



**Minutes of the Amenities and Environment Committee meeting held on  
Monday 20 April 2020 via video conference**

Present: Juliet Hoggar, Geoff Woof, Gary Seekins, Emma Richardson, Ian Mitchell, Scott Thornley

*To be presented at the Amenities and Environment Committee meeting on Monday 20 July 2020*

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| <b>AE29</b> | <b>/20</b> | <b>Welcome:</b><br>Everyone was welcomed to the meeting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |
| <b>AE30</b> | <b>/20</b> | <b>Apologies for absence:</b><br><b>RESOLVED</b> that there were no apologies as everyone was present.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |
| <b>AE31</b> | <b>/20</b> | <b>Declarations of Interest:</b><br><b>RESOLVED</b> that there were no interests to declare.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
| <b>AE32</b> | <b>/20</b> | <b>Minutes of the meeting on 20 February 2020:</b><br><b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the meeting on 20 February 2020 were a correct record and a copy will be signed by the chair when it is appropriate to meet in person.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| <b>AE33</b> | <b>/20</b> | <p><b>Current outstanding issues:</b></p> <p><b>Meditation Centre</b> – A short history of the background to this matter was given by the Clerk. Andrew Weller, who works for the Meditation Centre was present and was invited to speak. He advised that false rumours had been circulating, the Meditation Centre is run by a charity providing a public amenity to the area and it is hoped that once lockdown is over, people will take full advantage of the centre.<br/>A written response was also received from the Management Team of the centre which stated many of the same things that Andrew had advised. The council will respond to this communication directly.<br/>The council thanked Andrew for his attention to the gardening as the grounds look much better.<br/>It was questioned whether Cllr. Dalton was the only representative of the local community on the Meditation Centre team and it was noted that Jenny Haygarth is the caretaker of the building.<br/>The trustees are likely to be looking for a new trustee in the near future and the council offered to advertise locally for this vacancy.</p> <p><b>Highways and Bridges</b> – It was noted that it was disappointing that there were not more updates from Karl Melville after the video call with him in the morning. He has, however, agreed to a weekly call to keep us updated. Little progress has been made with any of the issues outstanding and it <b>RESOLVED</b> to continue to push for progress as quickly as possible.</p> <p><b>Bench near Gym</b> – A local resident has offered to repair the bench at a cost of £125 which is preferable to a new bench at this time. <b>RESOLVED</b> to authorise this repair.</p> <p><b>Beech Hill Parking</b> – The new signs have been delayed by COVID-19 and will be available as soon as possible given the current restrictions.</p> <p><b>Postbox at Deepdale</b> – The condition of the postbox since Royal Mail had “decommissioned” it was poor. <b>RESOLVED</b> that Cllr. Mitchell will photograph the box and send the photos to all members before deciding on further action.</p> |  |
| <b>AE34</b> | <b>/20</b> | <p><b>New Issues:</b></p> <p><b>Car Park</b> – It was noted that there had possibly been some visitors parking on the car park which is currently closed. <b>RESOLVED</b> that all councillors to be vigilant and to report any further instances.</p> <p><b>Phone Boxes</b> – It was noted that the phone boxes adopted by the council were in a bad state of repair. It was suggested that a commitment from the First Responders was required with regard to the box at Greenwell. <b>RESOLVED</b> that Cllr. Mitchell would photograph and circulate to all councillors.</p> <p><b>Gawthrop noticeboard</b> – This had been discussed previously with no action being taken. It was noted that there had always been a noticeboard of some kind in Gawthrop and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to consider this in the budget for 2021/2022.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |

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|             |            | <b>Yorkshire Devolution Movement</b> – A further response had been received from this group with regard to historic county signs. <b>RESOLVED</b> that despite the offer of funding there was still not the strength of feeling in the dale to warrant the erection of these signs. |  |
| <b>AE35</b> | <b>/20</b> | <b>Date of Next Meeting:</b><br><b>RESOLVED</b> that the next meeting will be on Monday 20 July 2020 possibly via video conference (to be confirmed).<br><br>Meeting closed at 8.11pm                                                                                               |  |

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