

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber
Commercial Street, Norton-on-Derwent on Monday, 18 November 2013 at 7.00pm.

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

104. (11/13) **APOLOGIES**

- (a) Apologies received and noted by the Clerk: Councillors Mrs M. Hodgson, J.T. Stone.
- (b) Members received the formal resignation of Councillor Keith Mennell.
Councillor Mennell had been a member of Norton on Derwent Town Council from 1974 when it was set up following Local Government reorganisation. Previous to that he had been a member of Norton Urban District Council. His time in office numbered 39 years as a Town Councillor and 5 years as a member of Norton Urban District Council.

The Mayor paid tribute to Councillor Mennell stating that since he had joined the Council he had always viewed Keith as the 'senior statesman', a very proud and honourable man whose wealth of experience involving the Council, and its predecessor, and knowledge of the local community never ceased to amaze. He was a font of knowledge and would be sadly missed as a member of the Council.

Members wholeheartedly agreed with the Mayor and all wished Keith the very best for the future.

Members considering how to mark his retirement. This item to be brought back to Council.

105. (11/13) **GUEST SPEAKER**

No guest speaker.

106. (11/13) **PUBLIC SESSION**

- (a) Parking – Little Wood Street
Mr Milner a resident of Little Wood Street, commented that due to double yellow lines being situated on both sides of the street opposite the small car park, residents who parked in front of their own properties were now being ticketed by the parking enforcement officers from Scarborough. With the small car park being used by residents from neighbouring streets there was not enough space for the residents of Little Wood Street to park.
Would the Council consider supporting the residents in asking North Yorkshire Highways if they could remove the yellow lines from the built up side of the road.
Council to make enquiries and report back next month.
The Mayor thanked Mr Milner for his comments.
- (b) Whitewall Quarry – planning Application, Asphalt Plant
District Councillor Luke Ives informed members that the quarry visit by members of the planning committee from the County Council had taken place today the 18 November 2013. It now appeared likely that the application would not be considered in December but be postponed until January 2014. As a member of the Action Group against the application a detailed and informed document had been produced as part of the evidence, this had been forwarded to the Clerk and was available for members to read.

Councillor Lloyd-Williams made the point that there would need to be a new licence for the production of asphalt, not as had been previously thought just a variation to the existing licence.

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106. (11/13) **PUBLIC SESSION** (continued)

(b) Whitewall Quarry – planning Application, Asphalt Plant (continued)

District and County Councillor Mrs Shields informed members that even if the plans were passed by the County Council, the Environmental Health element was the responsibility of the District Council and they would be making that decision. County had also received 25 letters in support of the application.

The Mayor thanked Councillors for their comments.

107. (11/13) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest made.

108. (11/13) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

With an amendment to state that Councillor Mennell was absent from the last council meeting it was;

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 21 October 2013 (Minutes 084 to 103 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

109. (11/13) **CLERK'S REPORT**

(a) Skatepark

To report that PC Coning had applied for a grant from the Police Community Fund for a new piece of equipment for the Skatepark, the grant had been successful, and the grant of £5,000.00 would be in the Council's bank account shortly.

Noted.

(b) Highway Matters

Following the last meeting of the Council Mr Marr, the Area Highway Manager, was asked about various issues relating to highways within the town. The reply received stated:

- Re-surfacing of Church Street; I did not get any funding for Church Street and I have asked that the leader of the assessment team comes and has a look at it for himself. If only to educate me (Mr Marr) as to why it is not getting any funding.
- Flooding Issues; As for the flooding I am looking at the feasibility of placing a large duct under the road into which we can put the pump hose. That way the pump can stay at its optimum position outside the petrol station, but Church Street can remain open.
- Athol Square Mirror; The County does not put mirrors up unless there is a significant injury accident history, and we have permission from the Secretary of State.
- Yellow Lines Plum Street junction; The double yellow lines are still in the pipeline and should be done early next year. There was some objection to the alterations to the yellow lining and I have to take it to the Area Committee.

Items noted.

(c) The Chase Play Area

The fencing at the Chase Play Area had been repaired and strengthened by inserting metal post supports, and some of the cross bars had been replaced.

Noted.

(d) Cemetery Matters

Work was ongoing clearing the compound, with one final skip required for this next week. This item to be discussed in depth next month, as to closure and updating.

Noted.

(e) Assistant to the Clerk of the Council

To report the appointment of Mr Tim Hicks as the newly appointed assistant, he would be taking up the position on the 2nd of January 2014, and would be working 16 hours per week over four days.

Noted.

