

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WEIGH AND TOLLS COMMITTEE OF YARM
TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM ON
TUESDAY 14TH JUNE 2011**

PRESENT

Chairman: Councillor Hadlow

Councillors: Cllrs: Chatburn, Houchen, Hornby, Johnson, Monck, Neil, Sherris, Mrs. Simpson, Webster, and Wegg.

Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer: Mrs. M Milburn

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. P Smith (Ratepayers Representative)

11 Members of the public attended the meeting.

11 MINUTES

11.1 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th May, 2011 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

12 CODE OF CONDUCT – DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

12.1 A personal and prejudicial interest was declared by Cllr Monck as a member of the Civic Society in relation to agenda item 6 b) the infill of the Town Hall arches.

13 MATTERS ARISING

13.1 There were no matters arising

14 ACCOUNTS

14.1 The Weigh & Tolls Committee accounts were presented and agreed.

15 USE OF TOWN HALL AND HIGH STREET

15.1 An e-mail from Fiona Bage of Stockton BC regarding the planning permission for the Town Hall infill was discussed and noted. The Clerk informed the Council that she has spoken with Fiona Beige who could not indicate whether or not a permanent retrospective planning application would be acceptable to the planning committee.

15.2 The permanent display of the Town Hall infill boards with a cost of £335 for the planning application was discussed. A vote was taken to decide whether or not to proceed with the planning application. Cllrs Hadlow, Chatburn, Wegg, Neil, Hornby, Johnson, Webster and Houchen all voted in favour of applying for retrospective planning consent, although some reservations were discussed. Cllr Simpson voted to have the boards removed. Cllr Monck abstained from voting.

Resolved: Following a majority vote The Clerk was instructed to proceed with the planning application.

16 THE 2011 YARM GALA

16.1 Cllr Hadlow informed the Council that everything was in place for this year's gala with the exception of one imminent outstanding Health and Safety review from Moody's.

Chairman.....

Date.....

17 THE 2011 YARM FAIR

- 17.1 An e-mail from a local trader regarding the closure of the High Street during the Yarm Fair was noted. Cllr Simpson produced evidence that the closure of the High Street was a police decision made in 1999. This information was also noted.
- 17.2 The use of Premier Traffic Management for the provision of traffic management for Yarm Fair was discussed and agreed. Proposed by Cllr. Monck and seconded by Cllr. Chatburn.
- 17.3 The purchase of new road signs for Yarm Fair was considered. The Clerk informed the Council that the generic road signs could be rented from Premier Traffic Management but bespoke signs would need to be purchased. Cllr Mrs Simpson pointed out that Yarm Town Council is not a highways authority and should therefore not be purchasing such signs. Cllr Simpson also produced evidence from March 2001 to support her argument. Cllr Simpson also pointed out that there was nothing in this year's budget for the purchase of new signs. Further discussions took place on who should pay for the cost of road closure during the fair. The Clerk was instructed to write to Stockton Borough Council requesting that they provide the road signage at no cost to Yarm Town Council and querying the responsibility for the cost of road closure. The Clerk was further instructed to enquire about the cost of road signs with the AA. Cllr. Monck proposed an amendment to minute number 17.2 which will now be deferred until mandatory requirements are confirmed. This was seconded by Cllr Houchen.

18 FARMERS MARKET

- 18.1 A Farmers Market was deferred to the next meeting

19 TO RECEIVE ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND CONSIDERATION FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- 19.1 Cllr Hadlow requested that the painting of the Town Hall, the pointing of the clock tower and the refurbishment of the weather vane be considered for the next agenda.

20. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE WEIGH AND TOLL COMMITTEE.

- 20.1 The date of the next meeting of the Weigh and Tolls Committee was confirmed as Tuesday 12th July 2011 at 7.00pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7:30 pm

Signed, this 12th day of July, 2011

Chairman.....

Date.....