



ASKERN TOWN COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the Full Council Meeting of ASKERN TOWN COUNCIL held at Alexander House, High Street, Askern, Doncaster DN6 0AB on Tuesday 25th February 2025 at 6.00pm.

Present - Councillors: Cllr George Gracey, Cllr Francis Jackson, Cllr Nichola Roberts, Cllr Jake Keeble, Cllr Mark Faulkner, Cllr Helen Murphy and Cllr Sharon Mitchell

In attendance – 2 members of the public and Anna Marsden (Mins)

Cllr. Keeble welcomed all to the meeting and explained housekeeping.

1. Apologies were received from Cllr Rowley and the reason approved.
2. Cllr Keeble declared an interest in agenda item 9.6.
3. Karina Squire was Co-opted as a Councillor for Askern Town Council.
4. Cllr Karina Squire signed her declaration of acceptance to office and was given other relevant documentation.
5. The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 28th January 2025 were approved and accepted for accuracy.
6. Items arising from previous meeting minutes:
 - Item 9.1 – It was confirmed that the guttering at AH had been fixed by K. Humphries & Sons.
 - Item 9.2 – It was confirmed that the Clerk had put a grant application in for the creation of a wildflower area on the Event Field.
7. Ward Cllr I Beech sent her apologies for this meeting.
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 - 8.1 – The Council approved the Tae Kwon Don Centre of Excellence holding a free community Self-Defence class at AH.
 - 8.2 – The Council approved Askern Taekwondo using AH for 2 weeks while their usual venue is renovated.
 - 8.3 – Information from the City of Doncaster Council regarding safety improvements to the A19 was noted.

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- 9.1 – The council discussed and considered a grant application from Doncaster Diamonds but were unable to support this.
- 9.2 – An update regarding VAT was shared with the Council.
- 9.3 – The Recording of Meetings Policy was APPROVED.
- 9.4 – The Clerk provided quotes for replacement printer cartridges and new printers. After further discussion the council decided it would be financially viable to purchase a new printer, rather than buy replacement toner cartridges.
- 9.5 – An update regarding the General Operative position was given by Cllr Jackson.
- 9.6 – The Council considered the quotes and APPROVED hiring Quick Skips for 2 skips, one for the allotments and the other for the BH & annex. The Clerk was asked to compare the price of another company (that we had used before) before proceeding.
- 9.7 – The council APPROVED a 2* service for the stair lift at AH.

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- 10.1 – Payments – APPROVED
- 10.2 – Receipts – APPROVED
- 10.3 – BACS – APPROVED

11. The Council and public present discussed updates regarding the barriers to the public footpaths at Warren House Park. It was shared by a member of the public that Doncaster Council had approved funding to begin the work of opening the gates / walkways. The excessive ASB that is observed at this area due to quad bikes, electric scooters etc is worrying, however tackling this should not come at the expense of the accessibility of others.

This meeting was closed at 8.30pm.

Members of the Council

**Cllr Jake Keeble, Cllr George Gracey, Cllr Francis Jackson,
Cllr Nichola Roberts, Cllr John Rowley, Cllr Sharon Mitchell, Cllr Mark Faulkner,
Cllr Helen Murphy and Cllr Karina Squire**