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110. (11/13) **TOWN MAYOR/CHAIRMANS REPORT**

- (a) Pride of Malton and Norton Awards
The Mayor reported on his attendance at the Pride of Malton and Norton Awards, that took place on the 26 October 2013 at the Milton Rooms Malton.
Noted.
- (b) British Legion Festival of Remembrance
With other civic dignitaries the Mayor attended the annual Festival of Remembrance held on Friday 8 November 2013 at Norton College. The event had been well attended and the performances had been excellent.
Noted.
- (c) Wreath Laying Service War Memorial Malton
Sunday the 10 November 2013 the Mayor, on behalf of the Council, laid a wreath at the War memorial in Malton.
Noted.
- (d) Ryedale Cameras in Action
The Mayor, Councillor Spencer and the Clerk had attended a meeting with Inspector Andy Everitt to discuss the future plans for the town's cameras.
This item to be debated as an agenda item.
Noted.
- (e) Commercial Street
The Mayor reported that he had received a number of complaints from local residents who had difficulty in crossing the road at either of the two pedestrian crossings, and felt that it was quite dangerous. This was especially true for the elderly, disabled and parents with young children. The opinion was that it had been safer when the islands had been in place.
Noted.
- (f) Assistant to the Clerk
The Mayor with Councillors Mrs Keal and Farndale had interviewed the shortlisted candidates for the vacancy. It had been a very difficult decision to make with all the interviewees being of a high standard.
- (g) Christmas Lights Switch On
The Mayor reminded members that the Christmas Lights switch on was to be on Friday 29 November 2013, at the Derwent Arms. With events starting from 4.00pm
Noted.

111. (11/13) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- (a) Accounts paid and for payment
The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 136 to 148 inclusive, amounting to £5967.89, had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.
RESOLVED that account nos. 149 to 160 inclusive, amounting to £4101.04 be paid.
Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.
- (b) Financial report
The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.10.13 to 31.10.13 was received.
- (c) Budgetary monitoring
The Clerk's report for the period ending 31 October 2013 was received.

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112. (11/13) **PLANNING MATTERS**(a) Planning applications referred to the Town Council by Ryedale District Council, for comment and/or recommendation were dealt with as follows: -

- 13/01157/LBC Conversion and alteration of barn to form 2no. four bedroom dwellings and 3no. three bedroom dwellings (revised details to part of approval 07/01117/LBC dated 19.06.2008)
Sutton Farm Langton Road, Norton, Malton.
For Palladian (York) Ltd (Mr Simon Gibbons)
RESOLVED Recommend Refusal on the grounds that this is an historic building and should not be altered in any way.
- 13/01270/HOUSE Formation of vehicular access following removal of section of 0.5m high boundary wall to include installation of dropped kerb.
42 Langton Road, Norton.
For Mr D. Stannard
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.
- 13/01283/TPO To carry out crown reduction to T1 & T2 (Willow) within TPO No.217/1996 in accordance with submitted annotated photographs.
Karro Foods Ltd, Westfield Way, Norton.
For Mr D Schiaffonati
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.
- 13/01150/ADV Display of replacement internally and externally illuminated fascia signs to north, east and west elevations, 1no. non-illuminated post mounted sign 2no. non-illuminated wall mounted vertical information panels, 6no. non-illuminated wall mounted poster frames and internally applied vinyl window graphics.
2 Hambleton Road, Norton
For One Stop Convenience Stores.
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.
- 13/01224/MFUL Erection of 10no. four bedroom dwellings, 32no. three bedroom dwellings and 35no. two bedroom dwellings – revised details to approval 09/00829/MFUL dated 05.01.2011 to provide an additional 19no. dwellings by replanning of plots 119-122, 127-138 and 145-216.
Land at Westfield Nurseries, Scarborough Road, Norton.
For Persimon Homes Yorkshire (Mr Richard Hosie)
RESOLVED Recommend Refusal on the grounds that this is a gross overdevelopment of the site, which puts even more pressure on parking on site, and more pressure on an already oversubscribed Primary School and other infrastructure within the town, especially on the sewage system. Members find the practice of revising plans from the original planning approval very unsatisfactory.
- 13/00901/LBC Installation of 2no retractable awnings above ground floor shop windows.
49 -51 Commercial Street, Norton.
For P M Butchers Ltd (Miss J Moody)
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.

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

- 13/00864/FUL Erection of 2no. stable blocks with a total of 24no. stables together with a covered water horse walker with associated plant room and access ramp.
Spring Cottage Stables, Bazley's Lane, Norton.

Withdrawn Application

- 13/00835/MOUT Residential development (site area 0.7ha)
Land to North of Sutton Grange, Langton Road, Norton.

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113. (11/13) **RYEDALE CAMERAS IN ACTION**

- (a) Members received the minutes of the meeting of the Ryedale Cameras in Action committee held on Wednesday 16 October 2013, and a report on the meeting with Inspector Andy Everitt held to discuss the future of cameras in Ryedale.
Noted.
- (b) Members considered payment of the grant to Ryedale Cameras in Action that had been deferred from the September meeting of the Council.
RESOLVED that a grant of £3000.00 be awarded as the Town Council's contribution to the maintenance of the cameras.

