

Council

Minutes of Proceedings

At the **Ordinary Meeting of the District Council of Ryedale** held in the **Council Chamber, Ryedale House, Malton** on **Tuesday 24 February 2015**

Present

Councillors Acomb
 J Andrews
 P J Andrews
 Arnold (Vice-Chairman)
 Bailey
 Clark
 Collinson
 Mrs Cowling
 Cussons
 Fraser
 Mrs Goodrick
 Hawkins
 Hicks
 Hope
 Mrs Hopkinson
 Ives (Chairman)
 Legard
 Maud
 Richardson
 Mrs Sanderson
 Wainwright
 Walker
 Ward
 Windress

In Attendance

Jill Baldwin
Mandy Burchell
Simon Copley
Gary Housden
Peter Johnson
Phil Long
Janet Waggott
Anthony Winship

Minutes

81 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Burr, Mrs Frank, Mrs Keal, Raper, Mrs Shields and Woodward.

Apologies for late arrival were received from Councillor Ward and for early departure from Councillor Paul Andrews.

82 Public Question Time

There were no public questions.

83 Minutes

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 18 December 2014 were presented.

Resolved

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 18 December 2014 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on 17 February 2015 were presented.

Resolved

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on 17 February 2015 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record, with an amendment to minute 79 (Declarations of Interest) to clarify that Councillor Mrs Sanderson's interest related to being a member of NYCC Planning Committee.

84 Urgent Business

There was one item of urgent business which the Chairman considered should be dealt with as a matter of urgency by virtue of Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended):

- Division of Main Committee Seats – Political Proportionality

The reason this was urgent was that the changes to group membership had only occurred recently and there was no other meeting of Council until April 2015.

85 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared:

Councillor Clark declared a personal non-pecuniary but not prejudicial interest in agenda item 10 (Revenue and Capital Budgets and Setting of Council Tax

2015/2016) as North Yorkshire County Council's representative on the Citizens Advice Bureau and as a North Yorkshire County Councillor.

Councillor Mrs Goodrick declared a personal non-pecuniary but not prejudicial interest in agenda item 10 (Revenue and Capital Budgets and Setting of Council Tax 2015/2016) as Ryedale District Council's representative on the Citizens Advice Bureau.

Councillor Mrs Sanderson declared a personal non-pecuniary but not prejudicial interest in agenda item 10 (Revenue and Capital Budgets and Setting of Council Tax 2015/2016) as a North Yorkshire County Councillor.

86 **Announcements**

The Chairman made the following announcement:

- That he had met the Princess Royal at the opening of the new accommodation centre for apprentice jockeys near Butchers' Corner, which had been an excellent event.

The Leader made the following announcement:

- That she had attended a ceremony at Heslington Hall with Greg Clark for the signing of the Local Growth Deal and that there was a banner on display in the Council Chamber showing how well the LEP and Ryedale had done from this deal.

87 **To Receive any Questions submitted by Members Pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 10.2 (Questions on Notice at Full Council)**

1. Councillor Clark submitted the following question:

To Councillor Windress, Chairman of the Planning Committee:

"In reference to Gladmans 3 could the Chair of Planning please tell me how much he expects the decision to reduce the '5 reasons for refusal' to 2, to cost the tax payers of Ryedale?"

The Chairman of the Planning Committee, Councillor Windress replied

"The Inspector published a costs decision on 23 December 2014. In paragraph 15 of the costs decision, the Inspector made a partial award of costs against the Council which was limited to those costs incurred in preparing the evidence to address the Councils original but abandoned reasons for refusal.

At present the District Council is awaiting the costs claim from Gladman Developments Limited which will outline the costs they have incurred for the limited period of time addressing the three abandoned reasons for refusal .

I cannot speculate on what costs Gladman incurred or what costs they will claim against the taxpayers of Ryedale.”

Councillor Clark asked the following supplementary question:

“Has he read sufficient of that costs decision by the planning inspector, to remember the phrase that the planning inspector said the reason for awarding the costs was because this Council had gone down from five reasons to two, and that he considered that to be unreasonable behaviour? Now do you agree with the planning inspector on this or are we still keeping our heads quietly in the sand?”

