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The Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Full Council held on Wednesday 5th March 2025 at 7.00pm

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

Mrs K Wakefield - Clerk Mrs J Fletcher – Deputy Clerk

Two members of the public

APOLOGIES: Cllrs P Beedle and B Wells for personal reasons.

Resolved: that these apologies be noted.

Declarations of members interests: None

Declaration of any intentions to record the meeting: None

FC/25/20 To approve the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 29th January 2025

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

FC/25/21 Clerks Report (*items not already covered on the agenda*)

The Clerk informed members that a thank you note had been received from Age Concern for their continued donation covering their rental of the Function Room.

FC/25/22 To suspend Standing Orders to allow for:

1. Questions or Statements from Members of the Public

Standing orders were suspended to allow the Members of the Public to ask questions.

A member of the public asked for an update on the bungalow sited just off the A614 where the land has been used a dumping ground for rubbish for some time.

The member of the public was informed that the bungalow is outside of the Town boundary and is currently up for sale. NSDC are aware of the problem and have the powers to serve notice on the owners of the building, this will unfortunately be a lengthy process.

Cllr Pringle proposed that the Town Council write a letter to demand NSDC do more with regards to the area off the A614 adjacent to Station Farm.

The MoP also noted that traffic wardens have recently been in the town issuing tickets. Vehicles are bigger than some of the spaces and the owners are therefore at risk of being given a ticket.

The Town Clerk suggested that she make contact with the District Council regarding this issue and also contact VIA re the issue regarding disabled parking within the Town.

It was reported that the compulsory purchase had been completed for land adjacent to the roundabout on the A614 and that the cost of the works to the area had now increased to £50m.

The MoP asked members why an area in the market square in Old Ollerton had been fenced off. The Clerk informed the meeting that this had been brought to the attention of VIA by the organisers of the upcoming St George event. The loose slabs in the area of the pump had been cordoned off for safety reasons and the County Council Highways team will be making them safe in due course. The area will be adopted by NCC via a legal procedure.

An update was given on the works to Ollerton Hall, revised plans had been submitted, the works were ongoing and the 8-10 apartments would be completed by late summer/autumn time.

FC/25/23 To resume Standing Orders

Standing orders were resumed

FC/25/24 To receive any Questions to Council from Members

None

FC/25/25 To receive any written reports from District and County Councillors

None

FC/25/26 Finance & Audit

1. To receive the schedule of accounts for payment

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

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

FC/25/27 Special Projects

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

The Clerk informed members that a visit had recently taken place by staff from Wilmott Dixon Construction. Some of the surveys already carried out now needed to be redone and the planning application was being applied for later this year.

The Clerk informed members that work was still taking place on the Banking Hub, a local manager has now been appointed for Cash Access.

A member raised the issue of green space within the development and it was confirmed that it was not currently in the plan.

2. To discuss future usage of Town Council assets

Due to the commercially sensitive nature of this item it was agreed that it be moved to the end of the meeting.

FC/25/28 Environment Committee

To receive any relevant updates regarding the following:

1. Skatepark

The Clerk reported that 2 shelters had been agreed for the site, one on hardstanding and one near to the children's play area. The Deputy Clerk had requested updated quotations for both of these items.

2. Playparks

The Deputy Clerk reported that all items that had been awaiting repair had now been completed. The Company had carried out the works free of charge as a gesture of goodwill due to the good relationship the Council and the Company had built up over the years.

FC/25/29 Junior Town Council

To receive any updates relating to the Junior Town Council

Cllr A Brazier reported on the recent JTC walk that was held on Ollerton Pit Wood. All students from the 3 schools had interacted with each other including the staff members. It had proved to be a positive experience for all.

World Book Day – 6th March, Parkgate Academy JTCllrs were holding an event to raise money for the QMC Respiratory Unit. They would be selling books, refreshments and raffle tickets.

FC/25/30 Events

To discuss draft arrangements for 2025 events

1. Scarecrow Festival – 18th October 2025

Great event last year, advertising to be carried out later on in the year.

2. Remembrance Sunday – 9th November 2025

The Ollerton Together group are taking forward various craft activities.

3. Christmas Lights – 21st November 2025

The deposit for the stage has been paid. The festive lighting will be in place for 5 weeks and it was noted this is the 2nd year of a 3 year contract.

Two comperes, Malc Waring and the Lions Santa are all confirmed and the fairground operators have been contacted.

4. Any other suggested events

VE Day – Thursday, 8th May 2025

Event at St Paulinus Church, commemorative flags to be purchased.

Summer Fair – date to be confirmed

Waiting for confirmation from the fairground operator.

St Georges Event – Sunday, 27th April 2025

Organisation going well, all set to be a good day.

FC/25/31 Outside Bodies

1. To receive a report from the Cllr G Lake – Furniture Project

Cllr Lake gave a report on the current financial situation of the Project. Problem areas are the NI and wages increases, unreliability of some workers. They are looking at more recyclable products and mandatory breath tests for all workers.

Following discussion it was:

Resolved: that a letter be sent thanking everyone at the Furniture Project for their hard work and commitment to the Project.

2. To agree the reports for the next meeting

Cllr G Lake volunteered to give a report on Ollerton Jubilee Hall as he was available to attend their next meeting, 7th April 2025.

FC/25/32 To receive the draft minutes of the following committees and working parties and note the decisions made thereto:

The following draft minutes were noted:

1. Planning Committee – 4th February 2025
2. Junior Town Council – 4th February 2025
3. Environment Committee – 11th February 2025
4. Events Working Party – 24th February 2025

FC/25/33 Correspondence & Publications

None.

FC/25/34 To note items for inclusion on future agendas

Clerk to contact NSDC re the bungalow on A614 and VIA re disabled parking and report back at the next meeting.

FC/25/35 Time of the next meeting - Wednesday 9th April 2025 at 7pm