



Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of Settle Town Council held in the Town Hall, Settle on Monday 15th June at 7:00 pm.

Present: Cllrs Balsamini, (Chair) Bellfield, Catherwood, Linley, Lord, Rymer and Taylor.
Clerk: Rebecca Hill
Deputy Clerk Ian Orton

Members of the Public: Five members of the public joined the meeting via an electronic link.

The Chair welcomed everyone, introduced the virtual meeting procedure and declared the meeting open.

VTC2001: Public Participation

A member of the public was concerned about the number of motor cyclists congregating in the market square, many of whom appeared not to engage in social distancing and requested that during the pandemic motor bicycles were banned from the market square and should park in Greenfoot Car Park. Another member of the public felt that the large number of motor cyclists were disruptive and were of limited economic benefit to the community. A member of the public was concerned that the large number of motor cyclists and apparent lack of social distancing could be fatal for some of the residents of Settle and requested the market square was closed to all traffic during the pandemic.

Another member of the public spoke in favour of the Town Council supporting the request to fly a Rainbow Town flag from Castlebergh Cragg.

Cllr Lord requested that Item 11a Market Square should be brought forward on the agenda and after discussion this was agreed.

VTC2002: Apologies: To record and approve reasons for absence

RESOLVED: Apologies were received from Cllr Harrison, Holland, James and District Cllr Hull.

VTC2003: Code of Conduct - Localism Act 2011: To record any Councillor's Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) in relation to items on this agenda. No interests were recorded.

VTC2004: Market Square: a) Anti - social behaviour during lockdown

The clerk gave an update on the concerns raised by members of the public about anti -social behaviour within the market square and added that, given staff resources, it will be difficult to enforce a closure of the market square. Cllr Bellfield stated that the issue of closing the market square was raised at the recent Restart Meeting and the suggestion was not supported. Cllr Lord added that there were concerns about anti-social behaviour within the market square and now was the time to do something about it.

The Chair felt more information was needed before the Town Council closed the market square and Cllr Taylor stated the Town Council should be seen to do something.

The Chair moved that the offer from NYCC Highways to create safe corridors within the market square should be taken up and this was seconded by Cllr Rymer.

After discussion it was **RESOLVED** to:

- Working with North Yorkshire CC Highways create a safe corridor within and around the market square with the arrangement to be reviewed at the next council meeting. **Continued/**

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VTC2004: Policing

The Chair read out details of the 39 reported incidents between 18 May and 9 June 2020 adding that 10 of the reported incidents were COVID19 related.

VTC2005: Minutes

The draft minutes of the Virtual Council Meeting held on 18th May 2020 were approved, and were accepted as a true record.

VTC2006: To receive County and District Councillors Reports.

CC Richard Welch gave details of the financial challenges facing NYCC brought about by COVID19 but adding that during lockdown over 2000 people had joined local public libraries to borrow electronic books. North Yorkshire Police had issued 1082 fines linked to infringement of lockdown, more than any other police authority. CC Richard Welch thanked the clerk for support with the challenges of online meetings.

Cllr Bellfield asked CC Welch how much influence the CC had with Government and CC Welch stated the CC worked closely with local MP's.

Cllr Lord was pleased with the increased use of the local libraries and asked if there were plans for more cuts to the libraries. CC Welch felt that the funding issues were still very much in place but he would find out if there were any changes to funding for libraries.

Cllrs Bellfield and Rymer gave an update on Settle Library and the plans to reopen in the near future. There was no report from district councillors and the clerk mentioned that District Councillor Hull had sent through details of the Craven DC restart group.

FTC2007: Matters Relating to County, District and Parish

a) Castlebergh Crag Project RDPE Grant Application

The clerk explained that although the Town Council had been invited to apply for a RDPE grant of £144k in the event of the Town Council obtaining the grant the authority will be required to take on 5 full time staff at a cost of around £100k per year. After discussion it was **RESOLVED**: not to submit a full application to RDPE and to authorise delegated authority to the clerk to progress the works under a phased approach in consultation with the steering group.

b) Restart

Cllr Bellfield gave an update on the work of the Settle Restart Group adding that the community response to the pandemic being coordinated by Victoria Hall, was being slowly scaled down and that Victoria Hall had received funding to show outdoor films. After discussion it was **RESOLVED**: to note the progress of the Restart Group.

