

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber
Commercial Street, Norton-on-Derwent on Monday 15 June 2015 at 7.00pm.

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

017. (06/15) **APOLOGIES**

(a) Apologies received and noted by the Clerk: Councillors A, Croser, B. Mehrtens.

WELCOME NEW COUNCILLORS

(b) The Mayor welcomed the newly co-opted Councillors, Mrs Ann Spencer (West Ward) and Mrs Beverley Wright (East Ward). Both had signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office prior to the start of the meeting.

018. (06/15) **GUEST SPEAKER**

Inspector Everitt, North Yorkshire Police

Members welcomed Inspector Andy Everitt the Ryedale Police Inspector, and P.C. Coning, who had agreed to attend and answer concerns raised by members. Inspector Everitt began by giving an overview of policing within Ryedale over the past few years, stating that in most cases actual crime was falling, examples being violence in the night time economy down, and antisocial behaviour falling year on year. Drug related operations were increasing with the police clamping down and keeping pressure on known suspects.

Key issues were now centred around vulnerable and aging people as well as those with learning difficulties, with many joint case conferences with other organisations taking place. They were also actively working with schools on the sexualisation of our young people through social media awareness.

Inspector Everitt then went on to thank the Town Council for organising the events for the day of the Tour de Yorkshire, it had been a wonderful celebration for the community as a whole.

There then followed a question and answer session with members raising the following concerns and queries;

As the towns of Malton and Norton were growing did it mean that there would be more resources available to them, in reply it was stated that with the proposed police move into Ryedale House and the road traffic section also due to relocate there, more resources should be available.

Concerns were then raised over the number of heavy goods vehicles using Bazley's Lane as a cut through from Welham Road to Langton Road even though there were weight restriction signs at either end. Councillor Hugh Spencer asked that if members of the public had evidence of who was flouting the rules could it be forwarded to the police for action to be taken. The police stated that they would certainly look at the evidence and if possible take action.

The issue of the future of CCTV for the towns and how long the funding available would last was then discussed. The funding situation was that there was probably enough funds to last this current year only and with the proposed move to Ryedale House all the equipment would need to be relocated from the existing police station, a solution to the whole situation was desperately needed as the police found the cameras to be a very useful asset.

Asking about the Skatepark it was felt that the meeting with the users had been good and that things were moving forward with PC Jane Jones taking up the challenge.

Inspector Everitt closed by announcing he would be retiring from the force this year and that his successor was to be an Inspector Andy Short. He also thanked the local community and the Council for all the work they do.

The Mayor thanked Inspector Everitt for sparing the time to attend and wished him well for the future.

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019. (06/15) **PUBLIC SESSION**(b) County Councillor Mrs Elizabeth Shields

Councillor Mrs Shields reported that the letter of intent regarding the future of the library had now been presented to North Yorkshire County Council and it would go before the Executive of the County Council on the 7 July 2015 when a final decision on its future would be made. In the meantime the group were making applications for various grants to help bring the building up to a standard. They were also hoping to hold events at the library over the summer and were working with Camphill on a possible Café.

On the 8 July 2015 the hearing on the planning application for the Asphalt Plant at Whitewall Quarry was due to take place and Councillor Mrs Shields would be speaking against the application.

With regard to the extension to the Primary School she felt it was inevitable that the site at Brooklyn would go ahead.

Noted.

020. (06/15) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of Interest made.

021. (06/15) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on Monday, 18 May 2015 (Minutes 001 to 016 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

022. (06/15) **CLERK'S REPORT**(a) Tour de Yorkshire

To receive a summary of the accounts for the overall staging of the event, including decorating the town and providing various entertainments on the day.

Total budget spent £8,042.80, with the V.A.T. reclaimed this would then bring the figure down to £6,453.52

For Information. Noted.

(b) Skatepark

To report that following the meeting with the Police and Skatepark users it was agreed that the repairs to the park should go ahead.

Repairs as stated on the repair sheet received at the last meeting of the Council minus the fencing.

(c) Environment Agency

Trial lowering of the River Derwent at Kirkham Weir.

Environment Agency were now in a position to share what they learnt from last year's trial and to begin using the information to commission an 'options appraisal', which could range from doing nothing to making more significant changes.

They had asked if it would be possible to arrange a meeting with concerned parties, namely the two town councils, district council and other interested members of the community.

Dates suggested were, Monday 29 June, Monday 6 July, or Monday 13 July.

The preferred date for Malton Council was the 6 July.

