

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber
Commercial Street, Norton-on-Derwent on Monday 18 April 2016 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Councillor R. King (Mayor) in the Chair;
Councillors B. Barrett, Ms S Cawte, A. Croser, Mrs D. Keal, D Lloyd-Williams,
Mrs A Spencer, H. Spencer.
Also Mrs R. Tierney, Mr T. Hicks

200. (04/16) **GUEST SPEAKER**

W. Clifford Watts, Quarry

Members welcomed Mr Stuart Haines, Managing Consultant for W. Clifford Watts and Mr Adam Carr Director of the concrete side of the business.

Mr Haines gave a short presentation on the history and current status of the business which had been started in 1937, with Whitewall Quarry being acquired in 1956.

Other aspects apart from quarrying Jurassic Limestone include, Watts Mix ready mixed concrete which was started in 2002, with the majority of the production being used within a 15 mile radius of the works.

They currently employ 22 members of staff directly at Whitewall.

Planning permission for the quarrying has been granted until 2023.

With difficulties arising over the past few years with regard to the planning application for an Asphalt Plant on the site, and with this now concluded, Mr Haines would be keen to work with a local liaison committee made up of local residents and members of the Town Council to be able to discuss any future plans that might arise at the site. A short question and answer session followed, with concerns raised as to noise levels, congestion and unsheeted vehicles, Mr Haines assured members that all concerns were taken seriously and that every effort was made to make sure no vehicle left the site unsheeted and that they used appropriate routes. Noise levels were to be monitored by the County Council.

The Mayor thanked Mr Haines and Mr Carr for sparing the time to attend.

201. (04/16) **PUBLIC SESSION**

(a) Ms Jan Davos and Mrs Fiona Croft on behalf of the Malton and Norton Area Partnership, informed members of a project arising from the Towns Ahead meeting last year, were by the riverside banking through the town could be cleared. The Partnership had agreed that £2,000 pounds of the Portas money could be used for this purpose, and that both the Environment Agency and Natural England were agreeable. The Partnership were hoping that the Town Council would be in a position to be the Contracting Body for this project, and possibly for the future maintenance as well.

Members agreed that a lot more detail on this project was required and that it would be placed on the agenda for next month.

(b) County Councillor Mrs Elizabeth Shields gave an update on the Library stating that there had been about a 10% return on the questionnaires sent to local residents, and that there was to be a coffee morning at the library on Thursday 21 April were prospective volunteers could indicate times they would be able to commit to.

202. (04/16) **APOLOGIES AND CO-OPTION TO COUNCIL**

(a) Apologies

Apologies received and noted by the clerk:
Councillors Mrs B. Wright, P. Mooring,

(b) Co-option to Council, Norton East Ward

The Mayor welcomed Councillor Ms Sharon Cawte, the newly co-opted member for Norton East Ward.

Ms Cawte had signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office prior to the start of the meeting.

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203. (04/16) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of Interest made.

204. (04/16) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 21 March 2016 (Minutes 181 to 199 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

205. (04/16) **CLERK'S REPORT**

- (a) King George's Playing Field – Basket Swing
To report that the repair of the basket swing, following the damage caused to the cable, had been ordered at a cost of £135.00. It was due to be re-installed shortly.
- (b) Burdale Close – Play Area
To report that a letter had been sent to the Planning Department at Ryedale District Council, requesting the possibility of obtaining S106 Money to support the renewal of the play equipment at this location.
The Council were already in receipt of two like for like quotations for the replacement and enhancement of the equipment.
No reply to date.
- (c) Bazley's Lane – Whitewall, request for meeting
To report that Sharon Fox the Highways Communication Officer had been contacted with regard to a site visit with a meeting to follow. She was in the process of arranging a suitable date when the relevant officers could be present.
The Clerk would contact all members when a date was arranged.
- (d) Beverley Road Development Site
The meeting with the prospective developers took place on Monday 4 April at 7.00pm here in the Council Chamber.
Present for the developers: Paul Butler - Planning Consultant
Matthew Gibson - Barratt's, David Wilson Homes
Jordan Gresham – Taylor Wimpey
Members were updated on the proposed development scheme, which would now consist of between 500 to 550 dwellings, 2hectares set aside for the school, with this land being available from day one of development. 5hectares of open space located around the site and the link road between Beverley Road and the Industrial Estate off Scarborough Road. All dwellings were to be 2, 3, and 4 bedroom houses with no apartments planned for the site.
The Planning Application was expected by June this year, with a hoped for start on development spring 2017.
- (e) Eastfield Allotments
To report on vandalism and break ins on the allotments. The Police had been informed and had viewed the CCTV images. They have reported back to the victim that they have all the information they need.
In an email to ourselves the Police have stated that the camera does not appear to be moving with the sensor. This has been reported to GMC.
- (f) Yorkshire Local Councils Associations – White Rose Update
Members each received a copy of the Newsletter White Rose Update, this was for information only.
- (g) Condition of Commercial Street
Members were informed that once the utilities work was finished on Commercial Street, Ryedale District Council in conjunction with the Parking Officers from Scarborough intended to suspend parking for a day on the South side in order to bring in the large cleaning vehicles

