

NORTON-ON-DERWENT TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber
Commercial Street, Norton-on-Derwent on Monday, 17 February 2014 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Councillor R. King (Town Mayor) in the Chair;
Councillors K. Anderson, P. Farndale, J. Gray, Mrs M. Hodgson, Mrs D. Keal,
D. Lloyd-Williams, H. Spencer.
Also Mrs R. Tierney.

Prior to the start of the meeting members held a minutes silence, in respect of
Councillor Jason Fitzgerald-Smith the former Mayor of Malton, who had sadly passed away
after a short illness. He would be missed by all that knew him.

156. (02/14) **APOLOGIES**

(a) Apologies received and noted by the Clerk: Councillor A.R. Harrison.

157. (02/14) **GUEST SPEAKER**

No guest speaker.

158. (02/14) **PUBLIC SESSION**

County Councillor Mrs Elizabeth Shields – Bus subsidies

Councillor Mrs Shields reported that with the withdrawal of the County Council subsidy for the local bus service, it had been confirmed that a Registered Commercial Service would start when the subsidy finally finished. It was expected that the timetable would be slightly different, and costs of tickets were still unknown at this point. Bus Passes would continue to be allowed.

It was expected that more detail would be available by the next meeting.

Noted.

County Councillor Mrs Elizabeth Shields – Whitewall Quarry planning application

Councillor Mrs Shields reported that she was calling at houses in Welham Road to try and gauge resident's opinions to the proposed asphalt plant at the quarry.

Concerns were raised with regard to a leaflet that was being distributed around the town which showed a prominent photograph of an asphalt plant producing large amounts of smoke emissions, this was misleading as the photograph was not of a modern up to date plant like the one proposed at Whitewall.

The application was now due to be decided at the County Council Planning Meeting on Tuesday the 25 March 2014.

Noted.

159. (02/14) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mrs Keal declared an interest in agenda item 10, application for grant funding from Woodhams Stone Collection, as Chairman of the Woodhams Stone Committee.

Councillor King declared an interest in agenda item 10, application for grant funding from Woodhams Stone Collection, as treasurer of the Woodhams Stone Committee.

160. (02/14) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 20 January 2014 (Minutes 139 to 155 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

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161. (02/14) **CLERK'S REPORT**(a) North Yorkshire County Council – Contacting Highways Department

To report that there had still been no response to the e. mail sent to the highways department on the 15 January 2014, using the address that Town and Parish Councils had been requested to use, outlining issues with parking within the town and requesting a meeting with either Mr Marr or the Inspector for Norton.

Members agreed that a letter be sent outlining the issues and including not only the County Councillor for Norton but also the Chief Executive of the County Council.

Noted.

(b) North Yorkshire County Council – Minerals and Waste Joint Plan

To report that the County Council was consulting on the issues and options for the new Minerals and Waste plan. The closing date for the consultation was the 11 April 2014, prior to this date the County Council were organising drop in sessions across the County where members of the public would be able to ask questions about the proposals.

The drop in session for our area was to be held at Malton Library on Tuesday the 25 February 2014, 2.00pm to 7.00pm

162. (02/14) **TOWN MAYOR/CHAIRMANS REPORT**(a) Malton and Norton Musical Theatre

The Mayor reported on his attendance at the annual pantomime held at the Milton Rooms Malton. Stating that there were stunning performances from very talented young stars within a very professional show.

(b) Ryedale Cameras in Action

Reporting on the meeting of Cameras in Action the Mayor confirmed that the cameras in Pickering had now been hooded but there had been little or no response. The aim therefore at the moment was to proceed with just Malton and Norton.

Funding from Ryedale District Council was due to cease from 2015/16 onwards, it was therefore vital that the community was canvassed to highlight the importance of the cameras. It was understood that there was to be a further meeting with Ryedale District Council in due course.

(c) Skatepark

Along with Councillor Gray, the Mayor had met with P.C. Coning to discuss various issues at the Skatepark.

Councillor Gray was to report in full later in the meeting, see minute 171(a).

(d) Funeral

With other members of the Council the Mayor had attended the funeral of Councillor Jason Fitzgerald Smith, the former Mayor of Malton. The Mayor stated that he felt we should all be thankful for knowing a true gentleman who was a larger than life character.