Councillor Windress replied:

“The decision to go down from five reasons to two reasons was a Planning Committee decision.”

2. Councillor Clark submitted the following question:

To Councillor Mrs Cowling, Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee:

“Could you please give the Fees and Charges for all services to the public? These figures for each of the last 4 years and the proposed figures for 2015/2016.”

This question was ruled out of order by the Chairman under Rule of Procedure 10.2.

88 To Receive a Statement from the Leader of the Council and to Receive Questions and Give Answers on that Statement

Councillor Mrs Cowling, the Leader of the Council, presented the following statement:

“At item 10 on our agenda tonight I shall be moving the proposed revenue budget for 2015 -16 and the financial strategy for 2015 -2019.

Our financial strategy has been clear and very simple, savings through efficiencies, with as little reduction in service to the taxpayer as possible. That aim has been achieved through the dedication of the staff at RDC to their district – so I was particularly disappointed to see tonight yet another attempt at item 14 of our agenda by John Clark to undermine this Council.

2015-16 will be the 6th year that there has been no council tax increase from this council. And yes John Clark will try to tell you that we have introduced stealth taxes via such things as the charges for collection of green waste and increases to fees and charges. But at least our taxpayers have a choice and those who don't have gardens no longer have to subsidise those who do. The

alternative to the introduction of these charges would have been massive cuts in services.

At this stage I think it is worth looking at what we have achieved in this term of council.

The Growth Deal which has been awarded to the Y, NY & ER LEP has to be our best achievement ever. Some £322 million has been awarded to the area via the LEP and Department of Transport funding. But not just that – we have managed to achieve the infrastructure and major projects investment in Ryedale which were so necessary to help our future economic prosperity. This doesn't just happen by chance and I am going to use this opportunity to thank all our staff, the LEP staff and the board of the LEP for their dedication. It just shows what can be achieved when everybody pulls together.

On top of that we have recently been awarded funding to assess the feasibility of increases in employment land at Pickering and Kirkbymoorside.

But that is not all, our work with schools and employers continues to produce fantastic results – encouraging young people into apprenticeships. This years 4th Opportunity Knocks, held in November, was the biggest and best event to date – many thanks to the schools, employers and our staff who contribute to this.

We work with and support local businesses to grow employment in our district.

We continue to be one of the most successful authorities at delivering affordable homes. Coupled with the work that we do to prevent homelessness and to help people stay in their own homes, protecting vulnerable people, we are an exceptionally good housing authority. Again due in most part to the enthusiasm and dedication of our staff.

Our new leisure provider is only very recently appointed and is expected to produce substantial savings and improvements to the service.

I have been exceptionally pleased that councillors continued to support the provision of community grants in the Ryedale District. As a frequent user of village halls through my business – I see first hand the benefits of the money that we award to these community facilities and how much they are appreciated by the residents of what in some cases are very tiny communities.

The near completion of the flood defences at Pickering is a great achievement which without the support of this council would not have happened – a massive investment for a small authority – and thanks this time to the determination of the members of this council to make it happen.

This council continues to provide a good quality of life for our residents - reducing air pollution, protecting the landscape and the environment.

Last but not least I am particularly pleased that the Tour de Yorkshire is coming through our district. Cycling is an increasingly popular sport as well as a mode of transport. Work is underway on a feasibility study to develop a cycle route between Pickering and Malton – particularly relevant given the development that is to take place at Eden Camp. Another scheme is looking at opening cycle routes between all the market towns in Ryedale. Our National Park and the Forestry Commission are also looking to upgrade a section of the Moor to sea network of cycle routes in Ryedale.

Our policy of putting economic development, Housing and the environment as our priorities will continue to pay dividends.

There's just one small addition to my statement that isn't written down here and only came to my attention today. Hunters of Helmsley have been selected as one of 20 finalists in the top 20 small businesses in the country. I think that's a fabulous achievement for that company. Thank you."

The following questions were received on the Leader's Statement:

1. From Councillor Richardson

"I just want to ask the Leader, has working with York, North Yorkshire through the Local Enterprise Partnership, North Yorkshire schools and employers, Yorkshire Housing, the Environment Agency and Welcome to Yorkshire undermined this Council?"

