

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber
Commercial Street, Norton-on-Derwent on Monday 16 March 2015 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

204. (03/15) **APOLOGIES**

Apologies received and noted by the Clerk; Councillors P. Farndale, R.A. Harrison

205. (03/15) **GUEST SPEAKER**

Proposed Expansion of Norton Community Primary School

Members welcomed Suzanne Firth and Andrew Dixon, Strategic Planning Managers from North Yorkshire County Council, and Jill Thompson Forward Planning Manager from Ryedale District Council. To discuss the concerns expressed by the Council in response to the public consultation on the proposed expansion of the Primary School on to the Brooklyn Site on Langton Road.

The County Officers confirmed the different consultation stages, with the formal consultation taking place between 8 May 2015 and 8 June 2015, and a final decision reached by the end of June 2015. If this was in favour a formal planning application would then be submitted.

In answer to the concerns about a split site and having to cross Langton Road the Officers made the point that with a statutory duty to provide enough places and the projected numbers growing more quickly, 496 this academic year, 510 expected in September, the underlying growth would reach 750 within the Ryedale Plan period, meaning they did not have time to wait for a possible preferred site off Beverley Road to come forward.

The Brooklyn Site would accommodate Reception and Year One, numbers being 180 in Year One and 40 in Reception at any one time.

There would be staggered starts between the two sites and a 'walking bus' would be formed to move the pupils between sites enabling parents to drop off and pick up from just one site.

With concerns expressed about congestion on Langton Road, the Officers confirmed they had consulted highways whose initial opinion was that they did not have any concerns. However there would need to be a full traffic survey carried out once the planning application was submitted.

Following the discussion, while members still had concerns they realised that the County Council had a duty to provide places and they understood the County's position.

The Mayor thanked all the Officers for sparing the time to attend.

206. (03/15) **PUBLIC SESSION**

County Councillor Mrs Shields stated that with the possible expansion of the Primary School onto the Brooklyn site, it would mean that the current users of that site, Brownies and Guides, would need to find a new home. This could then help with the campaign to keep the Library as there was the possibility they could be accommodated there.

Noted by members.

District Councillor Luke Ives felt that with reference to the school expansion he would much prefer to see the possible site on Beverley Road developed, even though this would only come forward if the whole site was bought to accommodate housing as well. He felt this could still be achieved if the planning process was accelerated with a campaign for this site.

His Comments were noted with interest by members.

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207. (03/15) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Lloyd-Williams declared an interest as a resident of Langton Road, in Agenda item 8(a) Planning Matters Application for outline development of housing in Langton Road.

Councillor Mrs Keal and Councillor King both declared an interest as members of the Woodhams Stone committee in Agenda item 9 Tour de Yorkshire. With a request from that committee for assistance in staging an exhibition in support of the Tour.

208. (03/15) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 16 February 2015 (Minutes 186 to 203 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

209. (03/15) **CLERK'S REPORT**(a) Whitewall Quarry – Asphalt Plant

To report on the current position of the planning application for the proposed asphalt production plant at Whitewall Quarry.

The Appeal process had now changed with the Planning Inspectorate confirming that a hearing would be the most suitable procedure for the appeal. The start date for the appeal had changed to 27 February 2015 and all representations had to be received by the Planning Inspectorate within 5 weeks of the start date. Any representations previously made to the County Council would be considered by the Inspector when determining the appeal.

The County Council had suggested they were looking for an available venue closer to the appeal site, which would be their preferred option. The hearing itself was to be held in May/June 2015, exact date to be confirmed.

(b) Town Entrance Signs

To report a reply received from Ryedale District Council Planning Department, informing the Council that advertisement consent would be required, as the signs do not fall into one of the fourteen classes of deemed consent, as set out in Schedule 3 of the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisement) Regulations 2007.

The Clerk would be seeking clarification on this requirement, prior to completing the application form.

Noted.

210. (03/15) **TOWN MAYOR/ CHAIRMANS REPORT**(a) Racing Welfare

The Mayor reported on his attendance at the opening of the Racing Welfare premises at 4 Old Maltongate, which was opened by HRH Princess Anne. The Princess was obviously a very hard working member of the Royal Family and the Charity Racing Welfare was very close to her heart. She would be returning later in the year to open Jack Berry House.

(b) Malton Town Council

Along with other members of the Town Council the Mayor had attended the meeting of Malton Town Council at which a presentation was given by the Fitzwilliam (Malton) Estate detailing their thoughts and plans for the area over the coming year.

(c) Malton and Norton Chamber of Trade

The Mayor had attended the latest meeting of the Chamber of Trade at which Richard Horsewood was elected Chairman. The Mayor was of the opinion that this organisation would now be able to move forward in a positive manner.

(d) Gladman Developments Ltd

The Mayor reported on a meeting held in the Council Chamber with Gladmans. This had been a well informed meeting with the developers being well briefed.

