Minutes of a Meeting of Yarm Town Council held in the Town Hall at 7:00 pm on Tuesday 10th February, 2009

PRESENT: Cllr Hadlow (in the chair)
Cllrs: Anderson, Hornby, Neil, Simpson, Sherwood, Whitehill and Webster.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs**.** Suddes & Whyte,

Cllrs Sherwood Joined the meeting at 7.35 p.m.

74 MINUTES

74.1 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 10th February, 2009 were agreed, with the following amendment:
Apologies for absence 'none' replaced with apologies for absence 'Cllr. Webster'.

75 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

75.1 Cllr Mrs Whitehill declared a personal interest in item 9, Planning, 7, on the agenda, in regard to an application received from 1 Blackfriars for an extension, as living opposite the subject property.

76 MATTERS ARISING

76.1 Item 69.2 Flag Flying arrangements. The Clerk confirmed this has been contracted out as agreed to Mr. Chapman

76.2 Item 71.1 The non-publication of an advertisement in a local magazine. The Clerk confirmed that the reason for non publication of the advertisement was due to time restraints and lack of advertising space. The Clerk had requested the advertisement be placed in the next available magazine as instructed.

76.3 Item 72.1 Publication of the minutes on the Gazette website. The Clerk confirmed the minutes have been posted as agreed.

76.4 Item A12C 1) The Clerk had authorised the repairs to the footpath in the closed cemetery as agreed.

76.5 Item A12A 1) The Clerk had authorised the purchase of a salt bin for the access road leading to the allotments and the cemetery as agreed.

76.6 Item A12H 1) The Clerk confirmed that the public consultation notice for a temporary access road at Willie Flats Field, Sheepfoote Hill has been posted.

77 CONFIRMATION OF WEIGH AND TOLL COMMITTEE MINUTES

77.1 The minutes of the Weigh and Tolls Committee meeting held on 13th January, 2009, were accepted.

78 ACCOUNTS

78.1 The Yarm Town Council accounts received for payment, were presented and agreed for payment.

78.2 i) The Annual Service Level Agreement for the Inspection and Maintenance of Willie Flatts Field and Snithsfield play areas, from Stockton Borough Council for 2009/2010 was agreed in the sum of £800.

78.3 The situation regarding the income from the purchase of parking disks and legal responsibilities for parking were discussed at length. The Clerk is to circulate any correspondence regarding this matter to all Councillors and the Clerk and Councillor Hornby to investigate parking rights and income further.

78.4 The Councillors authorised the payment of the training course for the Clerk in The Certificate of Local Council Administration at a cost of £98.25.

78.5 A resolution was agreed for the payment of the employers contribution payments to the Teesside Pension fund for the Clerks pension at a rate of 18.2% of the Clerks salary. This was proposed by Councillor Simpson and seconded by Councillor Hornby.

78.6 Draft tenders for the open spaces and cemetery contracts were discussed and Cllr Mrs Whitehill to amend tenders following discussions with the Probation Service.

79 CORRESPONDENCE

79.1 The correspondence list for the week ending 5th February, 2009, was noted.

80 PUBLIC SESSION

80.1 A member of the public raised a concern, that an advertisement, agreed by the Council at an earlier meeting, had not been published and questioned the source of the information. It was confirmed by the Chairman that the Clerk had clarified the reason for non publication in the matters arising.

A12 PR POLICY AND RESOURCES

1) Correspondence received from North Yorkshire County Council regarding Minerals and Waste Development Framework and Core Strategies Document was noted.
2) The Tees Valley Rural Community Council Annual Review was noted.
3) The respond to the Landscape Assessment Character for Stockton Borough Council-Questionnaire is to be collated and responded to by the Clerk on 20th February 2008. It was noted that all responses should be returned to the Clerk for action before this date.
4) The scrutiny review of Neighbourhood Policing/Neighbourhood Watch/CCTV was noted and is to be re-circulated to all councillors by the clerk.
5) Amendments to the Parish Boundary was noted.
6) An invitation to the Parish Council Liaison Forum was noted.
7) The discussion of a two year action plan was deferred to the next meeting
8) The use of the probation service to serve the local community was discussed at length. It was noted that a significant contribution had been made by the Probation Service in the tidying up of Yarm Cemetery. Other suggestions were put forward and Councillor Mrs Whitehill will report the findings to the next meeting.

A12 PL PLANNING

1) A report on planning prepared by Cllr Webster was noted.
2) Discussions took place regarding the possibility of a site for static caravans at Leven Camp, Leven Bridge. Stockton Borough Council has previously refused the application. Planning application had failed at appeal and proceeded to the High Court were it was over turned on a point of law. The Council may wish to comment or object if a new planning application is submitted.
3) A pre-application consultation on a proposed mobile telecommunication installation at Lowlands Farm was noted.

A12 C CEMETERY

1) The Probation Service have been asked to put in place a schedule to tidy up the Yarm Cemetery on a rolling programme. The path, driveway, hedges and bushes have been trimmed and cleared. Councillor Suddes was thanked for removing vegetation in his trailer. It was proposed by Councillor Hornsby that funding up to £150 be agreed to remove the remaining vegetation.

A12 R RECREATION

1) Quotes and tenders for Yarm Gala will be submitted to the next Council meeting.
2) The sponsorship by Camerons this year will only be £500.
3) Bell boating will be self financed by entries, and the funfair will contribute funding to the Gala
4) Councillors were asked to seek sponsorship from various sources for the Gala.

A12 A ALLOTMENTS

1) The proposals for the acquisition or long lease hold of allotment land for parking was noted.
2) An objection from the Yarm Civic Society to the use of cultivated land for car parking at the Brickyard and Worsall Road Allotments was noted.
3) The Clerk to action the cutting of the hedge and bramble trailers on Worsall Road near the allotments.

A12 H HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT/ENVIRONMENT

1) Nothing to report.

81 ARTICLES FOR WEBSITE

81.1 Members agreed to post the minutes of the Council meeting held on 13th January, 2009, on the Gazette web site. The reason for publication was queried and it was agreed that the minutes should also be published on the Yarm Town Council web site. The Clerk to action the publication.

82 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

82.1 The chairman circulated a copy of the standing order to all councillors present at the meeting. All Councillors now hold an up to date copy of the standing orders to refer to and for future reference.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:40 p.m.