

Hirst Courtney & West Bank Parish Council

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council
held in the Blue Room at Drax Sports & Social Club
Monday 14th February 2022 at 7.00pm

Present:

Councillors: Cllr R. Wagstaff (Chairman) Cllr I. Forbes (Vice-chairman), Cllr J. Barratt, Cllr A. McGuigan, Cllr G. Burbidge

In Attendance: Mrs S. Rockliff, **Proper Officer/ Clerk**

Members of the Public: seven

Cllr Wagstaff, Chairman of the Council, opened the meeting at 7.00pm.

96. Apologies for Absence.

96.1 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Howsam

96.2 Councillors considered the reason for Cllr Howsam's absence

Resolved, that:

The reason for Cllr Howsam's absence be approved.

97. Declarations of Interest.

There were no disclosures of personal or prejudicial interests from councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.

98. Co-option of a Councillor.

The Chairman of the Council explained to those present that there was now only one candidate, Mr Martin Hird, for the vacancy. Mr Hird met the eligibility criteria and was not disqualified from being a councillor so would be co-opted to the Council as stated in the Council's Co-Options to Vacancies Policy.

Councillors discussed with the candidate some of the statements that he had made in his application.

The Chairman invited Mr Martin Hird to join the Council. Mr Hird signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the clerk. Cllr Hird joined the meeting.

Resolved, that:

Mr Martin Hird be co-opted to the Parish Council.

Minutes Approved at the full Meeting of the Council held on the 22nd February 2022. Minute Ref:

103.2

Signed:

99. Planning Matters.

Councillors considered Planning Application Ref: 2021/1478/OUT Proposal: Outline application for erection of up to 9 dwellings (all matters reserved). Location: Royal Oak Inn, Main Road.

Councillors agreed that the proposal would be of benefit to the community as The Royal Oak was closed and the building was deteriorating. Councillors agreed that the land was classed as brownfield as it had been used as a haulage yard in the past.

A member of the public was granted permission to speak. They expressed concern that the Council had seen documents that had not been seen by members of the public. A councillor explained that the application was for outline permission only and that the documents the Council had seen were available for the public to view on Selby District Council's Planning Website. The clerk confirmed the councillor's response.

The Chairman proposed a vote in favour of the development.

Resolved, that:

The Parish Council were in favour of the outline application for the erection of up to 9 dwellings.

100. Parish Matters.

There were no Parish Matters for consideration.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7.28pm.