The Leader replied:

"What a strange question. No. They're all partners that we work with and we use them to work for the best for this district and no, they haven't undermined us."

Councillor Richardson then asked the following supplementary question:

"On that basis does working closely with North Yorkshire County Council in the future undermine this Council?"

The Leader then replied:

"Working with North Yorkshire County Council is of extreme benefit to this council. North Yorkshire County Council is also one of the members of the combined authority which we all voted - well your Group didn't vote in favour of it - but this Council agreed to be a member of a combined authority in the future and North Yorkshire County Council will be one of our partners in that combined authority."

2. From Councillor Ward

“How do you define successful in terms of we continue to be one of the most successful authorities at delivering affordable homes?”

The Leader replied:

“By comparison with other authorities.”

Councillor Ward then asked the following supplementary question:

“I haven't seen any figures for the other authorities. My question is define successful when we have figures delivered to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee last week that our achievement of 20 against a target of 75 for the year, given that there's one quarter left, I wouldn't say is successful would you?”

The Leader then replied:

“There are different ways of delivering affordable homes and it isn't all about new homes. Sometimes it's about keeping people in their existing home or adapting a home. There are different ways of being successful.”

3. From Councillor Collinson

“Can the Leader of Council explain why there is no mention of fracking in reference to the phrase "protecting the landscape and the environment" given that we had a public meeting about the issue only last week?”

The Leader replied:

“I didn't feel it necessary to mention fracking. When we are consulted by North Yorkshire County Council, officers will prepare reports for us and they will tell us what will be the effect on our landscape and on our environment by any fracking that is applied for in Ryedale and that will be the time when it will be talked about and we will make a decision about whether we will want to support fracking or not.”

4. From Councillor Walker

“Reference the new leisure provider. I've had a number of complaints about the service, despite it being in your report that it's supposed to be successful. I've had a number of complaints and I've also read some complaints in the press. I just wondered if you'd received any complaints yourself Cllr Cowling regarding this?”

The Leader replied:

“Yes. I very recently received a complaint from my own son - the usual complaint that I get in Pickering that the pool is too cold so, Yes, that is the complaint that I've had.”

Councillor Walker then asked the following supplementary question:

“Just wondering if you'd received any complaints about the increase in prices despite the promise that this Council was given by the 2 representatives of the company that addressed the Council in a briefing only about 6 months ago.”

The Leader then replied:

“I haven't personally received any complaints about increases in prices but I am aware that Councillor Arnold has received - well, is party to - a complaint about increasing prices. I believe it's the Scouts who use the swimming pool and we're awaiting an answer on that complaint.”

5. From Councillor Clark

“I wonder if you could give us a little further explanation how you are boasting at the beginning of paragraph 3 that this is the 6th year with no increase in the Council Tax but that if I was to refer to things they would be stealth tax yet you have cut away £192,000 worth of service to the public in Ryedale at the same time. Could you tie that conundrum, put it together for me so I can make some sense or is it the normal approach?

Point of clarity. I think that is what, without checking the figures in the budget, we have saved with charging the public for green waste. So that's a tax on them whether they like it or not. Unless anybody else can say I don't want that service therefore....”

The Leader replied:

“I think that you and I are going to have to agree to disagree on that. I find it very difficult that the Liberal Group don't support the charging for green bins. I would have thought that your position would have been that people should compost, that should be the preference that people should compost. I think it's good that people have the option of whether they want to have their green waste collected or not. I think it's good that people who live in premises that don't have a garden no longer have to pay for green waste to be collected or subsidise the people who do have their's collected. You've not given me any alternatives of how you would have saved that money. You could have presented those alternatives probably, you might have been cleverer than me and you could have sorted something really clever that would have made those savings rather than... This was the preferred option of my group and this Council, it was a decision of Council.”

Councillor Clark then asked the following supplementary question:

“We have decided that cutting the service to the people of Ryedale by £192,000 is not a cut in service. It is a cut in service, is it not? On that basis are we moving into a world where we now, for public service, charge? Is there any environmental savings in this lot? Are the vehicles still not going round at 4 miles to the gallon as they were before etc? If you are making forward a case is it reasonable to say we're scrapping green waste altogether, but you're not? On that basis could I have some explanation to the logic behind it?”