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210. (03/15) **TOWN MAYOR/ CHAIRMANS REPORT** (continued)

(e) Tour de Yorkshire Road Show

The Mayor, along with other members of the Council and the Clerks had attended the Tour Roadshow held at the Ryedale Community Leisure Centre (Bowls Club). Presentation given by Welcome to Yorkshire.

(f) Joint Meeting with Malton Town Council

All items discussed were on the Agenda.

The Mayor reported that he was pleased with the outcome of the meeting and pleased that we could work closely with Malton Town Council, he felt it was a credit to both Clerks.

(g) Ryedale District Council – Tour Meeting

The Mayor and Councillor Croser, along with the Deputy Clerk had attended a meeting at Ryedale House, at which they received an update on the Tour from Jos Holmes of the District Council.

(h) Tour Meeting – Council Chamber

This had been a meeting with a small group of attendees, but it had been very constructive.

The Mayor thanked all Councillors, Clerks and others who had attended the various meetings and contributed in a very positive manner.

In preparation for the Tour the Mayor asked if it would be possible for the verge along Commercial Street to be tenced and bollards put in place. The Clerk to make enquiries.

(i) Dog Fouling

The Mayor reported that he was still receiving complaints over dog fouling, and while at a previous District Council Parish Liaison meeting it was stated that the District Council were going to take action on this, nothing seemed to have happened. The Clerk to investigate.

(j) Vine Street – Repairs

Residents had complained to the Mayor that repairs to the street had been started about a year ago and were still not complete. The Clerk to investigate.

211. (03/15) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(a) Accounts paid and for payment

The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 219 to 228 inclusive, amounting to £7,426.37 had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED that account nos. 229 to 231 inclusive, amounting to £797.45 be paid. Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.

(b) Financial report

The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.02.15 to 28.02.15 was received.

(c) Budgetary monitoring

The Clerk's report for the period ending 28 February 2015 was received.

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212. (03/15) **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

15/00098/MOUT Residential development of up to 85 no. dwellings – 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 8 no. dwellings – Site A (site area 0.9ha)
Land to North od Sutton Grange, Langton Road, Norton
For: Gladman Developments

Both Applications were considered 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.

15/00183/HOUSE Erection of pitched roof front entrance porch following demolition of existing flat roof porch
27 St Peters Crescent, Norton
For: Mr & Mrs E Agar
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.

15/00166/HOUSE Erection of part two storey/part single storey side and rear extension together with erection of detached garage with room above, following the demolition of existing detached garage.
Aytonholme, Beverley Road, Norton
For: Mr & Mrs Rookes
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.

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212. (03/15) **PLANNING MATTERS** (continued)

- 15/00129/HOUSE Erection of two storey side extension to include intergral garage and front porch.
115 Langton Road, Norton
For: Mr Stephen Towse
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.
- 15/00214/FUL Use of the building as House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) to include social housing.
5 Vine Street, Norton
For: Ryedale District Council (Mrs Kim Robertshaw)
RESOLVED Recommend Approval subject to close monitoring, as with Derwent Lodge.
- 15/00203/73A Variation of Condition 05 to state “the dwellings (with regard to the height of the dwellings only) hereby approved shall be a maximum height of one and a half storey only”, Variation of Condition 13 to state “No dwelling shall be occupied until the relevant parking facilities have been constructed as indicatively shown on drawing PL02 revision C (substituted plan 24/02/15). Once created these parking areas shall be maintained clear of any obstruction and retained for their intended purpose at all times” and variation of Condition 24 to substitute QAD drawings PL02 Rev C – Proposed site plan, PL04 Rev A – 2 bedroom Bungalow for the existing listed plans – all variations in relation to approval 11/01001/OUT dated 09/09/2013.
Land off Heron Way, Norton
For: Grantside Homes LLP (Mr Peter Callaghan)
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.
- 15/00251/HOUSE Erection of two storey extension to west elevation.
104 Parliament Street, Norton.
For Miss L.A. Scholefield
RESOLVED Recommend Approval

(b) Planning decisions notified by Ryedale District Council:

Approved

- 14/01335/MFUL Erection of block of 1 no. 1 bedroom and 1 no. 2 bedroom apartments and block of 5 no. 1 bedroom and 3 no. 2 bedroom apartments following demolition of existing garage and outbuildings together with formation of vehicular access, 10 no. parking spaces, communal refuse store and additional 1 no. parking space for 29 Wood Street.
27 Wood Street, Norton
For: Yorkshire Housing Limited (Linda Gray)
- 14/01398/FUL Change of use of former office to form 2 bedroom dwelling, to include bricking up of shop front and installation of 2 no. vertical sliding sash timber windows and front and rear entrance doors.
13 Commercial Street, Norton
For: Mrs Lindsay Burr
- 14/00822/FUL Subdivision of 5 bedroom dwelling into 1 no 2 bedroom dwelling and 1 no 3 bedroom dwelling.
Norton Lodge, 109 Beverley Road, Norton
For: The Exors of Gwen Monkman Deceased.

- (c) Draft Charging Schedule – Community Infrastructure Levy
Members received a copy Ryedale’s Draft Charging Schedule.
The Clerk to make enquiries as to how much the charge had dropped for Norton and why.

