

**POCKLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**

Meeting of the Town Council  
Meeting Room Old Courthouse George Street Pocklington  
Wednesday 14 December 2016 at 7pm

**Present:** Councillors Sykes (chairman), Cooper, Green, Hodgson, Hutchinson, Jones, Perry, Ratcliffe, Sinton, Spademan, West and Winterton.

**Attending:** Cllr K. West from East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Gordon Scaife - Town Clerk, Poppy Kennedy – Pocklington Post and five members of the public.

Before the start of the meeting Cllr Spademan led the council in prayers.

1. Notice of meeting. Cllr Hodgson proposed the notice of the meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Cooper and agreed.
2. To accept apologies for absence. Apologies were received from Cllr Sharpe.
3. Declarations of interest. To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared.

No declarations of interest were declared.

4. Consider suspending the meeting to allow an opportunity for person(s) or groups to address the council for a total period of up to 15 minutes and to receive an update from our East Riding of Yorkshire Ward Councillors.

Cllr Spademan proposed the meeting be suspended 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr West and agreed.

Cllr K. West had been to the launch of the new East Riding Rural Strategy the Town Council should be receiving a copy. Cllr Winterton thanked Cllr West for helping with the Christmas Festival. The photos in this weeks' Pocklington Post of the Christmas Festival look great.

Cllr K. West reported on the following planning applications – The proposal by Gladman Developments for a residential development on The Balk had been refused. The McCarthy and Stone Application is due to go before planning committee at East Riding of Yorkshire Council on the 17<sup>th</sup> January. It would be worth asking to speak at the meeting against the proposed development.

5. Consider continuing the meeting. Cllr Ratcliffe proposed continuing the meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Spademan and agreed.
6. To confirm the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016. Cllr West proposed the minutes be accepted as a true record 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Winterton and agreed.
7. To report matters arising from these minutes not on the agenda for information only.

Cllr Hutchinson asked for a copy of the Platform Festival this has been received and the Clerk will send it out.

A question was asked about how long the Freedom of Information requests had taken to pull the information requested together. The Clerk responded it had taken 6 working days to respond to the Freedom of Information Request which means that other work has not been completed.

8. To receive the Arts Centre Managers Report.

Due to a live event tonight no one was able to attend. The incident at the Arts Centre needs to be logged with the Police.

9. To receive financial statement of

a) Pocklington Town Council and agree payments.

Cllr Winterton proposed the below payments to be authorised 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Spademan and agreed.