Members agreed that the 6 July would be acceptable, the Clerk to make arrangements.

(d) Members Register of Interests

Email received from Ryedale District Council, reminding members of the need to complete their Register of Interests, the link to completing the form on line was available in the office.

Noted.

(e) Malton & Norton Area Partnership – Public Meeting

To receive a copy of the press release published in advance of the meeting on the 25 June at the Milton Rooms.

For information.

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022. (06/15) **CLERK'S REPORT** (continued)

- (f) Plantscape
To report delivery of the towns hanging baskets and barrier baskets.
For information.
Noted.
- (g) Community Infrastructure Levy
Email received from Jill Thompson on Friday 12 June, Charlotte Bogg had passed our correspondence to Jill and she would reply to us as soon as possible.
Noted.

023. (06/15) **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

- (a) Federation of Small Businesses Meeting
The Mayor reported on his attendance at a Federation of Small Businesses Meeting held on the 26 May at which Johnny Hayes from Frankie and Johnny's, of Bishopthorpe Road, York, spoke stating that a group of 28 initially promoted their street through social media and events and recreated 'Bishy Road'. The Christmas Lights switch on was attended by 3000 people. They engaged with their community through initiatives like 'buy a light' and helped build pride in their street. Business owners were known by their own names and there was a diverse range of produce sold. For the Tour de Yorkshire for example they had a street party, dressed in French attire and sold 1,000 mugs. They also used 'crowd funding' which was funding a venture and raising contributions from a large number of people. The Mayor would like to see the town embrace 'Bishy Road' ideologies.
- (b) Malton Food Lovers Festival
The Mayor reported on his attendance at the Food Lovers Festival held on 23 May and reported an excellent weekend, blessed with good weather, 1,000's on the streets and a credit to all involved. Levi Roots was exceptional and would be a hard act to follow next year.
- (c) Senior Citizens Christmas Party
The Mayor asked members if anyone was interested in getting involved in organising the party to let him know and requested that this be added to the agenda for the next meeting of the Council.
Noted.

024. (06/15) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- (a) Accounts paid and for payment
The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 047 to 058 inclusive, amounting to £7,539.58 had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.
RESOLVED that account nos. 059 to 062 inclusive, amounting to £3,008.60 be paid.
Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.
- (b) Financial report
The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.05.15 to 31.05.15 was received.
- (c) Budgetary monitoring
The Clerk's report for the period ending 31 May 2015 was received.

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025. (06/15) **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

- 15/00511/FUL Erection of detached 1 bedroom dwelling together with formation of new pedestrian access.
14 Church Street, Norton, YO17 9HS
For: Mr E Bromilow
RESOLVED: Recommend refusal, on the grounds that the site is situated in a flood area and should be reconsidered at such time as the flood risk issues are resolved.
- 15/00098/MOUT Residential development of up to 79no. dwellings together with formation of vehicular access – Site B (site area 3.65ha).
Land Adjacent to Auburn Cottages Langton Road, Norton.
For: Gladman Developments
- 15/00099/MOUT Residential development of up to 6no. dwellings together with formation of vehicular access – Site A (site area 0.9ha).
Land to North of Sutton Grange Langton Road, Norton.
For: Gladman Developments

Both Applications were considered again together, and the recommendation applies to both.

RESOLVED Recommend refusal on the following grounds;

- This development lies on a green field site which is of considerable importance to the town, and is outside the current development limits therefore until such time as the sites allocations for the Ryedale Plan are set no further development should take place.
- Congestion on Langton Road is already problematic especially taking into account the proximity of not only Norton College but the local Community Primary School as well. With this heavily used road members fear that there will be a temptation to make use of Bazley's Lane a totally inappropriate route when trying to avoid the congestion further in the town.
- This development would have a detrimental effect on the important local horse racing industry given that the designated horse path runs straight along this section of Langton Road.
- 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, the lower 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
- Lack of infrastructure to support another large scale development especially in Norton with no sustainable provision without having to access Malton.
- Over-development, while this is only an outline application both sites would seem to be allocating too many dwellings on what are relatively small areas.

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025. (06/15) **PLANNING MATTERS** (continued)

15/00627/MOUT Residential development of 23no. dwellings following demolition of existing agricultural type buildings (site area 0.54 ha) – revised details to refusal 14/00096/MOUT dated 09.06.2014.
 Agricultural Contractors Welham Road, Norton.
 For Thomas Crown Associates Ltd.
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 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.
- Increased number of dwellings overall since last application.
- Increased number of three storey provision since last application, meaning an increase in the number of properties that are overlooked.

