

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, 7 March 2018 following conclusion of the Town Council meeting. (SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT NEXT TRUSTEE MEETING)

Present

The Chairman Cllr Mrs S Fairhurst, Cllr Mrs H Byford, Cllr Mr M Cade, Cllr. Mr S Wheeler, Cllr Mrs L Stocker, Cllr Mr J Kirkbride and Cllr Prof. B Shorrocks. .

Clerk, Mr D Keep

The following members of the public attended the meeting: Mrs R Thompson.

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1. Apologies.

The Chairman opened the meeting noting that it had been postponed from its original date of 28 February 2018 due to bad weather.

All Councillors were present.

2. Declarations of interest regarding items on the agenda.

Each person present is a Councillor of Middleham Town Council, the Charity's sole Trustee. Cllr Wheeler declared an interest in agenda item 4.3.1 Licence to Karl Burke Racing as an employee of the contractor constructing the horse track. No other interests were declared in the business to be transacted at the meeting.

3. Minutes

IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the minutes of meeting held on 31 January 2018 as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

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

4.1 Review of Health & Safety matters (standing item). It was reported that a horse being trained by Mark Johnston Racing had thrown its rider on the Moor. No further details were known although it was understood that there was no serious injury. There were no other matters to report.

4.2 Meeting with Middleham Trainers Association.

The Clerk reported that he had forwarded an update to Mr Bethell on various matters arising from the meeting.

4.3 Consents

4.3.1 Licence to Karl Burke Racing re horse access through woods near Spigot Lodge.

An amendment to the previously agreed wording of the Licence agreement had been requested by KBR. Paragraph 3 (c) required erection of new notices at the entrance to the track saying that riders would give way to walkers at all times. Mr Burke now

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considered that this was impractical on a narrow path in the woodland and requested that it be deleted altogether. After discussion it was agreed that there should be some warning to all users of the track and proposed that signs should still be erected with a revised wording, as follows: 'Walkers and riders share use of this track. Walkers should give way to horses.'

Clerk

On an earlier inspection of the track, it appeared that it might already have been in use from December 2017 whereas in terms of the Licence payment would become due upon signature. It was agreed to propose that fees be payable with effect from 1 January 2018

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4.4 Access across Moors. Correspondence with the Forbidden Corner and comments thereon from James Bethell of MTA regarding a possible contribution by the Forbidden Corner to maintain the surface of the bridleway was discussed. It was agreed to write to Mr Armstrong to say that Council looked forward to hearing further about a joint approach to repairs and would be willing to attend a meeting to discuss this further.

Clerk

4.5 Street Furniture agreements. The Clerk reported that he would shortly issue the invoices.

4.6 Moor Maintenance.

4.6.1 Cllr Fairhurst reported residents' comments that the Moors were currently in poor condition where vehicles had crossed and there was concern that these rutted tracks might dry out. It was agreed to carry out an inspection.

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Cllr Byford**

4.6.2 Cllr Byford requested that consent be given to cut back an area of growth adjacent to the Moor to facilitate the open air artwork as part of the Tour de Yorkshire event. This was approved and Cllr Byford would make arrangements with MTA.

5. Financial and Administrative Matters

There were no matters to report.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.20 pm

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