

# HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

## REMOTE MEETING of the TOWN COUNCIL held WEDNESDAY 20th MAY 2020

### MINUTES

**PRESENT** Councillors; Stow (Chair), Bampton Smith, Boggis, Courtney, Fenton, Freeth, Guilfoyle, Harvey, Hodgins, Hoyle, Needham, Patient, Stevens, Wood and Young.

Town Clerk – Jason Boom  
Deputy Clerk – Emma Green  
Administrator – Rebekah Cox

Members of the public: Anthony Rae and Bernice Hayes

#### **503. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.**

One question raised in advance of the meeting by a member of the public ‘Are the Mayor, town clerk or other councillors able to provide any information, even anecdotal, about the evolving economic impact of the coronavirus shutdown on Hebden Bridge and Mytholmroyd?’

The Mayor responded that anecdotally public houses are struggling, this has been confirmed after receipt of information from the Stubbing Wharf. There are widespread problems in the arts sector, for example, Handmade Parade who have had their summer income wiped out and have had to rely on grants to help support the organisation. Other local festivals and arts organisations are also being affected in the same way.

The Town Council have introduced a hanging basket scheme to provide a free hanging basket to local businesses, to make sure that the town is looking attractive and welcoming for any visitors, once the restrictions have been lifted.

A new Events Committee will be introduced online with a mandate to arrange events which will attract visitors to the town to support local businesses.

Hebden Bridge Business Forum have contacted the Town Council asking for help to provide local businesses with personal protective equipment (PPE) such as visors – the Town Clerk will be liaising with the chair of HBBF to work out a plan of how this can be carried out.

Action: Any councillors with additional information were asked to provide a written response to the question raised by the member of the public and to submit to the Town Clerk in the first instance. Then the Town Clerk will collate and respond to the member of the public who had raised the question.

#### **504. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies received from Councillor Fraser.

#### **505. MEMBERS’ INTERESTS’ RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS.**

Councillor Needham relating to 508) d) relating to a planning application for the Town Hall, as a trustee for the Community Association.

Councillor Bampton Smith relating to 515) g)

**506. REMOTE MEETING STANDING ORDERS**

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Boggis and

**RESOLVED:** To note the receipt of standing orders previously adopted under delegated powers on the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

**507. SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Boggis and

**RESOLVED:** To note the receipt of the schedule of delegated powers agreed on the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

**508. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

a. **Application 20/00360/HSE** at Bell House Barn, Cragg Lane, Cragg Vale, HX7 5RU for Two storey extension to North East. Internal alterations & new flue for stove (Cragg Vale).

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Hoyle and

**RESOLVED: No Objection**

b. **Application 20/00222/LBC** at Owlery, Burlees Lane, Wadsworth, Hebden Bridge, HX7 8PS for Partial stone cleaning of building, partial re-pointing of walls. Stripping of beams in the kitchen. (Listed Building Consent)(Birchcliffe).

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Hodgins and

**RESOLVED: No Objection**

c. **Application 20/00436/LBC** at Bridge Mill, St Georges Square, Hebden Bridge, HX7 8ET for Intrusive survey works to include three cores. These will be taken from:- One core from the north-west elevation of the main building; One core from the north-west elevation of the two storey extension and one core from the north-east elevation of the two storey extension (Listed Building Consent)(West End).

It was moved by Cllr Courtney

Seconded by Cllr Harvey and

**RESOLVED: No Objection**

d. **Application 20/00437/LBC** at The Town Hall, St George's Street, Hebden Bridge, HX7 7BY for Intrusive survey works to include one 75mm core taken from the eastern (river facing) elevation (West End).

