

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at
2.00 pm on Tuesday, 25th February, 2020 at
Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Stone Cross,
Rotary Way, Northallerton, DL6 2UU

Present

Councillor K G Hardisty (in the Chair)

Councillor	P Atkin	Councillor	Mrs J W Mortimer
	P Bardon		J Noone
	M A Barningham		G Ramsden
	G W Dadd		A Robinson
	C A Dickinson		M S Robson
	D B Elders		Mrs I Sanderson
	Mrs B S Fortune		M G Taylor
	B Griffiths		P Thompson
	R W Hudson		A Wake
	D Hugill		D Watkins
	R Kirk		S Watson
	N A Knapton		D A Webster
	C A Les		P R Wilkinson

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Phillips

C.30 Former Councillors Mike Richardson and Chris Rooke

All Wards

The Council stood in silence in memory of former Councillor Mike Richardson, who had sadly passed away on 16 January 2020, and former Councillor Chris Rooke, who sadly passed away on 18 February 2020.

C.31 Minutes

The decision:

That the minutes of the Special meeting held on 17 September 2019 (C.15 to C.16) and the meeting held on 17 December 2019 (C.22 to C.29), previously circulated, be signed as correct records.

C.32 Verbal Statement of the Leader and Referrals from Cabinet

The Leader made a statement on the following matters:-

- Devolution and proposals for a York and North Yorkshire authority;
- Newby Wiske Hall and permission to appeal to the Court of Appeal refusal;
- A consultation event for Hambleton's new Crematorium project which would take place on Wednesday, 26 February 2020 between 1pm and 7pm at Sandhutton and Breckenbrough Village Hall;

- Flooding – the Leader wished to express thanks on behalf of the Council to the Director of Environment, Paul Staines; the Council's Operations Manager, Gary Brown; the Council's Waste and Recycling Supervisor, Nick Leete and all the operational team and other staff for their hard work and efforts in dealing with the recent flooding; and
- Council Tax - The Leader announced that, should the Council Tax proposal be approved, this would see an increase of £5 on a Band D property which would mean that the authority would be the third lowest charging Council in the country and the lowest in North Yorkshire.

A number of questions were asked based on the statement. The main issues which the Leader responded to were in relation to Devolution, the recent flooding at Dalton Bridge and Council Tax.

The Leader moved Cabinet minutes CA.39 to CA.41 and CA.44 to CA.51.

The Decision:

That the reports, resolutions and recommendations of the following meetings of the Cabinet be received, approved and adopted:-

Body	Date of Meeting	Minute Nos
Cabinet	14 January 2020 11 February 2020	CA.39 to CA.41 CA.44 to CA.51

C.33 Cabinet Portfolio Statements

- (a) Councillor P R Wilkinson, Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Finance made a statement regarding Business Support and Development, Dalton Industrial Estate, the C4Di Beta project, the Skills Village, Apprentices and Graduates and the Hambleton Business Conference.
- (b) Councillor Mrs B S Fortune, Portfolio Holder for Leisure made a statement regarding the Stokesley Leisure Centre new gym, Thirsk and Sowerby Leisure Centre, Northallerton Sports Village, Quest accolade at Hambleton's Leisure Centres and inclusive sport which increases opportunities for disable people to participate in sport and physical activity. A question was asked regarding the availability of the proposed new allotment gardens which was responded to at the meeting. A question was also asked regarding the recent flooding at Stokesley Leisure Centre and future preventative action. The Portfolio Holder undertook to provide a response following the meeting.
- (c) Councillor Mrs I Sanderson, Portfolio Holder for Governance made a statement regarding Cyber Security, communications, a successful prosecution in a 'Plying for Hire' case, Elections, the car park improvement scheme and the reduction in the Council's energy consumption for street lighting. A question was asked regarding the monetary value of the reduction in the Council's energy consumption for street lighting which responded to at the meeting.

- (d) Councillor D Webster, Portfolio Holder for Planning made a statement regarding the preparation of the Local Plan, the Planning Service review, the North Northallerton Link Road, the successful performance in the completion of house builds and the delivery of the Disabled Facilities Grant with 45 completed adaptations delivered by 31 January 2020. The Portfolio Holder welcomed the newly appointed Chief Planning Officer to the Council meeting.
- (e) Councillor S Watson, Portfolio Holder for Environmental Health, Waste and Recycling made a statement regarding the recently completed Scrutiny Committee review into Recycling, recycling rates, fly tipping and littering improvements, Carbon reduction, Waste and Street Scene, Green Waste Licences, Health and Safety performance and Environmental Health. A number of questions were asked regarding Carbon Reduction which were responded to at the meeting.