		<b>Date</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Amount</b>
382	BP	10.11.16	4039	Your Spares.	Fly lead converter (LS)	£ 39.66
383	BP	10.11.16	4039	SGS	Fly lead converter (LS)	£ 35.98
384	BP	10.11.16	4039	Screwfix	Lights, transformers, bulbs (LS)	£ 547.81
385	BP	15.12.16	4057	Richard Dixon	Internal audit	£ 617.50
386	BP	15.12.16	4020	Poste Haste Printers	WW1 formatting and printing	£ 385.00
387	BP	15.12.16	4207	Hire Station	Lighting rig charge bonfire night	£ 215.40
388	BP	15.12.16	4037	P Fletcher Contracting	Hedge cutting Burnby Lane	£ 960.00
389	BP	15.12.16	4039	Travis Perkins	Screwdriver	£ 25.92
390	BP	14.11.16	4024	HWRCC	Membership	£ 25.00
391	BP	15.12.16	4207	CasCare	1st aid bonfire night	£ 100.00
392	BP	15.12.16	4036	Chubb	Annual service 1.1.17 - 31.12.17	£ 568.90
393	DD	15.12.16	4014	British Gas	Courthouse electricity	£ 304.90
394	BP	15.12.16	4207	G T Graphics	Christmas advertising	£ 113.64
395	BP	17.11.16	4020	Feathers hotel	Christmas meal deposit	£ 250.00
396	BP	15.12.16	4039	Thomas & Anca Club supplies	Tombola drum	£ 78.00
397	BP	15.12.16	4023	ER Supplies	Stationery	£ 41.48
398	DD	25.11.16	4032	Be Fuelcards	Fuel	£ 30.77
399	BP	15.12.16	4037	East Riding Horticulture	Rock Salt	£ 170.40
400	102630	06.12.16	various	Cash	Petty Cash	£ 82.30
401	BP	15.12.16	4037	Anderson Fencing	Hedge cutting cemetery	£ 720.00
402	BP	15.12.16	4205	Cyberglide	IT support	£ 35.00
403	BP	05.12.16	4025	Zurich Insurance	Tractor insurance	£ 122.25
404	BP	25.11.16	105	HMRC	VAT	£ 258.14
405	BP	15.12.16	4036	Vermex	Pigeon deterrants PAC	£ 480.00
406	BP	15.12.16	4207	Fresh Food Deli	Catering	£ 310.05
407	BP	15.12.16	4024	RBS	Accounts software	£ 288.00
408	BP	29.11.16	4002	Janet Farmer	November salary	
409	BP	29.11.16	4017	Eileen Moore	November salary	
410	BP	29.11.16	4005	John Bielby	November salary	
411	BP	29.11.16	4004	Lisa Skelding	November salary	
412	BP	29.11.16	4001	Gordon Scaife	November salary	
413	BP	29.11.16	various	HMRC	November Tax and NI	£ 1,731.90
414	BP	02.12.16	4032	Be Fuelcards	Fuel	£ 29.05
415	BP	15.12.16	4037	Anderson Fencing	Lilacs Hedge cutting	£ 45.00
416	BP	15.12.16	4021	Daisy communications	PAC installation	£ 1,200.00
417	DD	15.12.16	4021	Daisy communications	Mobile phones	£ 16.87
418	DD	15.12.16	4043	VSS	CCTV	£ 90.00
419	BP	05.12.16	4207	Club Class	Stage steps Christmas Festival	£ 196.80
420	BP	15.12.16	4044	ERYC	Street lights	£ 2,464.60
421	BP	15.12.16	4207	Mr Magic	Street entertainment Christmas Festival	£ 440.00

422	BP	15.12.16	4208	Aldi	Mince pies Carols with Mayor (LS)	£ 12.50
423	BP	15.12.16	4039	Wolds Engineering	High Viz clothing	£ 42.00
424	BP	15.12.16	4039	Travis Perkins	Cable ties	£ 4.73
425	BP	15.12.16	4021	Daisy communications	landline phones	£ 45.20
426	BP	06.12.16	4207	Holly Ring	Characters Christmas Fair	£ 160.00
427	BP	15.12.16	4209	Ben Legard Estate	Christmas tree	£ 300.00
428	BP	15.12.16	4209	Ben Legard Estate	Christmas tree	-£ 50.00
429	DD	09.12.16	4032	Be Fuelcards	Fuel	£ 1.34
430	BP	15.12.16	4036	A and L Stewart	Electric work PAC	£ 502.33
431	BP	15.12.16	4036	A and L Stewart	Electric work PAC	£ 118.37
432	BP	07.12.16	4209	Langlands	Christmas lights PAC (JD)	£ 149.94
433	BP	15.12.16	4202	Co-op	Chocolates for prizes (LS)	£ 42.00
434	BP	15.12.16	4024	SLCC	Membership	£ 200.00
435	DD	20.12.16	4015	CNG	Gas Courthouse	£ 134.24
436	DD	23.12.16	4026	HSBC	Bank Charges	£ 55.00
437	DD	14.12.16	4020	Feathers hotel	Christmas meal (LS)	£ 245.25
438	DD	16.12.16	4032	Be Fuelcards	Fuel	£ 50.65
439	BP	15.12.16	4209	David Wilkinson	Erecting Christmas Lights	£ 1,159.20
440	102633	14.12.16	4054	Hayton Service Station	Van deposit	£ 1,000.00
					<b>Totals</b>	<b>£ 17,193.07</b>
					<b>Grand total</b>	<b>£ 23,000.93</b>

- b) Consider the bank statements and agree payments from Pocklington Arts Centre.  
Cllr Winterton proposed the statements and the below payments be authorised 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Spademan and agreed.