The Leader then replied:

“If it were feasible to scrap the collection of green waste I'd be quite happy to do that. It's not feasible or fair. We still provide the service, we haven't cut the service, we still provide the service. What we do is now charge for it in the same way we charge for lots of other services that this Council provides.”

89 **Revenue and Capital Budgets and Setting of Council Tax 2015/2016**

The Chairman of Council reported on the procedure to be adopted in considering the above item.

It was proposed that the item be dealt with in two separate parts:

- (a) Firstly, consideration of the recommendations in Minute 49 of the Policy & Resources Committee held on 5 February 2015, together with item 10 paragraph roman numeral I relating to the Council's revenue budget
- (b) Secondly, item 10 paragraphs roman numerals II to V relating to the requisite calculations and the setting of Council Tax.

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Cowling and seconded by Councillor Arnold that the recommendations in minute no. 49 (Financial Strategy 2015-2016) of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting held on 5 February 2015 be approved and adopted, together with the adoption of the revenue budget recommendation under paragraph roman numeral 1 of item 10 on the agenda.

Councillor Mrs Goodrick moved and Councillor Clark seconded the following amendment:

“To the budget proposals that we make a provision for funding Ryedale CAB up to £35k for the year 2015/16 from the NHB and that officers work up a formal proposal to support core funding for Ryedale CAB going forward and this should be brought to P&R as a matter of urgency.”

Upon being put to the vote, the amendment was carried.

Recorded Vote
For

Councillors Acomb, Joy Andrews, Paul Andrews, Arnold, Bailey, Clark, Collinson, Mrs Cowling, Cussons, Fraser, Mrs Goodrick, Hawkins, Hicks, Hope, Mrs Hopkinson, Maud, Richardson, Mrs Sanderson, Wainwright, Walker, Ward and Windress.

Against
Councillor Ives.

Abstentions
None.

Councillor Clark moved and Councillor Ward seconded the following amendment:

“To reverse the decision of the P&R Committee to set Council Tax at 0%.”

Upon being put to the vote, the amendment was lost.

Recorded Vote

For

Councillors Joy Andrews, Paul Andrews, Clark, Collinson, Richardson, Walker and Ward.

Against

Councillors Acomb, Arnold, Bailey, Mrs Cowling, Cussons, Fraser, Mrs Goodrick, Hawkins, Hicks, Hope, Mrs Hopkinson, Ives, Maud, Mrs Sanderson, Wainwright and Windress.

Abstentions
None.

Upon being put to the vote the substantive motion was then carried.

Recorded Vote

For

Councillors Acomb, Arnold, Bailey, Mrs Cowling, Cussons, Fraser, Mrs Goodrick, Hawkins, Hicks, Hope, Mrs Hopkinson, Ives, Legard, Maud, Mrs Sanderson, Wainwright and Windress.

Against

Councillors Joy Andrews, Paul Andrews, Clark, Collinson, Richardson, Walker and Ward.

Abstentions
None.

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Cowling and seconded by Councillor Arnold that item 10 paragraphs roman numerals II to V relating to the requisite

calculations and the setting of Council Tax be approved and adopted.

Upon being put to the vote the substantive motion was then carried.

Recorded Vote

For

Councillors Acomb, Arnold, Bailey, Mrs Cowling, Cussons, Fraser, Mrs Goodrick, Hawkins, Hicks, Hope, Mrs Hopkinson, Ives, Legard, Maud, Mrs Sanderson, Wainwright, Walker and Windress.

Against

Councillor Paul Andrews.

Abstentions

Councillors Joy Andrews, Clark, Collinson, Richardson and Ward.

