this be received.

RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands

3. To note that the bank reconciliation statements for the month ending November 2018
   have been signed by the Mayor;
   That this be noted.

4. To approve payment of the Clerk’s SLCC membership subscription for 2019;
   That this be approved.

RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands

5. To note the internal audit position.
   The Clerk advised that the internal audit had been delayed due to staffing issues at the
   Internal Auditor but that it would take place within the next week.

### 13/19 To receive correspondence

1. Email dated 4th January 2019 – Road safety query at Quarry Moor Park;
   That this be referred to Littlethorpe Parish Council as it is outside the Ripon Parish
   Boundary. NYCC Cllr Martin advised that this incident was being taken extremely
   seriously at NYCC with both the relevant Cabinet Member and Divisional Member both
   very involved.

RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands

2. Email dated 7th January 2019 – Bus station;
   That the Clerk replies to the writer to suggest that he contacts Transdev to request the
   cycle lockers.

RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands

3. Email dated 7th January 2019 – Planning application 17/05090/EIAMAJ;
   It was noted that this item was discussed under 11/19.
That this be received and noted.

| Proposed – Cllr Horton | Seconded – Cllr McHardy |

RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands

5. Email dated 23rd November 2018 – Stray Act Consultation.
That this be received and noted.

| Proposed – Cllr Williams | Seconded – Cllr Martin |

RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands

14/19 To receive a report from Harrogate Borough Councillors if appropriate – for information only.
None reported.

15/19 To receive a report from North Yorkshire County Councillors if appropriate – for information only.
Councillors raised various potholes around the city with Cllr Martin who encouraged all to use the NYCC online reporting system.

16/19 Mayoral Announcements – for information.

The Mayor highlighted the City Plan, advising that Ripon residents were not aware of the upcoming referendum. It was agreed that a meeting of Full Council would be held on Monday 21st January to authorise any necessary expenditure. The City Plan team have agreed to design a simple flier for review by Full Council.

17/19 To consider passing a resolution under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), that the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.

18/19 To consider the bestowing of an award.
That awards be bestowed and that the Mayor contacts the potential recipients to discuss the award prior to the required additional meeting of the Council taking place.

| Proposed – Cllr Williams | Seconded – Cllr Martin |

RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands

19/19 ICT provision.
That this item be deferred.

With business concluded the meeting was closed at 9:45pm.

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

SIGNED ___________________________ DATE ___________________________

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