It was moved by Cllr Courtney

Seconded by Cllr Harvey and

**RESOLVED: No Objection**

- e. **Application 20/20063/TPO** at 21 Twist Clough, Cragg Vale, HX7 5SA for Fell Trees (Tree Preservation Order)(Cragg Vale).  
It was moved by Cllr Wood  
Seconded by Cllr Needham and  
**RESOLVED: Recommend refusal of the application to fell with a recommendation to prune and thin.**
- f. **Application 20/00445/LBC** at St Georges Bridge, St George's Street, Hebden Bridge for Intrusive survey works to inform the design of the Hebden Bridge flood alleviation scheme. Works will take the form of; 18 footing cores/probes of 3m length and 50mm diameter, 8 diagonal pier and abutment cores to a diameter of 75mm, 9 horizontal pier and abutment drill locations to a depth of 1m and diameter up to 25mm. ( Listed Building Consent)(West End).  
It was moved by Cllr Courtney  
Seconded by Cllr Needham and  
**RESOLVED: No Objection**
- g. **Application 20/00402/FUL** at Land South Of Hill Top Farm Barn, Hathershelf Lane, Mytholmroyd for Conversion of stables and garage to annex (Cragg Vale).  
It was moved by Cllr Wood  
Seconded by Cllr Boggis and  
**RESOLVED: Recommend Refusal on the ground that the application does not provide information regarding materials that will be used in the construction to replace the current 'tin' structure and that the application would be creating an additional detached dwelling in the greenbelt.**
- h. **Application 20/00447/LBC** at West End Bridge, West End, Hebden Bridge for Intrusive surveys to inform design of the Hebden Bridge Flood Alleviation Scheme. Works will take the form of; Hand driven probing at each abutment face to confirm footing extent. 9 diagonal pier and abutment cores to a diameter of 75mm and 3m in length . 9 horizontal pier and abutment drill locations to a depth of 1m and diameter up to 25mm,8 soffit cores (2 per deck) drilled upwards from soffit of arch of 50mm diameter (Listed Building Consent)(West End).  
It was moved by Cllr Courtney  
Seconded by Cllr Needham and  
**RESOLVED: No Objection**

It was moved by Cllr Boggis

Seconded by Cllr Young

**RESOLVED:** that the recommendations on the above planning applications are sent to the Environmental Services Department, Calderdale MBC. When the Chair or Deputy Chair cannot attend, Ward members be authorised to represent the view of Hebden Royd Town Council at meetings of the Planning Committee at Calderdale MBC.

**509. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED BY CALDERDALE MBC**

The Clerk reported on Planning Notices received from the Chief Town Planning Officer **GRANTING PERMISSION** to applications previously considered.

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Boggis and

**RESOLVED:** to note the information.

**510. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION REFUSED BY CALDERDALE MBC**

The Clerk reported on Planning Notices received from the Chief Town Planning Officer **REFUSING PERMISSION** to applications previously considered.

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Boggis and

**RESOLVED:** to note the information.

**511. HRTC & HBPH PAYMENT & RECEIPT SCHEDULE**

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Boggis and

**RESOLVED:** to note items of information and to authorise payments totalling £5,749.47 (enc)

**512. HRTC STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT**

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Hodgins and

**RESOLVED:** to note the Statement of Account up to end April 2020.

**513. HBPH STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT**

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Freeth and

**RESOLVED:** to note the Statement of Account up to end April 2020.

**514. MEETING DATES**

Following discussion and confirmation that legislation allowed the Town Council to hold an annual meeting if they wish.

It was moved by Cllr Needham

Seconded by Cllr Bampton Smith and

**RESOLVED:** to confirm HRTC meeting dates to September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020 and arrange the Annual Meeting of the Town Council for Wednesday, 10 June 2020 at 7.30pm.

**515. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MAYOR AND THE CLERK.**

To receive and decide actions on communications.

a) West Yorks Pension Fund Contribution Rates

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Boggis and

**RESOLVED:** to note the information.

b) Stephen Bamber HRTC Precept 2020-21

It was moved by Cllr Needham

Seconded by Cllr Stevens and

**RESOLVED:** to ask the Town Clerk to reply and reiterate previous statements and that with the current crisis the argument was reinforced with the need for all three areas which had benefitted from new and increased funding in the 2020/21 budget, these being climate emergency, advice services and support of an age

friendly society, was increased. Councillors thanked Mr Bamber for his concerns and noted that they were always interested to hear and consider the concerns of local electors.