(b) Planning decisions notified by Ryedale District Council:

Approved
 15/00390/HOUSE Erection of a single storey side extension to north elevation.
 92 Langton Road, Norton,
 For: Mr R Collier

026. (06/15) **CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL**

Members received an update on the meeting held on the 1 of June here in the Council Chamber, at which ideas for a Christmas Festival were discussed. It was felt that the traditional switch on of the lights event could be expanded to give a full afternoon of entertainment along with various stalls and other amusements. This would mean changing the event from the Friday to the Saturday.
 The Deputy Clerk had circulated to members an event task list which would be confirmed and developed over the coming weeks
RESOLVED that the event be held on Saturday the 28 November 2015, to start at 12 noon culminating in the switch on of the lights at 6.00pm. With a budget of £5,000 approved by members.

027. (06/15) **COUNTY COUNCIL LIBRARIES**

Members received reports prepared by the County Council, on all the libraries in the Ryedale towns. These would be presented to the County Council Executive Committee on the 7 of July 2015, when a final decision on the future of the libraries would be taken.
 For information. Noted.

028. (06/15) **COUNTY COUNCIL BUS SERVICE REVIEW**

Members received correspondence in connection with a review of both subsidy provision and service provision to bus services in the Ryedale Area.
 In response to the review members felt that any cut to services would be a retrograde step affecting the most vulnerable in society. Bus services were a vital link for small parishes and villages where members of the population didn't have access to private transport and didn't drive.
 The Clerk to write in response to the review.

029. (06/15) **RYEDALE RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION**

Members were informed of a report from the public rights of way survey, carried out by the Ramblers Association. The report highlighted the need for the County Council to be more pro-active.
Full results of the survey were available in a large email attachment on request.
For information. Noted.

030. (06/15) **RECORDING AT LOCAL COUNCIL MEETINGS – POLICY REVISION**

Members received a copy of the revised policy on recording at meetings in line with legislative requirements.
On studying the document members felt that some clarification on certain sections was required. It was therefore decided to defer making a resolution until such times as the clarification was forthcoming from the Local Councils Association.

031. (06/15) **TRAINING FOR COUNCILLORS**

Members received a calendar of training events for councillors from the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations, particularly noting there was to be a session held at The Old Lodge Hotel, in Malton.
Unfortunately the Clerk had to report that this was now fully booked, but would make enquiries as to whether it would be possible to arrange another training session at this venue in the near future.
Noted.

032. (06/15) **COUNCIL VACANCY**

Members received an application for co-option to the Council to fill the final vacancy in Norton East Ward.
RESOLVED that Mrs Abigail Stokell Beckett be co-opted to serve as councillor for Norton East Ward.

033. (06/15) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) North Yorkshire Police and Ryedale Safer Neighbourhoods Team – Local Crime Update and monthly crime statistics for Northern and Southern Ryedale, for May 2015. For information. Noted.
- (b) District Councillors Keane Duncan and Luke Ives – correspondence to P Dwyer Esq at North Yorkshire County Council, in connection with the expansion of primary school provision in Norton. For information. Noted.
- (c) Malton and Norton Area Partnership ‘Towns Ahead’ – invitation to attend the public meeting being held at the Milton Rooms Malton on Thursday 25 June 2015 at 6.30pm. For information. Noted.
- (d) Ryedale District Council – Correspondence relating to the naming of ‘Heron Close’. Members felt that with this development leading from Heron Way there was the possibility for confusion with various agencies and the general public as a whole having difficulty in finding and differentiating between the two names. Council agreed to recommend that it would be preferable to name the new development after a different bird, namely Stork Close or Grebe Close.
The Clerk to write with the recommendation.
- (e) Woodhams Stone Collection – Thank you for grant.

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034. (06/15) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

No reports received.

035. (06/15) **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

Councillor Mrs Spencer asked who was responsible for spraying weed killer at the children's playing area near the surgery. The clerk responded that this was Ryedale District Councils responsibility.

Councillor Anderson reported that the grass and weeds central to the road track at the allotments needed attention. The clerk to investigate.

Councillor Mrs Keal asked when Judy Cliffe from the Milton Rooms Committee would be in attendance. The clerk to invite her to the next meeting.

036. (06/15) **DATE OF THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next ordinary meeting of the Council be held on Monday, 20 July 2015, at 7.00pm, in the council chamber.

(Meeting closed at 9.15pm)

_____(Chairman)