

Minutes of Meeting of Middleham Town Council as Trustee of Charity For The Benefit Of Inhabitant Householders of Parish of Middleham (the 'Charity' or 'IH') held in Middleham Key Centre on Wednesday, 26 June 2019 following conclusion of the Town Council meeting. (SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT NEXT TRUSTEE MEETING)

Present

Chairman Cllr Mrs S Fairhurst, Cllr Mrs H Byford, Cllr Mrs L Stocker, Cllr Mr S Wheeler and Cllr Mr N Hopper

Clerk, Mr D Keep

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1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr Mr M Cade and Cllr Mr G Fortune.

2. Declarations of interest regarding items on the agenda.

Each person present is a Councillor of Middleham Town Council, the Charity's sole Trustee. No other interests were declared in the business to be transacted at the meeting.

3. Minutes

3.1 IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the minutes of meetings held on 15 May 2019 as a true and accurate record to be signed by the Chairman.

3.2 Schedule of agreed actions. The schedule was noted.

4. Land Management (IH) – Information/Decision required.

4.1 Review of Health and Safety Matters. Email communication from a resident after falling whilst passing underneath the washing line across the Richard III Hotel ginnel was noted. A reply had now been sent and no further action was required. There were no other matters to report by exception.

4.2 12 Acres: Invitation to General Tender. It Was Resolved to ratify the acceptance of a tender of £850 received from Middleham Trainers Association. Cllr Fairhurst and Cllr Byford and the Clerk had been present when the tenders were opened at midday on Wednesday 12 June. The highest bid had been accepted and the funds already received.

4.3 Events in the Market Place: A response from Lindmar to the Council's reply was noted. In response to Cllr Hopper, who suggested whether installation of CCTV would be helpful, Cllr Byford advised that the overall frequency and level of disturbance was low.

Communications from Mrs Strickland had been circulated between meetings. The consensus had been that events held in the market square were infrequent, enjoyed by residents as a whole and they should continue to be held there rather than alternative locations sought. There was also good communication with event organisers to deal with any issues.

4.4 Honesty Box. Wheelers could install a post for £185 plus VAT and a similar honesty box would cost £218 plus VAT. The Clerk would enquire whether Ivesons could manufacture a box that could also be galvanised. He had been unable to find an

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alternative design and it was possible that the box previously purchased was intended for inserting into a masonry wall rather than mounted on a post. Subject to the overall costs being less than £500 (inclusive of VAT) and a suitable box being purchased, it was agreed to proceed.

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4.5 Road to Moors. An estimate for clearing the verges as far as the 30 mph sign was awaited from Mr Robertson.

4.6 Cobbles Review. This had not been undertaken. As discussed at the preceding Council meeting, moss clearance outside no's 1 – 6 Castle Hill and alongside Castle Keep Tea Rooms would be undertaken by Mr Robertson at a cost of £260 and the Clerk would ask whether this could be done prior to the weekend's Open Garden's event.

Clerk

4.4 Common Land / Town Wastes Parking.

There had been no further communication had been received from the Manor House executors.

5. Financial and Administrative Matters.

5.1 Cashbook balance and bank reconciliation as at 31 May 2019. Noted.

5.1.1 IT WAS RESOLVED to approve the schedule of direct debits and internet bank transfers to approve and ratify all payments since the last Meeting as set out on the payments schedule and to approve Items of Expenditure as submitted to the meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.22 pm.

Signed.....Date.....