

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber
Commercial Street, Norton-on-Derwent on Monday 8 December at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Councillor R. King (Town Mayor) in the Chair;
Councillors K. Anderson, A. Croser, J. Gray, Mrs D. Keal, D. Lloyd-Williams,
H. Spencer.
Also Mrs R. Tierney, Mr T. Hicks

149. (12/14) **APOLOGIES**

Apologies received and noted by the Clerk; Councillors Ms C. Barratt-Gibson,
P. Farndale, R.A. Harrison

150. (12/14) **GUEST SPEAKER**

No Guest Speaker in attendance.

151. (12/14) **PUBLIC SESSION**

County Councillor Mrs Shields reported that the planning application for the Asphalt Plant at Whitewall Quarry, which had been due to be considered at the December meeting of the County Planning Committee, had been postponed again and was now due to be considered at the meeting on the 10 February 2015. The delay appeared to be because of queries on the highway routes to be used to and from the quarry. As a report from the County Highway department was expected on the routes, members asked that this item be placed on the agenda for January.

Mrs Shields also reported that following the Council Meeting with the officers from County regarding the Library Consultation, the open meeting held at the Library had also been well attended and there appeared to be a lot of interest. It was hoped that a full public meeting could be arranged for the New Year.

Comments noted by members.

152. (12/14) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Anderson declared an interest in Agenda item 8 Planning Matters, application number 14/01161/LBC CCTV camera for Ryedale Taxis, Railway Station, as an employee.

Councillor Lloyd-Williams declared a personal interest in Agenda item 8 Planning Matters, application number 14/00947/MFUL (ATS Site, Commercial Street) as a personal and political friend of the applicants partner.

153. (12/14) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

- (a) RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 17 November 2014 (Minutes 124 to 143 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
- (b) RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council Budget meeting held on Monday, 1 December 2014 (Minutes 144 to 148 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

154. (12/14) **CLERK'S REPORT**

- (a) Computer – New Hard Drive
To report that with twice the computer failing, and having to call out Coppins Systems, to get it back up and working, the decision was taken to have a new hard drive fitted before it failed completely.
Noted.

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154. (12/14) **CLERK'S REPORT** (continued)(b) British Telecom Accounts

To report that the telephone and broadband account was now paid up to date following the dispute over the bill for the repair to the line.

155. (12/14) **TOWN MAYOR/CHAIRMANS REPORT**(a) Christmas Lights Switch On

The Mayor reported that there had been a very good turnout for the switch on, with many added attractions being provided such as 'Santa's Grotto and the Balloon Man' who had been well received by the children.

The major downside to the evening being the fact that the town's lights failed to come on. It had been reported later that the main people involved with both Malton and Norton's lights would be stepping down after this year. This then makes it unclear as to the future.

With Malton's lights switch on also having problems and two of the stalwarts of the Malton Events committee resigning over the issue, namely Andrew Walker and Mandy West the Chair of the committee, the future for various events seemed unclear.

The Mayor reminded members that both Mandy West and Andrew Walker did an excellent job of organising many events and it was very sad that they had resigned, and he hoped that they would change their minds.

The Mayor suggested that a meeting with Malton be arranged for the New Year to discuss what happens now.

Noted.

The Mayor then thanked everyone involved with the Norton Light Switch on Event who had all given time and effort it was much appreciated.

(b) Blessing of the Tree

The Mayor attended the 'Blessing of the Tree' in aid of St Catherine's Hospice which was held in Malton outside the Town Hall. It had been a most festive and enjoyable event with input from choirs and the Malton White Star Band, only issue it was a bitterly cold evening.

(c) St Peter's Church – Christmas Tree Festival

This had been a spectacular event and the Mayor thanked the Deputy Clerk and Councillor Gray for erecting and decorating the tree entered on behalf of the Council. It was not clear if this event would take place next year but it was thought that Reverend Rachel Hirst had another idea for an event.

Noted.

(d) Complaints Received

The Mayor reported that he had received many complaints about children and adults cycling on the pavement in Commercial Street, and also that now the dark nights had arrived there had been a marked increase in dog fouling.

Noted.

156. (12/14) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**(a) Accounts paid and for payment

The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 170 to 180 inclusive, amounting to £6,698.72 had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED that account nos. 181 to 185 inclusive, amounting to £1,140.43 be paid. Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.

(b) Financial report

The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.11.14 to 30.11.14 was received.

(c) Budgetary monitoring

The Clerk's report for the period ending 30 November 2014 was received.

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156. (12/14) **FINANCIAL MATTERS** (continued)

- (d) Budget and Precept for the Year 2015/16
RESOLVED that the Budget and Precept for the year 2015/16 be confirmed as set out in the Minutes of the Budget meeting dated 1 December 2014.
 With a Budget of £135,366, and a precept of £120,000