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213. (03/15) **TOUR DE YORKSHIRE**

Councillor Mrs Keal and Councillor King had both declared an interest as members of the Woodhams Stone Committee, and took no part in the vote on making a donation.

Members received an update from the Tour Roadshow meeting, the District Council meeting, and the joint meeting with Malton Town Council, along with receiving details of the planned events for the day, and the various street scene decorations which have been approved by the tour operators, along with their costings where possible. With certain costs coming higher than expected it was;
RESOLVED To increase the budget to £6,000 and in order for the exhibition on the history of cycling by the Woodhams Stone Collection to be staged to give a donation of £375.00

214. (03/15) **MALTON AND NORTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Members received an update from the joint meeting held with Malton Town Council where a proposed structure for taking the plan forward was put to members, it was also proposed that Councillor Lloyd-Williams be appointed chair of the committee for the interim period prior to the elections. Agreement was also sought to invite Directions Planning and Ryedale District Council to a joint meeting with both councils to ascertain that the proposals for moving the plan forward would meet with their approval.

RESOLVED to formally approve the proposed structure and that Councillor Lloyd-Williams be chair of the committee along, with inviting Directions Planning to a joint meeting with Ryedale District Council.

215. (03/15) **JOINT MEETING WITH MALTON TOWN COUNCIL**

Members received a report on both the Christmas Lights and Ryedale Cameras in Action. Both items as discussed at the meeting and appended to the Minutes. (Appendix 1). Noted by members.

216. (03/15) **GRANT AWARDING POLICY**

Members received a copy of the proposed Council Grant Awarding Policy.
RESOLVED that the Grant Awarding Policy be formally adopted by the Council, as appended to the Minutes (Appendix 2).

217. (03/15) **NORTON IN BLOOM – SUMMER 2015**

Members received a report detailing the proposals and costings for the floral displays in Commercial Street, Church Street and on the County Bridge for summer 2015.
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
Total costs for the baskets and barrier baskets £1,040.00 plus V.A.T.
Watering and maintaining for a period of 14 weeks £1,120.00

218. (03/15) **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

- (a) North Yorkshire County Council – Temporary Road Closure, Church Street, Norton
It is anticipated that Church Street will be closed for five weeks, with the junctions closed for two or three days each within the five weeks. Pedestrian access maintained at all times with vehicular access maintained when possible. Order period between 23 March 2015 and 23 September 2015. Noted.
- (b) North Yorkshire County Council – Temporary Road Closure, Malton Level Crossing.
It is anticipated that the level crossing will be closed overnight on Saturday 9 May 2015 from 11.00pm to 09.00am on the 10 May 2015. However the order will be valid from 9 May 2015 to 13 May 2015 to cover unforeseen circumstances. Noted.

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219. (03/15) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Ryedale Safer Neighbourhoods Team – monthly crime statistics for Northern and Southern Ryedale, February 2015. For information. Noted.
- (b) North Yorkshire County Council, Flood Study – invitation to residents affected by flooding to attend a drop-in session with officers, at the Milton Rooms Malton, on Wednesday 18 March 2015 between 12.30pm and 7.00pm. For information. Noted.
- (c) Police and Crime Commissioner – details of the Community Speedwatch pilot scheme. For information. Noted.

220. (03/15) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Malton School

Councillor Spencer reported on his attendance at the School production of Little Shop of Horrors, it had been an excellent show.

Ryedale Five Towns

Councillor Croser the Clerk and the Deputy Clerk had attended the Five Towns meeting held at Pickering Memorial Hall. Topics discussed had been the Local Council Award Scheme, Verges, Annual Town Meeting, Principal Authority Cut Backs and the Local Government Elections.

Ryedale Area Committee

Councillor Lloyd-Williams reported on his attendance at the County Council Area Committee meeting, at which a spokesman for older people had given a presentation.

Malton and Norton Area Partnership

Councillor Lloyd-Williams reported on the meeting of the Area Partnership stating that a meeting had been arranged to take place at the Milton Rooms in Malton this coming June, in order that all organisations within the two towns and local villages could come together and discuss ideas for improving the area and find out what people wanted going forward. Date of meeting 25 June in the evening.

221. (03/15) **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

Councillor Spencer asked if there was anything that could be done to improve the vehicular entrance to the library as it was in a deplorable condition.
In answer County Councillor Mrs Shields would take this up with County.

Council Anderson stated that the raised flower bed wall running along the entrance to St Nicholas Street car park was in a dangerous condition, and could something be done about it.

This was the property of Ryedale District Council, and they had been informed.

222. (03/15) **EXCLUDED ITEM**

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

Quotations for decorating the Council Chamber

Members received a report detailing two quotations for decorating the Chamber, entrance, cloakroom and kitchen.

RESOLVED to accept the quote from Johnson Decorators in the sum of £1,475.00

223. (03/15) **DATE OF NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

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

(Meeting closed at 9.20pm)

_____(Chairman)