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206. (04/16) **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

- (a) Police CaP Meeting
The Mayor reported that there had been a discussion as to how they could make the group more interesting to the community, although he himself found it interesting with a chance to engage with and ask questions of our local Police.
He urged other members to attend stating that the provisional date for the next meeting was Wednesday 22 June, with the venue to be announced.
- (b) Ryedale Cameras in Action
The Mayor and Councillor Lloyd-Williams both attended the Cameras in Action meeting held on the 30 March, at which there was a discussion on Wi-Fi use and new connections to Scarborough, although costs needed to be firmed up.
The representative from Scarborough Borough Council stated that between Scarborough, Whitby, and Filey they had 80 plus cameras and that the Borough Council contributed £200k to the funding.
The Mayor considered that as both the previous Police Inspector and the present Inspector Andy Short thought the cameras were invaluable in reducing crime, that it was only fair they contributed to the costs. He did not believe that it was simply the responsibility of Town Councils. The Mayor also stated that he believed both Ryedale District Council and North Yorkshire County Council had an obligation towards the safety of our community.
- (c) Federation of Small Business
The meeting was held at Ryedale House with the local MP Kevin Hollinrake in attendance. Mr Hollinrake appeared to be well informed on all issues.
- (d) Beverley Road – Proposed Development Meeting
The Mayor thanked all Councillors and the Clerks for attending the meeting.
- (e) Malton and Norton Chamber of Trade
A good report on the 'Bike Weekend' was received. However it would seem that this organisation was still a work in progress.
- (f) Christmas Lights
The Mayor stated that he was still trying to get Mr Townsend to wind up the old Christmas Lights Committee in order for the disposal of the old frames to take place so as any assets to be split between the two towns.
- (g) Upgrading of Utilities on Commercial Street
The Mayor stated that he thought all members would agree that enough was now enough with regards to the upgrade works for Gas, Water, etc, and that personally he was now tired of seeing Morrisons Contract workers wearing a yellow hat peering into a vast hole while being continuously on a mobile phone!

207. (04/16) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- (a) Accounts paid and for payment
The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 259 to 265 inclusive and 001 to 009 inclusive, amounting to £9,962.79 had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.
RESOLVED that account nos. 010 to 017 inclusive, amounting to £3,575.85 be paid. Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.
- (b) Financial report
The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.03.16 to 31.03.16 was received.
- (c) Budgetary monitoring
The Clerk's report for the period ending 31 March 2016 was received.
- (d) End of Year Report
The Receipts and Payments Account for the year ending 31 March 2016 was received.

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208. (04/16) **PLANNING MATTERS**

(a) Planning applications referred to the Town Council by Ryedale District Council, for comment and/or recommendation were dealt with as follows: -

- 16/00375/FUL Change of use and alteration of detached garage to an office for graphic design business.
75 Fletton Road, Norton, Malton, YO17 8BD
For: Paul Middlewich
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.
- 16/00434/FUL Change of use of parcel of land to form additional domestic curtilage together with erection of 1.8m fence.
2 George Cartwright Close, Norton, Malton, YO17 8EL
For: Daniel Barker
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.
- 16/00446/FUL Erection of part two storey / part single storey extension to side and rear elevations to include integral garage to the side and first floor balcony to the rear following demolition of existing two storey and single storey extensions, together with alterations to landscaping and formation of additional parking to the front.
136 Welham Road, Norton, Malton, YO17 9DU.
For: Lee Cobley
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.
- 16/00488/HOUSE Erection of a single storey extension to side and rear elevations.
13 Welham Road, Norton, YO17 9DP
For: Mr & Mrs Matthew Sawdon
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.
- 16/00404/MOUT Residential development of up to 6no. dwellings together with formation of vehicular access – Site A (site area 0.9ha) (revised details to refusal 15/00099/MOUT dated 22.07.2015)
Land to the north of Sutton Grange, Langton Road, Norton, Malton, North Yorkshire.
For: Gladman Developments
- 16/00405/MOUT Residential development of up to 79no. dwellings together with formation of vehicular access – Site B (site area 3.65ha) (revised details to refusal 15/00098/MOUT dated 22.07.2015)
Land to the north of Sutton Grange, Langton Road, Norton, Malton, North Yorkshire.
For: Gladman Developments
Both Gladman Applications were considered together and the recommendation applies to both:
RESOLVED Recommend Refusal on the following grounds;
- This development lies in a green field site which is of considerable importance to the town, and is outside development limits. While no decisions have yet been made as to site selections for the town, this site is considered totally unsuitable.
 - Congestion on Langton Road is already intolerable taking into account the position of Norton College and a certain lack of off street parking for residential properties towards the northern or town Centre end of Langton Road. There is now the prospect of the extension to the Primary School being built on the Brooklyn site, situated on Langton Road, bringing even more congestion to this area.
 - With a lack of infrastructure to support such a development this side of the level crossing, in order to access most services residents need to be able to access Malton which, with this proposal means either travelling via Norton Road or Castlegate both of which would be unacceptable and only add to the concerns already in place with regard to Co2 levels.

