**BARNOLDSWICK TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 12th March 2021 at The Rainhall Centre, Barnoldswick

**Present**

Councillors David Whipp, Jodie Hoyle, Chris Church, Callum Hird, Mick Strickland, Emma West, John Rose Parker, Marjorie Adams, Tom Whipp, Mike Whittingham & Mandy Boardman

The Council welcomed new member Mandy Boardman and received her acceptance of office.

**21/01 Election of a Chairman**

The outgoing Chair, Tom Whipp, asked for nominations for the office of Chairman for the year 201-2022. A nomination from Emma West and seconded by Callum Hird for Mike Whittingham to be elected as the Chairman of the Council for the year 2021-2022. No other nominations were received.

**Resolved:** That Cllr Mike Whittingham be elected as Chairman of Barnoldswick Town Council for the year 2021-2022.

**21/02 To receive the Chairman’s Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

**Resolved:** To note the signing of the Acceptance of Office by Cllr Mike Whittingham

**21/03 To Elect a Vice-Chairman of the Council**

A nomination was received from Cllr David Whipp for Cllr Chris Church.

A nomination was received from Cllr Callum Hird for Cllr Jodie Hoyle, on this Cllr Chris Church advised that he would step aside, Cllr Tom Whipp seconded Cllr Hirds nomination. A unanimous vote was held

**Resolved:** That Cllr Jodie Hoyle be vice-chair for 2021-2022

**21/04 Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs Jayne Mills, Ken Hartley & Lindsay Gaskell

**21/05 Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Tom Whipp, Callum Hird, Mick Strickland and Mike Whittingham declared an interest in item 17 – grant application – as they are trustees of the skate park.

**Resolved**: To note this information

**21/06 Open Forum**

No emails were received and no questions were asked via the YouTube broadcast.

**21/07 To consider the establishment of committees and sub-committees and agree terms of reference**

**Resolved:** To establish the same committees and sub-committees as in 2020-2021

**21/08 To establish the membership of Committees**

**Resolved:** members put their names forward for each committee

**21/09 To consider a timetable of meetings for 2021/2022**

**Resolved;** That the timetable be agreed with the addition of a Town Meeting on the 30th June 2021

**21/10 To appoint representatives on Outside Bodies**

**Resolved:** Marjorie Adams to continue with Garden Gate, Tom Whipp to continue with the Bancroft Steam Museum, Mike Whittingham to represent the Town Council at West Craven Area Committee (subject to the same committee structure when Pendle BC decide theirs) all existing Town Councillors to continue with the Friends of the Skate Park Group.

**21/11 To inspect any deeds and trust instruments in the custody of the Council**

**Resolved;** PDF’s to be emailed out, to formally ask the developer to remove the railings at the triangle of land next to the old TSB

**21/12 Minutes of the last meeting**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the last Full Council Meeting held on the 7th April 2021 be approved as a correct record

**21/13 Committee/Working Group Reports**

**Resolved:** To note that there have been no additional meetings since the last Full Council meeting.

**21/14 To receive the Annual Internal Audit Report**

**Resolved:** Due to a delay with the auditors this information was not received before the meeting. This item will therefore be deferred to the next meeting.

**21/15 To approve and sign the Annual Governance Statement**

**Resolved:** Due to a delay with the auditors this information was not received before the meeting. This item will therefore be deferred to the next meeting

**21/16 Financial Matters**

1. To confirm approval of payments made by the Town Clerk to the Council since the last meeting of the Council and to delegate consent for payments to be made prior to the next meeting of the Council
2. To receive and approve the accounting statement for the year ending the 31st March 2021

**Resolved:** That authority be delegated to the Town Clerk to make payments up to the next Full Council meeting. Due to a delay with the auditors this information was not received before the meeting. This item will therefore be deferred to the next meeting.

**21/17 Grant Application**

To consider an application from Friends of Victory Skatepark for £2189 to hire a consultant to work on the development of a new skatepark.

**Resolved:** To approve the grant of £2189.

**21/18 Events**

The purchase of several flags was raised by Cllr Callum Hird. The initial proposal was to have 8 flags to be flown on various dates throughout the year. There was a second proposal to purchase 7 of the 8 flags and to exclude the Lancashire flag from the purchase.

**Resolved:** After a vote on each proposal it was carried that 7 of the flags be purchased.

**21/19 Environmental Schemes**

Cllr Whipp wanted to display his frustration at the lack of progress on the town square. The original contract flags have not been grouted and a virtually complete pavement on Frank Street is still cordoned off. Bins and benches have not been installed. To ask for weekly updates.

Bus Stop area – this area has now been progressed. An area needs to be turfed around there.

Victory Park work to retaining wall. When the works started it was noted that the breeze block wall at the football club had been built straight on to the carpark and had no footings. This would affect the work we are currently carrying out and further remedial work was needed.

Sett Paving Letcliffe – work to start in next few weeks

**Resolved**; To write to Pendle about the Town Square works. To authorise the purchase of turf for the bus stop. To authorise the additional spending at Victory Park. To note the update about the sett paving.

**21/20 Enhanced Countryside Access Report**

**Resolved:** To note this report

**21/21 Correspondence/Items for information**

No items

**Approved as a correct record of the above meeting**

**Signed………………………………………………………**

**Date…………………………………………………………**

**Cllr Mike Whittingham – Chair of the Full Council**

**The next meeting of the Full Council will be held on 16th June 2021**

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