163. (02/14) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**(a) Accounts paid and for payment

The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 191 to 205 inclusive, amounting to £6371.54 had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED that account nos. 206 to 212 inclusive, amounting to £4649.22 be paid.

Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.

(b) Financial report

The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.01.14 to 31.01.14 was received.

(c) Budgetary monitoring

The Clerk's report for the period ending 31 January 2014 was received.

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164. (02/14) **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

- 14/00084/FUL Erection of a 2 bedroom dwelling attached to no.39, forming terrace of 3no. dwellings together with widening and division of existing vehicular access
Land adjacent Number 39 Eastfield Avenue, Norton, Malton
For: Mr P Robinson
RESOLVED Recommend Approval
- 14/00134/HOUSE Erection of two storey extension to the side and demolition of existing extension (revised details to refusal 13/00498/HOUSE dated 23.07.2013)
6 Parliament Avenue, Norton, Malton, YO17 9HF
For: Mr Simon Wall
RESOLVED Recommend Approval
- 14/00096/MOUT Residential development of 18 no. dwellings following demolition of existing agricultural type buildings (site area 0.54ha)
Agricultural Contractors, Welham Road, Norton, Malton
For: Thomas Crown Associates
RESOLVED Recommend Refusal on the following grounds;
- Overdevelopment of what is a relatively small site, with insufficient parking leading to more congestion on surrounding streets.
 - Vehicular access to the site from both points cuts across a much used safe public footpath.
 - Increased flood risk, this site sits in the floodplain, and any further development would limit the drainage of ground water, which is already a problem in this area.
 - Impact on the sewage system, the Victorian sewers are already over capacity, and any further development puts residents in other areas, especially those living in the vicinity of Church Street, bottom end of St Nicholas Street and Welham Road at a much greater risk of having raw sewage impacting on their property whenever there is a period of heavy rain and the system is under pressure.

- (b) Planning decisions notified by Ryedale District Council:

No decisions notified.

165. (02/14) **CEMETERY MATTERS**

- (a) Cemetery Closure

Members were updated on the closure of the cemetery overnight during the week and at weekends. To date there had been no adverse feedback from the public, and the Cemetery Manager had reported an improvement in the dog fouling situation.
This item to be placed on the agenda for next month when the trial would have been running for nearly two months, and the nights would be getting lighter.

- (b) Levelling of Footpaths

The Clerk reported that the footpaths were in the process of being levelled, and had been inspected by the Contractor, Clerk and Cemetery Manager to ensure that all areas were covered, and would be levelled as necessary.

- (c) Condition of Trees

Members received a copy of a letter from a resident of the Gallops, informing them that two trees growing through the hedge at the rear of the cemetery were dead and in need of removing.

In reply the Clerk reported that having looked at the trees in question it was a little early to tell if they were in fact dead, but that a close inspection would be kept and if necessary they would be removed.

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166. (02/14) **APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING**

Councillor Mrs Keal and Councillor King had both declared an interest in the Woodhams Stone Collection, as Chairman and Treasurer of the committee respectively.

The Clerk had circulated a copy of the letter of application, requesting a grant to assist with online archiving of the Woodhams Stone collection.

RESOLVED that the Council in accordance with its powers under section 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which in the opinion of the Council is in the interests of the area and its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure:-

- Woodhams Stone grant awarded £500.00

167. (02/14) **PARKING ISSUES – WOOD STREET**

Members received a copy of an e. mail sent from Mr Marr to a local resident in reply to her correspondence.

While the Council was not impressed by Mr Marrs reply, the facts stated were correct. There had still been no response to the e. mail sent by the Clerk, who had now been asked by members to write to both the Highways Office and the Chief Executive of the County Council and to include the County Councillor for Norton in the correspondence.