		<b>Date Paid</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Amount</b>
386	BP	10.11.16	Amazon	Freesat viewer (JD)	£ 114.75
387	BP	10.11.16	Picturehouse Entertainment	Fee	£ 188.10
388	BP	10.11.16	Half Moon Brewery	Bar supplies	£ 82.80
389	BP	10.11.16	T Herbert	Book keeper	£ 126.00
390	BP	10.11.16	M Joseph	Fee	£ 1,720.26
391	BP	10.11.16	Universal	Film fee	£ 2,673.61
392	BP	10.11.16	Universal	Film fee	£ 2,171.45
393	BP	10.11.16	Facebook	advertising (JF)	£ 46.00
394	BP	10.11.16	Co-op	Bar supplies (JF)	£ 33.99
395	BP	10.11.16	drinkstuff	Bar supplies	£ 98.40
396	BP	17.11.16	York Beer and Wine Shop	Bar supplies	£ 245.38
397	BP	17.11.16	J B Productions	Fee	£ 6,000.00
398	BP	17.11.16	Laura Taylor	fee	£ 80.00
399	BP	17.11.16	EE	expenses (JD)	£ 22.73
400	BP	17.11.16	Wards	Bar supplies	£ 96.00
401	BP	17.11.16	Feathers Hotel	Fee	£ 55.00
402	BP	17.11.16	Feathers Hotel	Fee	£ 55.00
403	BP	17.11.16	Catherine Sleightholme	Confectionery supplies	£ 36.40
404	BP	17.11.16	Viking	Coffee	£ 404.00
405	BP	17.11.16	Premier Business Supplies	Cleanign supplies	£ 169.31

406	BP	17.11.16	Sam Dunkley	Fee	£ 182.80
407	BP	17.11.16	Picturehouse Entertainment	Fee	£ 353.40
408	BP	17.11.16	Brass Castle Brewery	Bar supplies	£ 355.30
409	BP	17.11.16	G T Graphics	Printing	£ 10.00
410	BP	17.11.16	JSS Audio	technician fee	£ 198.00
411	BP	17.11.16	JSS Audio	technician fee	£ 300.00
412	BP	17.11.16	Brass Castle Brewery	Bar supplies	£ 89.63
413	BP	17.11.16	D Ford	Fee	£ 847.50
414	BP	17.11.16	N Hall	Fee	£ 80.00
415	BP	17.11.16	G T Graphics	Printing	£ 50.00
416	BP	17.11.16	W and C Forth	Stationery	£ 95.00
417	BP	17.11.16	Eden Farm Hullies	Confectionery supplies	£ 171.36
418	BP	17.11.16	Eden Farm Hullies	Confectionery supplies	£ 144.68
419	BP	17.11.16	Eden Farm Hullies	Confectionery supplies	£ 130.53
420	BP	17.11.16	Trainline	Travel (JD)	£ 160.30
421	BP	17.11.16	G T Graphics	printing	£ 51.60
422	BP	25.11.16	Glasgow Film	Tickets (JD)	£ 260.00
423	BP	05.12.16	M Gledhill	Fee	£80.00
424	BP	07.12.16	Turbosat	Satellite Receiver (JF)	£ 209.95
425	BP	07.12.16	Mount Royale Hotel	Accommodation	£ 440.00
426	BP	07.12.16	Pocklington & Weighton Blinds	Vertical blind	£ 93.60
427	BP	07.12.16	Country Gas	Bar gas	£ 20.28
428	BP	07.12.16	JL Brooks	Confectionery supplies	£ 123.60
429	BP	07.12.16	JL Brooks	Confectionery supplies	-£ 8.87
430	BP	07.12.16	Citizen	Accommodation	£ 192.40
431	BP	07.12.16	Wolds Advertiser	Leaflet distribution	£ 157.50
432	BP	07.12.16	Keith Hulkin	Fee	£ 190.00
433	BP	07.12.16	Pianotrans	piano installation	£ 120.00
434	BP	07.12.16	Sam Dunkley	rehearsal	£ 365.60
435	BP	07.12.16	Brass Castle Brewery	bar supplies	£ 268.00
436	BP	07.12.16	Brass Castle Brewery	Bar supplies	£ 356.74
437	BP	07.12.16	Pivovar	Bar supplies	£ 67.93
438	BP	07.12.16	Pivovar	Bar supplies	£ 206.39
439	BP	07.12.16	Pivovar	Bar supplies	£ 157.79
440	BP	07.12.16	Pipeline	Fee	£ 900.00
441	BP	07.12.16	Spotify	Fee (JF)	£ 59.94
442	BP	07.12.16	York Beer and Wine Shop	Bar supplies	£ 794.16
443	BP	07.12.16	JSS Audio	Pa System	£ 360.00
444	BP	07.12.16	Entertainment Film Distributors	Film fee	£ 120.00
445	BP	07.12.16	Terry Herbert	Book keeper	£ 375.00
446	BP	07.12.16	Premier Business Supplies	Cleaning supplies	£ 40.80
447	BP	07.12.16	Picturehouse Entertainment	Film fee	£ 507.40
448	TFR	07.12.16	Pocklington Town Council	Electrical work	£ 830.60
449	BP	29.11.16	James Duffy	November salary	
450	BP	29.11.16	Tom Stalker	November salary	
451	BP	29.11.16	Nigel Rudsdale	November salary	
452	BP	29.11.16	Paul Jennings	November salary	
453	BP	29.11.16	George Waite	November salary	