114. (11 /13) **HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRES**

Members received a consultation document from North Yorkshire County Council entitled, Changing the way we deal with waste at Household Waste Recycling Centres. The consultation document asked a variety of questions on how best to cut services and save money.
RESOLVED To object to any reduction in services, pointing out that there would be a very strong risk of an increase in 'fly tipping' across the county, and that Norton residents had already suffered the loss of its own Household Waste Recycling Centre. Any reduction to services offered, or reduction in hours of opening would mean that there would be a risk of redundancies to staff, inconvenience and extra costs to residents which in a time of austerity was unacceptable.

115. (11.13) **REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS, POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS**

Members received a copy of the leaflet outlining the review.
In considering the review members found that there was very little that could be commented on that would be to any ones advantage, and felt that the whole exercise was a complete waste of money.
Noted.

116. (11/13) **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL)**

Members received a copy of the Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule Consultation Document, detailing the new regulations that would be brought in to force to govern development contributions. The Community Infrastructure Levy would be a set tariff that could be charged on all types of development, to deliver infrastructure to support the growth of the district.
In considering the consultation document members noted that for local Town or Parish Councils with an adopted Neighbourhood Plan, 25% of the CIL receipts generated by development would be available for the Town or Parish Council to spend on local infrastructure. Therefore every effort to maximise the outcome with the Neighbourhood Plan for Malton and Norton should be made.
It was agreed that Malton Town Council be contacted to move the plan forward.

117. (11/13) **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

- (a) North Yorkshire County Council - Proposed 30mph Speed Limit, B1248 Scarborough Road, Norton. Noted.
- (b) North Yorkshire County Council – Installation of new Speed Humps, Beverley Road, Norton. Members had difficulty in marking the exact location of the new humps, and requested that a Highways Officer attend and show members the location in situ.
It was also requested that at the same time the Officer could attend at Little Wood Street and note residents concerns with the yellow lines.

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118. (11/13) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Ryedale Safer Neighbourhoods Team – monthly crime statistics for Southern Ryedale, October 2013. For information. Noted.
- (b) Ryedale District Council – Chairman Councillor Janet Frank, thank you for donation. For information. Noted.
- (c) Malton White Star Band – thank you for grant. For information. Noted.
- (d) St Peter’s Church – Christmas Tree Festival, invitation to take part. Noted.

119. (11/13) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Councillor Lloyd-Williams reported on his attendance at:

- The Malton and Norton Area Partnership meeting, where a presentation had been given by Jan Devos on the Action for Market Towns Conference. Consideration was being given to hosting this event in Ryedale, possibly in 2015.

Councillor Mrs Keal reported on her attendance at:

- A meeting of the Derwent Riverside Project committee who had invited members of both Malton Town Council and Norton on Derwent Town Council to visit the Castle Gardens. Invitation to follow. Noted.

Councillor Gray reported on his attendance at:

- Meeting with the Mayor on the Norton on Derwent Website, which was promoting Christmas in the town, encouraging people to download a special voucher which when £5 was spent in local participating businesses would be entered into a draw to win a Hamper. Noted.

120. (11/13) **MEMBERS’ QUESTIONS**

- (a) Councillor Harrison asked how often the town was litter picked and how often the weeds in the gutters were sprayed.
In Reply it was stated that the centre of town was litter picked daily and that the weeds were sprayed twice a year.
- (b) Councillor Mrs Keal commented on how full the St Nicholas Street Car Park was on a daily basis, and that on behalf of local residents was to speak to officers at Ryedale District Council, the owners of the car park, to try and find a solution. Noted.

Councillor Mrs Keal also stated that it was unacceptable that Church Street could be left in such a state with no funding available to repair it. Could Council please ask Mr Marr to come and talk to members. Noted.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow District Councillor Ives to speak

- (c) Councillor Ives asked what the status of the Malton and Norton Neighbourhood Plan was, as he had not seen any update for some time.
In reply it was stated that work was on going, but that there had been a delay in that it had to wait until The Ryedale Local Plan was in place.
District Councillors asked that they be allowed to look at the plan as it was ongoing. Noted.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

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121. (11/13) **SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Members discussed the details of organizing the party, and what the possibilities would be for the future.

While the date had been set for Saturday 11 January 2014, and the school had been booked, volunteers were needed to assist with the tickets, transport, and general secretarial duties.

Councillor Farndale was to ask his wife if she could assist, and there was to be a plea in the press for assistance. If none was forthcoming within the next week the party could be cancelled. Noted.

122. (11/13) **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Town Council be held on Monday, 16 December 2013 at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber.

(Meeting closed at 9.20pm)

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