- c) RT Hon Robert Kendrick MP Town Council Thanks  
The Town Clerk reported that it had been confirmed that the Picture House would not benefit from the business support grant as HRTC was a precepting body. The letter along with guidance highlighted that Calderdale MBC had received a grant from central government in excess of £2million to support business that fell outside of this criteria with Town and Parish Councils being mentioned and therefore, the Town Clerk would use this information to request financial support to assist the Picture House.  
Cllr Young reported that Calderdale MBC had announced a new business grant this week to help businesses that have been declined a grant from the first round. It was moved by Cllr Young  
Seconded by Cllr Needham and  
**RESOLVED:** to request support from Calderdale MBC.
- d) Nuclear Free Local Authorities Media Release  
It was moved by Cllr Young  
Seconded by Cllr Boggis and  
**RESOLVED:** to note the information.
- e) Simon Goff Mayroyd Lane  
After much discussion and sharing of information.  
It was moved by Cllr Young  
Seconded by Cllr Bam[ton Smith and  
**RESOLVED:** that the Town Clerk contact Calderdale MBC Highways and the Environment Agency with regards to proposed plans for flood remediation work to be carried out on the road in the first instance, then to discuss further with Town Councillors at a future meeting.
- f) Rotherham MBC Yorkshire Day 2020  
It was moved by Cllr Young  
Seconded by Cllr Boggis and  
**RESOLVED:** to note the information.
- g) West Yorks Pension Fund Funding Strategy  
It was moved by Cllr Young  
Seconded by Cllr Boggis and  
**RESOLVED:** to note the information.
- h) CMBC Electoral Services Local Elections  
Town Clerk reported that there would be no elections this year as a consequence of the coronavirus.. The next elections will take place on 6 May 2021 with the Town Council remaining with 17 Councillors until that date.  
It was moved by Cllr Young  
Seconded by Cllr Boggis and  
**RESOLVED:** to note the information.

- i) Mytholmroyd Station Building May Newsletter  
 It was moved by Cllr Young  
 Seconded by Cllr Boggis and  
**RESOLVED:** to note the information.
- j) The Stubbing Wharf Access to Grant Funding  
 It was moved by Cllr Young  
 Seconded by Cllr Boggis and  
**RESOLVED:** that the Town Clerk contact the Stubbing Wharf and suggest they explore the new grant scheme recently launched by Calderdale MBC via the Calderdale MBC Business Hub.
- k) YLCA Training Programme  
 Town Clerk reported that YLCA were eager to promote online training.  
 The White Rose update would be circulated to all Councillors where training opportunities are available. Councillors were reminded to contact Town Clerk for any training requests.

**516. MAYOR'S REPORT/DEPUTY MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor reported the sad news of the passing of Cllr Denton Jones from Normanton Town Council. Cllr Denton Jones was a long serving councillor and past Mayor. Condolences have been sent individually by the Mayor and Town Clerk. It was noted that all Town Council Councillors send their condolences too.

It was moved by Cllr Young  
 Seconded by Cllr Boggis and  
**RESOLVED:** to note the activities of the Mayor.

**517. MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL held 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

It was moved by Cllr Young  
 Seconded by Cllr Boggis and  
**RESOLVED:** to approve the minutes as a correct record.

**518. MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL held 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

It was moved by Cllr Young  
 Seconded by Cllr Freeth and  
**RESOLVED:** to approve the minutes as a correct record.

**519. REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

To receive reports from representatives to outside bodies and other organisations

- a. Cllr Bampton Smith reported that Mytholmroyd Station Partnership had confirmed that any work at the station had been put on hold due to Northern Rail forbidding any access to the track due to the current pandemic restrictions in place.

- b. Cllr Bampton Smith reported that the community plan to celebrate the opening of the new Caldene Bridge has been put on hold due to the current pandemic but reported that it had opened on Monday this week.
- c. The Mayor reported that Handmade Parade had managed to secure funding to support workers and have appointed a new Director who would look at the governance structure and new business management.

**The meeting closed at 8.40pm.**