168. (02/14) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Ryedale Safer Neighbourhoods Team – monthly crime statistics for Southern Ryedale, January 2014. For information. Noted.
- (b) North Yorkshire County Council – Bus Subsidy Reduction information. For information.
- (c) Yorkshire Water Services Ltd – letter updating members of the work being carried out on the sewerage system in and around Sutton Street. For information. Noted.
Councillor Mrs Keal stated that she was in touch with Yorkshire Water, trying to obtain answers to issues involving other areas of the town, as while the works on Sutton Street were welcome they made no difference to other parts of the town and there had been no answer to the sewer flooding that had occurred previously around Church Street and Welham Road.
- (d) Malton Against Superstore – letter requesting support for opposition to the proposed store on Wentworth Street car park. For information. Noted.
- (e) York & North Yorkshire Road Safety Partnership – letter in reply to a complaint about speeding on Scarborough Road. For information.
York & North Yorkshire Road Safety Partnership – letter in reply to a complaint about speeding on Hambleton Road. For information. Noted.
- (f) North Yorkshire County Council – Temporary Road Closure, Plum Street Norton. Closed for one week during the period from 7 April 2014 to 27 March 2015, for footway reconstruction. For information. Noted.
- (g) Frack Free North Yorkshire – Information sheet about a public meeting to be held on Friday 21 February, at 6.30pm, at Friends Meeting House Malton. For information. Noted.

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169. (02.14) **ALLOTMENT MATTERS**

- (a) Members received information on proposals put forward by allotment holders on the 'Bacon Factory' half of the allotments to improve security. Members discussed the proposals and felt that they would be more in favour of cameras than fencing to improve security. The Mayor to obtain costings for cameras, which along with the other suggestions put forward would be discussed at the meeting to be held with the allotment holders.
- (b) To inform members of a meeting to be held with allotment holders, P.C. Coning and the Council, on Friday 21 March 2014 at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber, Commercial Street. Noted.

170. (02/14) **VERGE AND FOOTPATH ISSUES – LANGTON ROAD**

Members received information from Councillor Spencer about the use of the verge on the western side of Langton Road by the horse racing community. Pointing out that with the bulb planting that had taken place in this verge, the horses were now trampling the newly sprouting shoots down.
RESOLVED that a letter asking that the horses were kept on the path provided be sent to all trainers within the town.

171. (02/14) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

- (a) Skatepark
Councillor Gray reported on a meeting with the Mayor and P.C. Coning to discuss all Skatepark matters. With the grant for £5,000 obtained for new equipment P.C. Coning was to make enquiries and get costings on what might be suitable. A meeting with the user group was arranged for 6 April 2014 at 1.00pm at Malton Police Station to discuss possible events for the year. Noted.
- (b) Malton and Norton Area Partnership
Councillor Lloyd-Williams reported that the application to 'Revive and Thrive' for a chance to win £150,000 worth of professional advice, had now been submitted. Noted.
- (c) Woodhams Stone Collection
Councillor Mrs Keal reported that the Woodhams Stone Collection, was working with Malton Museum Foundation on their first joint venture. This would involve a series of exhibitions throughout the year featuring artefacts from both the Museum and the Woodhams Stone Collection. Noted.
- (d) Bowling Club
Councillor Mrs Keal reported that the bidding for the sale of the bowling club was due to close at the end of the month and although Ryedale had received two further expressions of interest, there had been no firm offer made, apart from the local community group. Noted.

172. (02/14) **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

Councillor Gray asked about the broken fence on Scarborough Road, by the old railway bridge.
In reply it was stated that this had been reported to the highway department, but no response as yet. Noted.

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173. (02/14) **EXCLUDED ITEM**

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.

(a) Council Vacancies

Members received applications for co-option from four candidates for the three vacancies, one in East Ward and two in West Ward. The four candidates being Ms Carla Barratt-Gibson, Mr Michael Beckett, Mr Antony Croser, and Mr Benjamin Mehrrens. None of the candidates had expressed a preference for a certain ward and so all four were considered for the first vacancy in East Ward;

Following a ballot of members Ms Carla Barratt-Gibson was co-opted on to the Council.

The second vacancy in West Ward was then contended which;

From a ballot of members Mr Antony Croser was co-opted on to the Council.

The third and final vacancy in West Ward was then contended which;

From a ballot of members Mr Benjamin Mehrrens was co-opted on to the Council.

(b) King George's Playing Field – Multi Games Unit, Ball Stop Fencing.

Members received quotations for ball stop fencing to be installed on the Multi Games Unit. Only two quotations were received one being from Simon Naylor Fencing and the other from Norex Fencing.

With neither quote being agreed by members it was decided that the Clerk contact the firms and ask if they would be willing to look at their figures again.

This item to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

174. (02/14) **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Town Council be held on Monday, 17 March 2014 at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber.

(Meeting closed at 8.45pm)

_____(Chairman)