454	BP	29.11.16	Jake Barber	November salary	
455	BP	29.11.16	Chris Heald	November salary	
456	BP	29.11.16	HMRC	November Tax and NI	£ 1,010.62
457	BP	29.11.16	PTC	Contribution to managers salary	£ 71.08
458	BP	29.11.16	PTC	Loan repayment	£ 250.00
459	BP	12.12.16	M Messer	Fee	£ 3,335.40
				<b>Sub total</b>	<b>£ 29,595.19</b>
				<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£ 33,522.77</b>

10. To agree the list of burials. Cllr Jones proposed the interment of the bodies of Joan May Percy, James Carlton, Clarissa Maureen Farrow, Doreen Marjorie Stone and the memorial headstone for Norma Turton 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Green and agreed.

11. To receive the clerks reports.

The Clerk reported the following. Events – The Armistice Day and Remembrance Day Parades had gone well. Carols with the Mayor was held on the 4 December around 50 people attended. The Christmas Festival took place on 7 December and was well supported by the town. This year we had live music on a trailer in Market Place with Minster FM in attendance. Father Christmas arrived at 5.45pm. A number of things could be done differently next year and includes the possibility of moving stalls from Market Place to Pavement. The Council wished to pass on their thanks to Lisa and John. There was a discussion about road closures and moving part of the festival. This will be investigated.

The Tour de Yorkshire is coming to the town on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017. A local company is putting some proposals for us which includes a stage and a screen for Market Place near to Footloose. The full costing for this will be presented at Policy and Resources next week.

Dressing the town needs to be in the race colours of yellow and bright blue.

Cllr Ratcliffe reported that Burnby Hall Gardens hold a biennial arts award for the local schools. The next one will be in 2017 and will involve the schools in decorating bikes to be displayed around the gardens for the weeks either side of the event.

Cllr Green responded that people will come before the race but probably leave after the race has come through. A large number of people will head up to Garrowby Hill. Cllr Jones suggested that hiring in a screen was a good idea. Cllr Hutchinson suggested using West Green as a car park to take the pressure off the town car parks and for residents affected. Cllr Green understands that the race can be seen as being disruptive to residents and businesses although some will benefit.

Projects – The Clerk reported that the application to the Bags of Help scheme had been successful and that the expected amount would be £1000 towards the project. The commuted sums officer at East Riding of Yorkshire Council has offered the Council the remaining part of the amount allocated for the skate park that wasn't needed. This will mean we can complete this project early in the New Year.

The Council's World War 1 project has been completed.

12. Correspondence as per list –

Item 3 – Cllr Cooper asked if any correspondence had been received from Cllr Strangeway. A request for an apology and retraction had been asked for but had not been received.

Item 17 – Insulation at the Arts Centre. Cllr Jones has spoken with the conservation officer at East Riding of Yorkshire Council and would only allow a rock wool insulation as this is easy to remove.

Item 13 – Bus report proposal for the removal of subsidies. The report has now been produced. Cllr Cooper suggested that Richard Bryon be invited to any meetings we arrange with East Yorkshire Motor Services or East Riding of Yorkshire Council regarding how this will affect services in Pocklington. The Clerk to arrange a meeting with EYMS and ERYC to discuss the proposals and how this will affect services.

Item – 1. The Council won't be offering to clean the carpet.