Resolved

That Council:

- (i) Approve the Council's Financial Strategy (Annex A) which includes:
 - a. Savings/additional income totalling £402k (Financial Strategy Appendix A)
 - b. Growth Pressures totalling £294k (Financial Strategy Appendix A)
 - c. The Prudential Indicators (Financial Strategy Appendix B)
 - d. The revised capital programme (Financial Strategy Appendix D)
 - e. The Pay Policy 2015/2016 (Financial Strategy Appendix E)
- (ii) Approve a Revenue Budget for 2015/2016 of £6,823,260 which represents a nil increase in the Ryedale District Council Tax, maintaining the total charge at £176.72 for a Band D property (note that total Council Tax, including the County Council, Fire and Police is covered within the separate Council Tax setting report to Full Council);
- (iii) Approve the special expenses amounting to £35,130;
- (iv) Approve the use of the New Homes Bonus Reserve to finance the initial £120k funding shortfall for the capital programme (paragraph 6.30 of the report);
- (v) Note the financial projection for 2015/16 – 2019/20 (Annex B).
- (vi) Sets a nil increase in Council Tax for 2015/16 and accepts the offer of Council Tax Freeze Grant and that the contribution to the New Homes Bonus Reserve be reduced to balance the difference in income.
- (vii) Make a provision for funding Ryedale CAB up to £35k for the year 2015/16 from the NHB and that officers work up a formal proposal to

support core funding for Ryedale CAB going forward and this should be brought to P&R as a matter of urgency.

That Council agree:

I Budget 2015/2016

That the revised revenue estimates for the year 2014/2015 and the revenue estimates for 2015/2016, as submitted in the Council's Financial Strategy and Revenue Budget 2015/2016 Book be approved (copy enclosed).

II Council Tax Base

That it be noted that, in accordance with Minute No. 363(d)/2005 of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 8 December 2005, which was subsequently approved by Council at its meeting on 12 January 2006, Ryedale District Council has (pursuant to Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972) delegated responsibility to adopt the Council Tax base to the Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee. The Council calculated the amounts for the year 2015/16, in accordance with regulations made under Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended, as set out in Annex A.

III District/Parish Council Tax Rates

That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2015/16, in accordance with Sections 31A, 31B and 34 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the Act):

(a) District/Parish Gross Expenditure

£28,535,789.00 being the aggregate of the amounts, which the Council estimates for the items, set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act.

(b) Income (including Government Grants and Collection Fund Surpluses)

£24,122,107.00 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 Council Tax Requirement

£4,413,682.00 being the amount by which the aggregate at Part III(a) above exceeds the aggregate at Part III(b) above, calculated

by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its Council Tax requirement for the year.

(d) Basic amount of Tax (including Parish Precepts)

£214.91 being the amount at Part III(c) above, all divided by the amount at Part II above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.

(e) Parish Precept and Special Expenses

£784,389.00 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.

(f) Basic Amount of Tax (excluding Parish Precepts)

£176.72 being the amount at Part III(d) above less the results given by dividing the amount at Part III(e) above by the amount given at Part II 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 special item relates.

(g) Basic Amount of Tax in Parishes/Towns

The details for each Parish as shown in Annex B, column headed "Aggregate amount at Band D", being the amounts given by adding to the amount at Part III(f) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above, divided in each case by the amount at Part II above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

(h) District/Parish Council Tax Rates

The details as shown in columns "A" to "H" of Annex B, being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at Part III(f) and Part III(g) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in Valuation Band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

IV County Council, Police & Crime Commissioner and Fire & Rescue Authority Tax Rates (Provisional)

That it be noted that for the year 2015/16 precepting Authorities have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

BAND £	NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL £	NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER £	NORTH YORKSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY £
A	733.32	141.85	43.06
B	855.54	165.49	50.24
C	977.76	189.13	57.41
D	1,099.98	212.77	64.59
E	1,344.42	260.05	78.94
F	1,588.86	307.33	93.30
G	1,833.30	354.62	107.65
H	2,199.96	425.54	129.18

V Total Council Tax Rates

That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at Part III(h) and Part IV above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended, hereby sets the amounts set out in Annex C as the amounts of Council Tax for 2015/16 for each of the categories of dwellings shown.

90 Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2015/2016

The Finance Manager (s151) submitted a report (previously circulated) which considered the Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategies, the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy and set the Prudential Indicators for 2015/16.

It was moved by Councillor Wainwright and seconded by Councillor Acomb that the following recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, set out in minute 67 from the meeting on 29 January 2015, be approved and adopted.

That Council be recommended that:

- (i) Members receive the report;

- (ii) The Treasury Management and Investment Strategies be noted and approved by the Council;
- (iii) The Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement be approved by the Council and;
- (iv) That the Prudential Indicators in the report be approved by the Council.

