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The Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Full Council held on Wednesday 18th September 2024 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Cllrs L Brazier (Chair), D Batey, A Brazier, R Fazil, G Lake, M Pringle, S Satterly, D Shelton, L Shilling, R Shilling, S Willis

Mrs K Wakefield - Clerk

APOLOGIES: Cllrs P Beedle, J Munroe and B Wells for personal reasons and Cllr M Staley due to work.

Resolved: that these apologies be accepted

Declarations of members interests: None

Declaration of any intentions to record the meeting: None

24/106 To approve the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 24th July 2024 (enclosed)

The Minutes, having previously been circulated, were signed as a true and correct record.

24/107 Clerks Report

Following an enquiry the Clerk reminded members of the arrangements regarding access to defibrillators

24/108 To suspend Standing Orders to allow for:

1. Questions or Statements from Members of the Public - none present

24/109 To resume Standing Orders

24/110 To receive any Questions to Council from Members

24/111 To receive any written reports from District and County Councillors - none

24/112

Finance & Audit

1. To receive the schedule of accounts for payment (*enclosed*)

The Schedule of Accounts for Payment was tabled, duly approved and signed.

The Clerk clarified the location of a wasps nest needing attention.

The Clerk as RFO reminded members that all invoices were available on the table for inspection at this meeting.

2. To note the Conclusion of the 2023/24 Audit

The Clerk as RFO reported that there had been no matters raised by the recent AGAR. (*external audit*) Cllr Batey thanked the Clerk for her excellent and professional handling of the Town Council's financial and procedural matters alongside the admin team. All members present confirmed their thanks.

24/113

Special Projects

1. To receive any relevant updates from the Clerk on Town Centre Regeneration and the proposed Banking Hub

The Clerk reported that at present there was nothing further to report on the Town Centre regeneration. However a meeting had been held with a representative from Cash Access and progress was being made on provision of a Banking Hub in Ollerton.

24/114

Environment Committee

To receive any relevant updates regarding the following:

1. Biodiversity nothing further to report

At this point two younger members of the public arrived and it was **Resolved** that Standing Orders should be suspended to allow them to ask a question.

The young people were representing users of the skatepark who were submitting a formal request to consider the reintroduction of ramps on the site of the timber ramps.

Following discussion it was agreed that to move this forward an informal meeting would be held on Tuesday 24th September with young skatepark users and any member who was available.

Standing Orders were resumed

The Clerk was instructed to make the necessary arrangements to facilitate a meeting with skatepark users.

To receive updates and consider any recommendations from the Events Working Party

1. Scarecrow Festival – 19th October 2024 – confirmed everything in hand
2. Remembrance Sunday – 10th November 2024

A meeting had been held with strategic organisations including the Church, Guides/Scouts and the PA company.

Those present had discussed arrangements to ensure that those taking part could carry out their duties in a safe and efficient manner. Areas would be marked out for wreath layers, standard bearers etc. The number of children laying wreaths would be limited for safety but areas available elsewhere to accommodate them.

Cllr Pringle requested that the Town Council look at ways in which disabled access could be improved. The Clerk reported that in previous years the professional DDA Officer had agreed that this was difficult due to the rules relating to ramps etc. The Clerk will seek further advice and report back on this matter.

The Clerk reported that she was working with the recently formed Ollerton Together Group to provide displays along the parade route and possible throughout the town to commemorate Remembrance Day.

3. Christmas Lights Switch On – 29th November 2024

Arrangements are well under way. Proceeds from the Fairground visit will be used to provide additional entertainment.

1. To receive a report from Cllr D Batey – Allotments

Cllr Batey reported that he had attended meetings with the ATA and also a site visit with the Clerk. The allotments are looking good and work ongoing to clear problem plots. Contact had been made with the National Justice Service with a view to their clients assisting in the worst areas to being them back up to standard. This may take some time due to the various legal procedures necessary.

The ATA continue to work well with the Town Council but due to several officers having to step down due to other commitments it is hoped replacements can be found. The Clerk and Deputy have offered some initial advice and support to give confidence to any member taking on an officer role for the first time.

In the absence of a second report Cllr David Shelton was then asked to give an update on Recycling Ollerton & Boughton (ROB)

Cllr Shelton reported that the organisation is growing and working well despite the introduction of the NSDC kerbside scheme which seems to have encouraged more people to recycle and use ROB's services. They

may need to look for new premises but currently have as lease on the existing premises until November 2026.

They have carried out various fundraising events and have plans to extend the canteen which, in addition to providing catering for the students and staff also gives the opportunity for students to learn catering skills.

ROB will celebrate their 25th Anniversary in November 2024

2. To agree the reports for the next meeting

Resolved: Town Clerk to report on Roundabout following their AGM and Cllr L Brazier on St George's Day Celebration Group.

24/117 To receive the draft minutes of the following committees and working parties and note the decisions made thereto: (*enclosed*)

1. Planning Committee – 27th August 2024
2. Events Committee – 3rd September 2024

Noted.

24/118 Correspondence & Publications

1. Clerks & Councils Direct magazine

Noted.

24/119 To note items for inclusion on future agendas

24/120 To note the date and time of the next meeting

Wednesday, 30th October 2024 at 7pm