Item 4 and 36 East Riding of Yorkshire Council is going to undertake some gully work in the town centre outside the small co-op. This work is to alleviate some of the flooding that happens in the town.

Item – 12 Pigeons – There was a discussion about pigeons in the town. The Clerk is arranging for the deterrents to be fitted on the Arts Centre as soon as possible. It was agreed to try flying a falcon at the pigeons to stop them roosting.

Items 19 and 20 – Proposal for parking bays on Pavement. East Riding of Yorkshire Council had asked for comments on the proposal. Comments were received from All Saints Church, the funeral directors and a wedding car hire company which opposed the scheme. East Riding of Yorkshire Council has written to us saying the scheme will not be implemented.

Items 23/24 – The Clerk has written to Buck Inn Yard Management Company asking for a meeting to discuss various issues.

Item 26 – Proposed parking restriction on the turning area on the Balk opposite the Community Hall. Two objections have been lodged. Large vehicles find it difficult to turn round if cars are parked in the turning area.

Item 36 – During the heavy rain the gully outside Maynews was reported as being blocked. This has been reported to East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

Item 37 – Residents on South Parade have raised concerns about allowing parking on both sides of the road between the roundabout and Stewart Court. This has been reported to East Riding of Yorkshire Council who are carrying out investigation work.

Item 42 – Bollards in the town centre have been reported to East Riding of Yorkshire Council that have been hit recently. These will be repaired soon.

Item 49 – East Riding of Yorkshire Council Chairman's Award. These are open for nominations. Agreed to nominate the Arts Centre Volunteers for an award.

Item 50 – Two complaints had been made to the Standards Committee about Cllr Sykes. Both have been dismissed without needing any further investigation. The correspondence has been made public and an article has appeared in this week's Pocklington Post.

Item 51 – Further parking restrictions will be required on London Street to facilitate the installation of the zebra crossing. The crossing installation is still to go ahead.

Item 53 – Loss of rapid response vehicle. Agreed Cllrs Sykes and Perry would meet with the ambulance service to discuss the reductions. This meeting will be in early January.

13. Receive & consider accepting minutes from Land and Property 23/11/2016 and notes from the flood meeting 16/11/2016. , Development and Marketing 19/10/2016 and Transport, Lighting and Road Safety 02/11/2016,  
Cllr West proposed the minutes for Land and Property held on 23/11/2016 be accepted 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Hodgson and agreed.  
Cllr Hodgson proposed the notes be accepted for the flood update meeting held on 16/11/2016 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Sinton and agreed.  
Cllr Cooper asked if progress had been made on the survey in the Lands and Property minutes. The Clerk hasn't had time to progress this yet.

14. Receive reports from any other meetings – Gateway etc. Consider written reports to be submitted for prior circulation.

Cllr West attended the Allotment Society meeting. The allotments society has purchased a new trailer. The green grass trailer that the town council uses is in need of repair and quotes are being obtained.

Cllr Ratcliffe his wife Elinda and the Assistant Town Clerk had represented the Town Council at the marriage of the Town Clerk in Langtoft. .

The Mayor's duties included the following

- 1<sup>st</sup> November – attended Classical yours at Pocklington Arts Centre
- 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Hearing Dogs for the Deaf event at Beilby
- 5<sup>th</sup> November – Pocklington Bonfire night
- 5<sup>th</sup> November – Mayoress awarded the prizes at the Chrysanthemum Society Show
- 7<sup>th</sup> November – Hosted the Civic Opening at the Arts Centre
- 11<sup>th</sup> November – Attended the remembrance of the fallen in Pocklington
- 13<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Sunday attended Barnby Moor
- 13<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Sunday Parade Pocklington
- 21<sup>st</sup> November – Awarded Duke of Edinburgh Awards to Pocklington Guides
- 25<sup>th</sup> November – Attended Christmas Light Switch on in Goole
- 26<sup>th</sup> November – Attended Beverley's Christmas Festival
- 27<sup>th</sup> November – Attended Market Weighton's Civic Service
- 30<sup>th</sup> November – Attended Woldgate's musical 9 to 5
- 1<sup>st</sup> December – Attended the light switch on in Driffield
- 2<sup>nd</sup> December – attended the Crib Festival in Allerthorpe
- 4<sup>th</sup> December – Carols with the Mayor in Pocklington
- 5<sup>th</sup> December – Judged the shop window competition in Pocklington
- 7<sup>th</sup> December – Pocklington Christmas Festival
- 8<sup>th</sup> December – Attended Gateway Christmas meal
- 8<sup>th</sup> December – Vice – Chairman attended the switch on of Market Weighton's Christmas lights
- 10<sup>th</sup> December – Attended All Saints Church carols with Pocklington Singers