Upon being put to the vote the motion was carried.

Resolved

That:

- (i) Members receive the report;
- (ii) The Treasury Management and Investment Strategies be noted and approved by the Council;
- (iii) The Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement be approved by the Council and;
- (iv) That the Prudential Indicators in the report be approved by the Council.

Voting Record

22 For

1 Against

0 Abstentions

91 **To consider for Approval the Recommendations in respect of the following Part 'B' Committee Items:**

Policy and Resources Committee – 5 February 2015

Minute 53 – The future of Pickering Tourist Information Centre

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Cowling and seconded by Councillor Arnold that the following recommendations of the Policy and Resources Committee be approved and adopted.

That Council be recommended to approve:

- (i) That Pickering TIC be closed from 6 September 2015, with no Sunday opening;
- (ii) That a visitor information point be established in Pickering.

Councillor Ward proposed and Councillor Clark seconded the following amendment:

“To defer a decision in order for Officers to provide necessary information and undertake appropriate consultation, to bring back to Council at a future date.”

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was lost.

Recorded Vote

For

Councillors Joy Andrews, Clark, Collinson, Legard, Richardson, Walker and Ward.

Against

Councillors Arnold, Bailey, Mrs Cowling, Cussons, Fraser, Mrs Goodrick, Hicks, Hope, Mrs Hopkinson, Ives, Maud, Mrs Sanderson, Wainwright and Windress.

Abstentions

Councillors Acomb and Hawkins.

Upon being put to the vote the motion was carried.

Resolved

That Council approve:

- (i) That Pickering TIC be closed from 6 September 2015, with no Sunday opening;
- (ii) That a visitor information point be established in Pickering.

Voting Record

14 For

6 Against

3 Abstentions

Planning Committee – 10 February 2015

Minute 171 – Developer Contributions from Small Sites

It was moved by Councillor Windress and seconded by Councillor Hope that the following recommendations of the Planning Committee be approved and adopted.

That Council be recommended to resolve:

- (i) Not to seek financial contributions from small residential sites through the planning process towards affordable housing on sites of five dwellings or less under Policy SP3 of the Ryedale Plan;
- (ii) To continue to negotiate the on-site provision of affordable housing in line with Policy SP3 of the Ryedale Plan with the exception that affordable housing contributions will not be sought from sites of 10 dwellings or less and which have a maximum combined gross floorspace of no more than 1,000square metres in Malton, Norton and Pickering;
- (iii) To continue to negotiate the on-site provision of affordable housing in line with SP3 of the Ryedale Plan with the exception that on sites of between six and ten dwellings, in parishes outside of Malton, Norton and Pickering, financial contributions will be sought in lieu of the existing on-site policy requirement and that financial contributions of an equivalent of 40% of provision will be sought on such sites in west and south west Ryedale;
- (iv) Not to seek financial contributions towards open space provision from sites of ten dwellings or less;
- (v)To authorise the Head of Planning and Housing to approve the planning applications listed in Paragraph 6.13 without the completion of the Section 106 agreements specified and not to seek affordable and open space contributions from any further applications on relevant small sites which are due to be determined in the interim.

Councillor Clark moved and Councillor Richardson seconded the following amendment:

“(i) Delete (i) and replace with –

That the recently amended Planning Policy Guide be noted as a material planning consideration but that the Local Plan Core Strategy Policy (SP3) be given the appropriate weight in planning decision making.

(ii) Delete (ii) and replace with -

That no amendment by way of supplementary planning guidance be made to the core strategy.”

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was lost.

Recorded Vote

For

Councillors Joy Andrews, Clark, Collinson, Richardson, Walker and Ward.

Against

Councillors Arnold, Mrs Cowling, Cussons, Fraser, Hicks, Hope, Mrs Hopkinson, Ives, Legard, Maud, Mrs Sanderson, Wainwright and Windress.

Abstentions

Councillors Acomb, Bailey, Mrs Goodrick and Hawkins.

Councillor Richardson moved and Councillor Clark seconded the following further amendment:

“Delete and replace with

- (iv) To continue to seek financial contributions towards open space provision from sites of 10 dwellings or less until this is replaced by CIL.
- (v) Delete.”

Upon being put to the vote the further amendment was lost.

Recorded Vote

For

Councillors Joy Andrews, Clark, Collinson, Richardson, Walker and Ward.

Against

Councillors Arnold, Mrs Cowling, Cussons, Fraser, Hicks, Hope, Mrs Hopkinson, Ives, Legard, Maud, Mrs Sanderson, Wainwright and Windress.

Abstentions

Councillors Acomb, Bailey, Mrs Goodrick and Hawkins.

Upon being put to the vote the motion was carried.

Resolved

That Council:

- (i) Not to seek financial contributions from small residential sites through the planning process towards affordable housing on sites of five dwellings or less under Policy SP3 of the Ryedale Plan;
- (ii) To continue to negotiate the on-site provision of affordable housing in line with Policy SP3 of the Ryedale Plan with the exception that affordable housing contributions will not be sought from sites of 10 dwellings or less and which have a maximum combined gross floorspace of no more than 1,000square metres in Malton, Norton and Pickering;
- (iii) To continue to negotiate the on-site provision of affordable housing in line with SP3 of the Ryedale Plan with the exception that on sites of

between six and ten dwellings, in parishes outside of Malton, Norton and Pickering, financial contributions will be sought in lieu of the existing on-site policy requirement and that financial contributions of an equivalent of 40% of provision will be sought on such sites in west and south west Ryedale;

(iv) Not to seek financial contributions towards open space provision from sites of ten dwellings or less;

(v) To authorise the Head of Planning and Housing to approve the planning applications listed in Paragraph 6.13 without the completion of the Section 106 agreements specified and not to seek affordable and open space contributions from any further applications on relevant small sites which are due to be determined in the interim.

Recorded Vote

For

Councillors Arnold, Mrs Cowling, Cussons, Fraser, Hicks, Hope, Mrs Hopkinson, Ives, Legard, Maud, Mrs Sanderson, Wainwright and Windress.

Against

Councillors Joy Andrews, Clark, Collinson, Richardson, Walker and Ward.

Abstentions

Councillors Acomb, Bailey, Mrs Goodrick and Hawkins.

92 **Treasury Management Mid-Year Review 2014/15**

The Finance Manager (s151) submitted a report (previously circulated) which set out the treasury management activities to date for the financial year 2014/15 in accordance with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's (CIPFA) Code of Practice on Treasury Management (the Code).

Councillor Wainwright moved and Councillor Acomb seconded the recommendations in the report.

Resolved

- (i) That Members receive this report; and
- (ii) The mid-year performance of the in-house managed funds to date is noted.

Voting Record

22 For

0 Against

1 Abstentions

93 **Notices on Motion Submitted Pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 11**

1. It was moved by Councillor Clark and seconded by Councillor Richardson

“A North Yorkshire County Council Unitary would make savings of approximately £40million/year across North Yorkshire. A fraction of this would enable the cuts to bus services and libraries to be reversed.

This Council therefore resolves to go down the ‘Unitary route’.

To help facilitate this approach Ryedale District Council is to enter into discussions with North Yorkshire County Council and the other District and Borough Councils.”

Upon being put to the vote, the motion was lost.

Recorded Vote

For

Councillors Joy Andrews, Clark, Collinson, Ives and Richardson.

Against

Councillors Acomb, Arnold, Bailey, Mrs Cowling, Cussons, Fraser, Hawkins, Hicks, Hope, Legard, Maud, Wainwright, Walker and Windress

Abstentions

Councillors Mrs Goodrick and Ward.

94 **Any other business that the Chairman decides is urgent.**

Division of Main Committee Seats – Political Proportionality

A proposal for the division of main committee seats was circulated.

Resolved

That the following changes be approved to the division of main committee seats:

- Conservative Group have one seat removed from Overview & Scrutiny Committee;
- Liberal Group have one seat added to Overview & Scrutiny Committee;
- Liberal Democrats have one seat removed from Planning Committee and Licensing Committee;
- Ungrouped Member (B) has one seat on the Planning Committee and Licensing Committee.

Voting Record

23 For

0 Against

0 Abstentions

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.40pm.