

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Settle Town Council held in the Council's offices, Settle Town Hall, on Thursday, 20th July 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Present: Cllrs Taylor, Balsamini, Cotton, Handford, Catherwood Tyrer, & Miss R Hill - The Clerk

Public: 8

Chairman- Councillor David Taylor, welcomed all present and declared the meeting open.

Public Participation

A Simpson spoke about the benefit to the community for the pitch to be levelled. The consultants had spent 2/3 years working on the application. The tree officer who had recommended removal had since left CDC. R Taylor asked why the tree was to be removed before works had commenced it was still unknown whether the tree would be damaged. The removal of the tree would take away the natural drainage properties it provided and possibly affect the surrounding houses and buildings. Had any exploration been carried out to see how deep and how far out the tree roots were.

A Lowe explained about an alternative system to called 'Air Spade' which may be used to protect the tree root zone. He also confirmed a beech tree will pull thousands of litres of water and its removal may cause problems for surrounding structures.

CL808 Apologies Councillors Beesley, Lord Robinson

CL809 Code of Conduct - Localism Act 2011 - to record any Councillor's Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) in relation to items on this agenda

- a) Councillors are to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) that they may have in items appearing on this Agenda (S 30 (3)), Appendices A & B **None**
- b) To receive, consider, decide and record Members' requests for DPI dispensations (S 31) in connection with items on this Agenda – **Cllr Tyrer declared an interest in agenda item 4 minute ref:CL812**
- c) Register of Interests – **None received**

CL810 Planning application 62/2017/18098 Levelling and reduction of part of sports pitch to improve drainage and removal of 1 no. Beech Tree at North Ribblesdale RUFC, Lower Greenfoot, Settle, North Yorkshire, BD24 9RB

To review the decision by Craven District Council to grant permission to remove the 1 Beech Tree (which is protected under TPO Number 174 2009) and approve further appropriate action as required.

Resolved: The Council emphasised that they fully supported the need for works on the Rugby pitch but not to the detriment of one of the oldest trees in Settle. The Clerk to contact Craven District Council to clarify whether the Council have taken steps to revoke the Tree Preservation Order 174 2009 and to raise concerns that a precedent is being set. Clarification be sought regarding the status of the tree application 62-2017-17449 currently awaiting decision for the removal of the tree. In addition confirmation that other methods of excavation were explored by the applicant to avoid the removal of the tree.

CL812 To receive a request for permission to use the Pinfold for Settle Stories event on 4th August

Resolved: That this be approved

CL763 To receive items of information from the Clerk or Councillors and future agenda items
None

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at **6:37 pm**

Signed

Dated