

b) Budget Report

It was **RESOLVED** that the income and expenditure report to 21/01/22, detailing progress against the agreed budget be received and approved.

c) Payments

It was **RESOLVED** that the list of 30 payments made between 10/02/22 and 09/03/22, totalling £24,146.21, as detailed in the list of payments be approved.

Town Hall

d) Budget Report

It was **RESOLVED** that the income and expenditure report to 31/01/22, detailing progress against the agreed budget be received and approved.

e) Payments.

It was **RESOLVED** that the list of 15 payments made between 10/02/22 and 10/03/22, totalling £16,360.54, as detailed in the list of payments be approved.

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Budgets & Governance Committee

The minutes of the Budgets & Governance Committee meeting held on 08/02/22 were approved by the Committee members and **RECEIVED** by Council.

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Planning Committee

The draft minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 21/02/22 were approved by Committee members and **RECEIVED** by Council.

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Welcome to Wetherby

The draft minutes of the Welcome to Wetherby Committee meeting held on 17/02/22 were approved by Committee members and **RECEIVED** by Council.

a) Appointment of member

Following the resignation of Councillor Smith, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that Councillor Moss be elected to the Welcome to Wetherby Committee.

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Climate Emergency

Councillor Mulhall informed the meeting that their next meeting would be considering a Common Strategy to work effectively with other community groups. He had attended a meeting with Wharfedale Rotary and Boston Spa Green group to discuss tree planting and he was hoping to attend the next meeting of the Property Committee to discuss proposals.

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Highways

Councillor Harrington confirmed that Aire Road had been re-surfaced, including at the Junction which had been missed originally. The problem at a pumping station which had led to flooding to the walkway at Freemans Way had been fixed but the flooding had happened again so further action was required. Highways were looking for a longer term solution. In response to a question, Councillor Harrington confirmed that she understood the direction arrows would be reinstated in the Crossley Street Carpark.

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Police Matters

a) Information from PACT meeting held on 01/03/22

Councillor Chapman reported that there had been four burglaries and two attempted burglaries from garages/sheds during the daytime. In addition there had been 3 thefts from shops in the Horsefair and a shop on Crossley Street had been burgled twice, the first time forcing the shop to close for a period. However, overall there had been five fewer crimes than last month. Councillor Chapman asked that members encourage members of the public to report all incidents to the police as the number and type of crimes reported does affect the allocation of resources.

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Correspondence

There were no requests for further information on any items of correspondence.

a) Boston Spa and Wetherby doorbell and accessibility campaign

It was confirmed that the Town Hall does have an accessible bell – to make it more prominent would require approval as it is a listed building in the conservation area. Ms Wiggins had been advised to approach Wetherby Business Association. It was suggested that there be a page on the Council website listing accessible businesses as provided by the Business Association.

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Reports from Councillors

- (a) Members were advised to check <https://one.network/uk> for up-to-date information on roadworks.
- (b) A survey of HGVs on the Wetherby Road to Harewood had been conducted. The result was to less than 10% of the traffic and this was therefore deemed to be acceptable. There is to be further discussion with regard to HGV traffic in Wetherby and Boston Spa.
- (c) Councillor Harrington confirmed she had been informed that the Leeds Bypass will be in place before the Leeds Festival which should ease traffic congestion in the area.
- (d) Following his attendance at the Outer North East Forum, Councillor Chapman reported that there was a new road safety campaign targeting the use of mobile phones in the car. He had been informed that the police will prosecute on the basis of photo footage (taken by a passenger) of the offence being committed together with details of the car. Footage from a dashcam could also be used.
- (e) It was reported that one of the local PCSOs in the Wetherby area was retiring. Whilst more PCSOs are being appointed, their deployment has still not been determined.
- (f) Councillor Hawkins raised the matter of branches overhanging the carriageway on the A168. He was advised to take a photograph and send it to Highways, Leeds.
- (g) Councillor Lamb suggested that a new award, possibly known as the “Platinum Award” in honour of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee, be created to honour any individual who had made a significant contribution to the town and/or community. The award was not necessarily to be an annual award but when appropriate. It was agreed that this be referred to the Budgets & Governance Committee for consideration and the possible drawing up of terms of reference

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Items for information only

a) Taylor Wimpey Development

Councillor Harrington reported that the Town Council had submitted comments on the planning portal in respect of the Swinnow Park development. They were submitted after the Taylor Wimpey Open event. Councillor Lamb asked that it be recorded that he had no input on the submissions by WTC or Better Wetherby.

b) Councillor Lamb, as Chair of Staffing asked that the Council’s thanks to B Riley, M Holmes and A Waterfield for their efforts over the past few months be recorded.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.

These minutes were recorded and prepared by Margaret Holmes, Deputy Town Clerk.

SIGNED: **(Chair)**

DATE: