

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 2017

PRESENT: Councillor *J Blake in the Chair

Councillors D Blackburn, Mrs A Carter,
R Charlwood, G Latty, J Lewis, A Lowe,
A Ogilvie, J Pryor, S Varley and L Yeadon

Apologies Councillors M Dobson and S Golton

8 Appointment of Chair

It was moved by Councillor Lowe, seconded by Councillor D Blackburn that Councillor James Lewis be appointed to Chair the meeting until the arrival of the Chair, Councillor Blake.

RESOLVED – That Councillor James Lewis be appointed as Chair until the arrival of Councillor Blake.

9 Appeals against refusal of inspection of documents

There were no appeals against the refusal of inspection of documents.

10 Exempt Information - possible exclusion of the press and public

There were no resolutions to exclude the public.

11 Late items

There were no late items, however the following additional information in respect of Item 7 (minute 45 refers) the Joint Review of Polling Districts and Community Governance Review of Parish and Town Councils was circulated to all Members;

- Comments in respect of the proposed creation of a Parish Council for Garforth
- An email dated 8th December 2017 from the Deputy Chief Officer, Yorkshire Local Councils Association.

12 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

13 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor M Dobson and Councillor S Golton.

14 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd October 2017 be approved as a correct record.

15 Joint Review of Polling Districts and Community Governance Review of Parish and Town Councils

Following the commencement of this item Councillor Blake arrived and assumed the Chair.

Further to minute 37 of the meeting held on 2nd October 2017 the Head of Elections, Licensing and Registration submitted a report asking General Purposes Committee to consider the final proposals for the Joint Polling District Review and community governance review of parish and town councils, seeking agreement for the Final Proposals to be published on 11th January 2018 and for the Community Governance Review to be submitted to full Council on 10th January 2018, and published on 11th January 2018.

The report also sought agreement to defer the decision on the General Purposes Committee's recommendation relating to the abolition of Ledston Parish Council until March 2018.

In considering this item Members also considered some additional information that had been received following the despatch of the agenda on the 1st December 2017.

RESOLVED: -

- a) To recommend to council that the summary of the proposals set out in Appendix B and Appendix C to the report be not progressed.
- b) To receive the summary of proposals set out in Appendix D, and:
 - i) In respect of the proposals relating to the community governance review, seek the approval of full council to them; and,
 - ii) In respect of the polling district review, to confirm them as the final proposals to be published on 11th January 2018 and come into effect for the local government elections on 3rd May 2018
- c) To agree the recommendation set out in paragraph 6.3 of the report to defer any decision in respect Ledston Parish Council until March 2018.

*Meeting part chaired initially by Councillor J Lewis and then by Councillor J Blake as set out in the minutes above.