157. (12/14) **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

- 14/01161/LBC Installation of CCTV camera to front wall above left side of fascia sign.
 Ryedale Taxis, Railway Station, Norton Road, Norton, Malton, YO17 9PD
 For: Station Taxis (Norton) Ltd (Mrs Lisa Ridsdale)
RESOLVED: Recommend Approval
- 14/00521/HOUSE Removal of shop front window and replacement with UPVC double glazed
 window in smaller opening.
 15 Church Street, Norton, Malton, YO17 9HP
 For: Mr Adrian Carter
RESOLVED: Recommend Approval
- 14/01220/FUL Change of use of land and buildings to a non-residential education and
 training centre (use class D1) to include a change of use and alteration of
 outbuilding to form training and workshop areas for use by Acorn Community
 Care to include kitchen and toilet facilities and sensory room together with
 replacement of main entrance doors and installation of a removable access
 ramp to side entrance (part retrospective application)
 Whinflower Hall, Scarborough Road, Norton, Malton, YO17 8EE
 For: Acorn Community Centre
RESOLVED: Recommend Approval
- 14/01289/HOUSE Erection of single storey rear and side extension
 20 Glenmoore Drive, Norton, Malton, YO17 9DE
 For: Mrs H Wilson
RESOLVED: Recommend Approval
- 14/00947/MFUL Erection of 37no. one bedroom apartments 20no. two bedroom apartments,
 3no. three bedroom dwellings and 2no. four bedroom apartments with
 undercroft parking, private and communal amenity areas, landscaping,
 management office, alteration to existing vehicular access and erection of
 street front commercial unit with one bed studio above.
 ATS Euromaster, 25 to 27 Commercial Street, Norton, Malton, YO17 9HX.
 For: Mr P Sedman
RESOLVED: Recommend Refusal, as per our recommendation and
 commentary in our letter dated 9th October 2014, the comments therein still
 stand in full.

In addition we would comment as follows:

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157. (12/14) **PLANNING MATTERS** (continued)

14/00947/MFUL ATS Euromaster (continued)

Within the letter submitted as part of the application from Dudleys, Structural and Civil Consultants, Horsforth, we note that under heading 3 Sewer, that the surface water from impermeable roof areas is to be disposed of into the sewer and that our understanding is that surface water in medium to large scale developments within the town should be dealt with by alternative measures due to historic and ongoing flooding problems.

Whilst the increase in parking allocation is favourable, both surface and undercroft, we consider that the site access should be retained, and made as wide as possible and the shop unit to the Commercial Street curtilage not be developed, due to the increase in volume in traffic from the addition of further car parking.

There are two buildings shown on the Proposed Impermeable Plan, submitted as part of the application, prepared by Dudleys, which immediately flank the entrance to the undercroft parking. These do not appear on any other plan, submitted as part of the application, prepared by The Design Partnership.

(b) Planning decisions notified by Ryedale District Council:

No decisions received.

158. (12/14) **COUNCIL POLICIES**Complaints Procedure and Disciplinary and Grievance Procedure Policies

Members received copies of the proposed Complaints Procedures Policy and the Disciplinary and Grievance Procedure Policy.

RESOLVED that the Complaints Procedure Policy and the Disciplinary and Grievance Procedure Policy be formally adopted by the Council, both as appended to the Minutes (Appendix 1).

159. (12/14) **HIGHWAY MATTERS**(a) Installation of LED Street Lighting

Members received the schedule for the replacement of sodium light bulbs with LED bulbs by the County Street Lighting Department, at various locations within Norton. Noted by members.

160. (12/14) **CEMETERY MATTERS**Cataloguing and Recording of Memorials

Members considered a request from the Ryedale History Society, that they be given permission to catalogue and record all the memorials within Norton Cemetery.

RESOLVED to give permission for the Ryedale History Society to catalogue and record the memorials within Norton Cemetery.

161. (12/14) **CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) Malton and Norton Area Partnership – copy of a letter sent from the Partnership to Julia Mulligan, Police and Crime Commissioner, in connection to the proposed changes to street lighting. For information. Noted.

(b) Brooklyn Preschool Playgroup – Thank you for grant.

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161. (12/14) **CORRESPONDENCE** (continued)

- (c) Totally Locally and Chamber of Trade – letter received explaining the changes as to how the organisations operate, this would mean that in future Totally Locally would be working under the umbrella of the Chamber of Trade. For information. Noted.
- (d) Third Energy Ltd – letter outlining the proposal for ‘Fracking’ to be undertaken at Kirbymisperton. For information. Noted with concern.

162. (12/14) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Derwent Riverside Project – Castle Gardens

Councillor Mrs Keal reported on the ‘Tree Dressing’ event at Castle Gardens, which had taken place on the previous Sunday, this had been a great success and had been well attended. It was hoped that this would be something to build on for the future.

Derwent Valley Swimming Gala

Councillor Croser reported on his attendance at the Gala held at the Derwent Pool in Norton. It had been a very enjoyable occasion, although it was reported that the Derwent Valley Swimming Club felt that they were now under pressure to make other arrangements for the club, from the new management regime that operated the swimming pool. Noted.

163. (12/14) **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

No Members questions

164. (12/14) **EXCLUDED ITEMS**

RESOLVED that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, members of the press and public were excluded for the following items of business as the Council considered that the nature of the business to be transacted was prejudicial to the public interest.

Ryedale Cameras in Action

Memo received by the Mayor requesting that the Council agree in principle that Ryedale Cameras in Action take over the management of CCTV subject to acceptable terms being agreed with Ryedale District Council.

RESOLVED agree in principle.

Review of Staff Salaries

Members received a briefing on the agreement reached by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services on the 2014 -2016 National Salary Award, to be implemented from 1 January 2015 along with a non-consolidated (one off) payment to be paid in December 2014.

RESOLVED to agree the National Salary Award along with an appropriate scale increase, with the Clerk taking a reduction in hours worked to 26 hours per week and the Deputy Clerk increasing hours worked per week to 24.

165. (12/14) **DATE OF NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next ordinary Meeting of the Town Council be held on Monday, 19 January 2015, at 7.00pm, in the council chamber.

(Meeting closed at 8.35pm)

_____(Chairman)