

The Acting Clerk specifically drew members attention to agenda item 5, following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that the report be received and approved.

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Budgets & Property Working Group

It was confirmed that only the notes for the meeting held on 18 November 2021 were available.

Members were asked to consider the recommendations made to full Council concerning the budget constraints and project priorities (identified in Red on the updated works list), that the Bath House improvement project be mothballed at this time as it was not classed as an urgent priority, but the repair and replacement of the windows had been identified as an urgent priority, along with repairs to the boundary wall at the Jubilee Gardens site. Also discussed was the 25 year lease extension (rather than 99 years) be sought on Millennium Field to reduce the related administration.

It was **RESOLVED** that the report be received and approved

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Planning Committee

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With regard to planning application 21/08506/RM/NE, for the Site At: Land Off Racecourse Approach for 785 dwellings, and relating to the Reserved Matters, Councillor Hawkins raised his concern about the density of the development and that it should be in keeping with the size of other estates in the Town, and whether the sewerage system would be able to cope. Comment was made that the density of the development would result in affordable housing for residents.

Councillor Lamb confirmed that the area had been allocated, objections had been submitted and concerns over sewerage highlighted, but it was now at the stage where it would be better to engage with the developers.

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Climate Emergency

Councillor Mulhall asked the Town Council to write a letter of support for the Greening of Wetherby project (see minute 142 21 – 22), being organised by Wetherby St James. The letter would enable them to submit a funding application. Following discussion It was **RESOLVED** that a letter be produced, Councillor Mulhall would liaise with the Acting Clerk to produce it.

Councillor Mulhall confirmed the next meeting of the Climate Emergency Working Group would take place the following week.

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Highways.

Councillor Harrington provided an update to members concerning the SID machines (see minute 120 21 – 22). The one on Deighton Road was operational, Leeds CC had been asked to remove the others and the cost to repair them would be ascertained.

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Police matters

Following the PACT meeting held 04 January 2022, although there had been various offences reported, generally it had been a good month.

Although members of the public were encouraged to report all incidents of crime, Councillor Chapman commented on the difficulty of reporting crime.

An arrest had been made following the recent spate of graffiti in the Town (see minute 121 21 – 22).

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Correspondence

Members duly noted the content of the items received, it was agreed that the Bonfire Working Party would become part of the Welcome to Wetherby Committee.

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Reports from Councillors

Following the recent Outer North East Community Committee meeting, the arrangements for the Queens Platinum Jubilee were discussed, a representative from each Parish Council within the Alwoodley/Harewood and Wetherby Wards, would be asked to send a representative to discuss and seek support from Leeds CC.
Councillor Mulhall was asked to represent Wetherby Town Council.
Councillor Frame commented on his previous experiences of the benefit of arranging a group response rather than individual efforts.

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Staffing

Councillor O’Byrne sought a resolution from members for a closed session to discuss staffing matters, it was **RESOLVED** that the resolution be granted. The items identified on the agenda would be part of a larger staffing revue, to be organised by the Acting Clerk for early February.
Members were reminded that matters discussed in a closed session, was not for public knowledge.
Members thanked the administration team for the work undertaken during the Town Clerk’s absence and duly acknowledged their commitment.

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Items for information only.

No items received.

The meeting closed at 8.04 pm.
These minutes were prepared by Barry Riley Acting Clerk.

SIGNED:(Chair)

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