C.34 Referral from the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee

The Decision:

That the reports, resolutions and recommendations of the following meeting of the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee be received, approved and adopted:-

Body	Date of Meeting	Minute Nos
Audit, Governance and Standards Committee	28 January 2020	AGS.24 to AGS.25

C.35 Council Tax 2020/21

All Wards

A revised addendum to the report had been circulated prior to the commencement of the meeting. It was moved by the Leader and seconded by the Deputy Leader that the Notice of Motion at Item 8 on the agenda be approved in pursuance of Minute CA.50.

The Decision

That pursuant to Minute CA.50:-

- (1) That it be noted that on 15 January 2020 Hambleton District Council calculated the Council Tax Base for 2020/21:-
 - (a) for the whole Council area as 37,256.42 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")]; and

- (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in the attached Annex A(1).
- (2) That the Council has calculated the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2020/21 (excluding Parish precepts) as £4,265,114.96.
- (3) That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2020/21 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-
- (a) **District/Parish Gross Expenditure**
£48,006,456.82 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils
- (b) **District/Parish Gross Income (including Government Grants, use of Reserves and Collection Fund Surpluses etc)**
£42,187,844.99 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act
- (c) **District/Parish Net Expenditure**
£5,818,611.83 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its Council Tax requirement for the year (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act)
- (d) **Basic Amount of Tax (including average Parish Precepts)**
£156.1774 being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R) all divided by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts)
- (e) **Parish Precepts**
£1,553,496.87 being the aggregate of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per Annex 'A')
- (f) **Basic Amount of Tax (Unparished Areas)**
£114.4800 being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 4(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates

(4) **Major Precepting Authorities** That it be noted that the North Yorkshire County Council, the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority and the Police and Crime Commissioner North Yorkshire will issue precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area and this will be as indicated in the table below and at Annex A(1).

(5) **Council Tax Bands for All Councils**

That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2020/21 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of the dwellings.

Hambleton District Council

Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
76.32	89.04	101.76	114.48	139.92	165.36	190.80	228.96

North Yorkshire County Council – excluding Adult Social Care

Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
829.07	967.25	1,105.43	1,243.61	1,519.97	1,796.33	2,072.68	2,487.22

North Yorkshire County Council – Adult Social Care

Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
79.91	93.22	106.54	119.86	146.50	173.13	199.77	239.72

North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority

Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
48.46	56.54	64.61	72.69	88.84	105.00	121.15	145.38

Police and Crime Commissioner North Yorkshire

Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
177.18	206.71	236.24	265.77	324.83	383.89	442.95	531.54

(6) **Excessive Council Tax**

That the Council determines that the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2020/21 (at 3(f) above) is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

(7) The appropriate amount is transferred to the Council Taxpayers Reserve to support the decision at (3) above.

(8) The policy on Balances and Reserves at Annex C is approved.

The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 required a recorded vote on the substantive Motion, Members present were recorded as voting as follows:

For the motion: P Atkin, P Bardon, M A Barningham, G W Dadd, C A Dickinson, D B Elders, Mrs B S Fortune, K G Hardisty, R W Hudson, J D Hugill, R Kirk, N A Knapton, C A Les, J Mortimer, J Noone, A Robinson, M S Robson, Mrs I Sanderson, M Taylor, P R Thompson, A P Wake, D Watkins, S Watson, D A Webster and P R Wilkinson (25)

Against the motion: none

Abstentions: B Griffiths and G Ramsden (2).

C.36 **Members' Allowances Scheme 2020/21**

All Wards

The Chief Executive submitted a report regarding the Members' Allowances Scheme which in line with the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 required the Council to consider its Allowances Scheme before the beginning of each year.

The Decision

That the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2020/21 attached at Appendix B of the report be approved.

C.37 **Statement of Pay Policy 2020/21**

All Wards

The Chief Executive submitted a report seeking approval of the Statement of Pay Policy for the year commencing on 1 April 2020. The Council was required to adopt the Statement of Pay Policy each year.

The Decision:

That the Statement of Pay Policy be adopted with effect from 1 April 2020.

Note: Management Team left the meeting prior to any discussion and voting on the above item.

The meeting closed at 2.42 pm

Chairman of the Council