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208. (04/16) **PLANNING MATTERS** (continued)

- Impact on the sewage system in this area of town, the Victorian sewers are already over capacity and any further development would put residents in other areas at greater risk of having raw sewage impacting on their property whenever there is a period of heavy rain and the system is under pressure.
- Over development even with a reduction to the number of properties proposed, members still believe this is too many for what are relatively small sites.

(b) To receive decisions notified by Ryedale District Council.Approved

15/01096/LBC

External alteration to include installation of replacement casement window to north elevation
10A Langton Road, Norton, Malton, North Yorkshire, YO17 9AD

16/00223/HOUSE

Erection of a single storey lean-to extension to north elevation to replace existing porch
44 Scarborough Road, Norton, Malton, North Yorkshire, YO17 8AB

Withdrawn

15/01441/FUL

Change of use and alterations to the Coach House to form a 3no. bedroom dwelling.
Building Adjacent to Beverley House, Scarborough Road, Norton

209. (04/16) **POST OFFICE**Proposed move to new premises and branch modernisation

Members received a consultation paper on the proposed move of Beverley Road post Office to a new location within Costcutter in Commercial Street.

RESOLVED that the Town Council was in favour of the relocation of the Post Office, as it would mean a more central location for the town and longer opening hours.

210. (04/16) **HIGHWAY MATTERS**(a) Consultation on Proposed Weight Limit, Malton/Norton Level Crossing

Members received a consultation paper on the proposal to place a weight limit on the level crossing in order to improve the air quality in the area of Castlegate and Butcher Corner in Malton. Both these areas being covered by an Air Quality Management Plan. As large vehicles were seen as the greater contributor to the pollutants their removal from this area was seen as a key factor in improving the situation.

The Consultation was seeking views on the impacts of either a 7.5 tonne or an 18 tonne restriction.

RESOLVED that the Town Council would like to see a 7.5 tonne weight restriction placed on the Malton/Norton level crossing to be implemented as soon as practicable, in order that the air quality in the vicinity of Castlegate and Butcher Corner can be improved.

(b) Urban Grass Cutting Payments 2016/17

Members received a letter explaining the rate the County Council would pay to support the grass cutting within the town for the coming year.

They would continue to pay for five cuts per year of the visibility splays in the town.

The area of grass to be cut to remain the same. Payment would be 6p per m² making the total payable to the council for the year £857.21.

Noted by members.

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211. (04/16) **CEMETERY SEAT**

Members received a report detailing a request for a seat to be placed in the cemetery in memory of a young parishioner. As the person's favourite colour was orange the family had asked if it would be possible to have this incorporated into it. The seat would be a Wybone RPS5 Plastic and Steel Bench Seat

All costs to be met by the family.

RESOLVED to approve the request for a seat, and to approve the use of RAL Colour 2004 Pure Orange to be applied to the steel legs only.

212. (04/16) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) North Yorkshire Police and Ryedale Safer Neighbourhoods Team – Local Crime Update and Statistics. For information. Noted.
- (b) Bright Steels Ltd – letter from Mr Philip Ireland concerning HGV parking in front of their premises. For information. Noted.
- (c) INEOS Shale – invitation to meeting, The Mayor and Councillor Mrs Keal to attend. Noted.
- (d) Letter from Mr K Brown concerning parking penalty charges, along with the reply received from the parking enforcement team. For information. Noted.

213. (04/16) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

No reports received.

214. (04/16) **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

Councillor Spencer asked about the HGV vehicle parked on the area adjacent to the library, and also about the condition of the entrance road to the library which had some very severe pot holes.

In reply it was stated that once the future of the library was assured the parking and the entrance road would be sorted out.

Councillor Brian Barratt raised concerns as to the congestion on Langton Road, stating that he had witnessed a high powered motor bike mount the pavement and ride at speed for some distance, due to being held up by congestion. A very dangerous and thoughtless action.

It was agreed that this matter be raised at the proposed meeting with the Highway Officers.

215. (04/16) **DATE OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

RESOLVED that the Annual Town Meeting be held on Monday 16 May 2016, at 6.30pm, in the Council Chamber.

216. (04/16) **DATE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the Annual Meeting of the Council be held on Monday, 16 May 2016, on the rising of the Annual Town Meeting or at 7.00pm whichever is the later, in the council chamber.

(Meeting closed at 8.50pm)

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