15. To discuss and find a way forward that is agreeable to PTC and Cllr Strangeway in regards to the ongoing, and past issues that Cllr Strangeway has with PTC, and is documented on Cllr Strangeway's web page and social media, a way forward that must be for the benefit of Pocklington and the working relationship with elected town and ERYC Councillors.

Cllr Cooper read the following statement. From day one of his tenure Cllr Andy Strangeway has attacked PTC remorselessly his odious rhetoric against elected members of this council both individually and collectively have pushed the bounds of common decency. At no stage has PTC attacked or commented against Cllr Strangeway, individual councillors have stood up for truth and honesty.

If you stand up to be counted you are bullying or bombing him, if you contact him to give an alternative view point you are blocked and attacked on his blog and social media sites. Cllr Strangeway has deliberately disrupted PTC meetings on several occasions now and reported comments in a false way to the general public.

When you look at Cllr Strangeway blog as a whole it is a constant stream of anti PTC comments there is nothing positive on it, unless it is about him, he admits to working against PTC at County Hall and refuses to work with the elected representatives of the town, Cllr Strangeway calls Pocklington Town Councillors Liars – Bullies – Incompetent – Fixated and obsessive.

I myself have commented against his obsessive attitude to bring down PTC at all costs, only in an effort to bring a fair balance to the information reaching the public on both decisions we reach and his false information, and I am now being singled out and attacked on his web page. I have spoken to the Police about this and passed on documents.

Cllr Strangeway failed to get elected to PTC because the general public have now seen his comments and attitude towards PTC for what it is, a structured and thought out campaign to disrupt and vilify PTC and its elected members.

Cllr Strangeway attacks me for having a fair and robust debate on social media with a disabled person. I would like to state it was unknown to me that he was disabled at the time and should make no difference. I myself am deaf and can only hear in one ear as I have an implant, my son is going blind and even now struggles in dim light, I have a cousin who has been profoundly deaf from birth, I suffer from severe depression and I am at present under the doctor. Does Cllr Strangeway honestly believe that all that knowledge of disability I would deliberately attack a fellow disabled person when I myself have been registered disabled and have a son who is disabled.

#### In Conclusion

This is not good for PTC, Cllr Strangeway and much more importantly "Pocklington" I therefore call on Cllr Strangeway with his representatives to sit down with a small working group of councillors and the clerk to bring this whole self-inspired situation by Cllr Strangeway to an end and start to work with us, as opposed to against us. Perhaps this should be arbitrated over by an officer from East Riding of Yorkshire Council Democratic Services Department or Alan Barker from ERNLLCA.

There was a discussion about the best way to proceed. All but one of councillors agreed that Cllr Strangeway be invited to a meeting.

It was agreed to request a meeting as suggested by Cllr Cooper. It was agreed Pocklington Town Council would send three representatives, Cllr Strangeway would be invited to send three representatives and it should be chaired by an independent person agreeable to both parties. The Clerk was to contact Democratic Services at East Riding of Yorkshire Council to ask if it was possible for them to chair a meeting.

The agenda for the meeting should be 1. To ask Cllr Strangeway how we could work together. 2. To request the apology and retraction re: The Lions for which the Town Council has not received a response, 3. Ask for certain items from his blog, website and social media to be removed.

The Clerk is to write to Cllr Strangeway to request that he meets us and to send the agenda.

In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw. Cllr West proposed that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Ratcliffe and agreed.

Cllr Ratcliffe gave a report from the personnel committee.

Eileen Moore our cleaner has retired on health grounds. It was agreed to pay her a month's salary in accordance with her contract. Eileen has worked for the Council for 13 years.

The Clerk Gordon Scaife has passed his 6 month probationary period. A pay award of one scale point is due. It was agreed the Clerk's salary be increased by one scale point.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.