Cllr Catherwood left the meeting at 19.56

VTC2008: Planning Applications

a) Applications (applications advertised by CDC received prior to the meeting will be considered)

2020/21607/HH: Demolition of existing garage and entrance lobby. Two storey extension to east gable and alterations to ground floor windows to north elevation. Construction of garage with home office over Crowtrees Cottage, 10 Chapel Street, Settle, BD24 9HS

After discussion it was: **Granted.**

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b) Decisions

2019/20759/MMA: Proposed change of use of former NatWest Bank, to provide retail or cafe / restaurant use (A1/A3) at ground floor with 4no. residential apartments (C3) above, and the erection of a detached dwelling to the rear with conversion of existing outbuilding to a store. The application was **Refused**.

VTC2009: Finance

a) The Market Report was received providing an update on stalls at the market during May and June 2020. After discussion it was **RESOLVED: That on the recommendation of the Market Superintendent** to charge no rent during June would continue and half rent during July when rents will be reviewed.

b) To approve accounts for payment and to note receipts for May 2020 up to 15th June 2020. Exception of a ground rent invoice from Craven DC for Cammock Lane it was **RESOLVED:** that this invoice should not be paid. CDC have failed to provide a lease.

RESOLVED: That the payments were approved up to 15th June 2020:

May Receipts: £ xx 3,817.21

Payments: £68,555.36 (transfers not included)

June Receipts £ 260.00

Payments: £3,661.17

HSBC Bank Balances 30th May 2020: Community Account £2,618.23 BMM Account £98435.06

VTC2010: Climate Change

The deputy clerk gave details of the on-going partnerships to help the Town Council become carbon neutral by 2030 confirming that lockdown had delayed progress in some areas but the grant application for a water fountain in the market square had been supported subject to confirmation that a fresh water supply to the site could be arranged. Craven DC had supplied carbon dioxide figures up until the start of lockdown. After discussion it was **RESOLVED:** to note the progress towards the Town Council becoming carbon neutral by 2030.

VTC2011: Market Place related matters:

b) Illegal trading of the ice cream van

The Chair suggested that the terms and conditions for hiring the market square were changed so that illegal trading attracted a daily fine of £500 to £1000. Cllr Bellfield felt it would be 2021 before the ice cream firm reached court. After discussion it was **RESOLVED:** to change the terms and conditions for hire of the market square so any illegal trading attracted a fine of £1000 a day subject to advice from the Council's legal advisers.

c) Increase in litter in the Market Place

The clerk pointed out that the recent good weather had attracted more visitors to the market square creating far more rubbish. The Market Superintendent had been clearing this additional rubbish in his own time as Craven DC were currently not emptying the bins frequently enough. After discussion it was **RESOLVED:** to formerly request Craven DC to empty the bins more frequently and allow the Market Superintendent one additional hour a week to tidy the market square in preparation for the market.

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d) Request to consider making the Market Place available to local cafes/restaurants/takeaways for seating and service

The Council agreed that the market square should be used to support local businesses, but concern was raised about the terms of the market charter. After discussion it was **RESOLVED:** to request the Council's legal advisers to check the market charter to see how the Council can make greater use of the market square.

VTC2012: Rainbow Town

The clerk gave details of a request from Vibrant Settle to fly a rainbow flag as part of the discounts offered to NHS and care workers once lockdown is eased. After discussion it was **RESOLVED:** to request more details of the rainbow initiative including dates and which businesses were involved. It was further agreed to amend the flag protocol to include VJ Day.

VTC2013: To receive and respond to correspondence

a) To nominate a representative to the Craven Community Land Trust Cllr Rymer stated she was interested in the role and requested more information.

VTC2014: Neighbourhood Plan

The deputy clerk introduced a report that gave an update with the progress towards the Settle Town Council Neighbourhood Plan. After discussion it was **RESOLVED:** to note the progress and address the issue of staffing costs of carrying out the Neighbourhood Plan once the external funding had been awarded.

VTC2015: To receive information and reports from Councillors on their attendance at other meetings (not already covered on this agenda).

The clerk gave details of the YLCA branch meeting adding that all members can attend such events.

FTC2016: Future Agenda Items

a) Christmas Lights

FTC2017: Dates of Next Meetings

Allotments Committee 17 June 2020 at 7pm

Council Meeting 20 July 2020 at 7pm

Markets and Services 15 July 2020 at 7pm

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 21.03