

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber
Commercial Street, Norton-on-Derwent on Monday, 21 October 2013 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, J.T. Stone.
Also Mrs R. Tierney.

086. (10/13) **APOLOGIES**

(a) Apologies received and noted by the Clerk: Councillors A.R. Harrison, D.K. Mennell.

087. (10/13) **GUEST SPEAKER**

No guest speaker.

088. (10/13) **PUBLIC SESSION**

(a) St Nicholas Street Car Park

Mr Nicholas Coleman raised the issue of the car park being full to capacity for the majority of the time during the day, and that as it was free parking quite a lot of the users appeared to be either commuters or people who worked in Malton. Mr Coleman was of the opinion that there should be metered charges placed on the car park so as to free up space for Norton residents using the local facilities. Would it be possible to come to some arrangement with Ryedale District Council who were the owners of the car park.
Members thanked Mr Coleman for his comments.

(b) Whitewall Quarry – planning Application, Asphalt Plant

Mrs Elizabeth Johnson a resident of Welham Road, spoke against the application quoting national planning policy framework, and saved policies from the local plan, on any possible adverse impacts for local residents, be it by emissions or traffic impacts on local roads. As well as a petition from local residents against the installation of an asphalt plant, a total of 86 formal letters of objection had been sent to North Yorkshire County Council, who were the planning authority responsible for determining this application. Mrs Johnson speaking on behalf of the 14 residents attending the meeting asked that the Town Council recommend that this application be refused.
Members thanked Mrs Johnson for her comments.

089. (10/13) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Lloyd-Williams and Councillor Stone both declared an interest in;
Agenda item 10 Grants, Malton Museum Foundation, as members of the committee.

Councillor Mrs Keal declared an interest in;
Agenda item 10 Grants, Next Steps, as a member of the committee, and
Agenda item 13 The Academy Hair and Beauty, request for a letter of support. As a Ryedale District Councillor.

090. (10/13) **WHITEWALL QUARRY PLANNING APPLICATION – ASPHALT PLANT**

(a) Members reported on the site visit to the quarry which had taken place on Saturday 19 October 2013, where an exhibition on the proposals had been set up.
Councillor Lloyd-Williams expressed concerns that all the materials required for the process of producing the asphalt needed to be imported onto the site, increasing the number of heavy goods vehicles using Welham Road considerably. He also had concerns regarding emissions, not only at the site itself but also as the asphalt was being transported through the town especially in the already congested areas.

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090. (10/13) **WHITEWALL QUARRY PLANNING APPLICATION – ASPHALT PLANT** (continued)

Members then considered the process of this application and why so few residents had been informed in February when the Town Council had first considered it, were all the correct procedures followed. Why in June when a significant document with additional information supporting the application had been submitted by the applicant to the planning authority, was the Town Council not informed, and lastly why was it that a number of further residents had been consulted in September but only given a very short time to reply.
The Town Council to make enquiries.

- (b) To consider the following application for planning permission referred to the Town Council by North Yorkshire County Council, for comment/recommendation:-
NY/2012/0340/FUL Installation of asphalt production plant and creation of aggregate storage bins (5no) on land at Whitewall Quarry Norton.
RESOLVED Recommend Refusal on environmental health grounds, in that members are unsure of the impact of the emissions that will be generated not only at the site itself but also in transit through the town. There are also concerns about the considerable increase in traffic that will be generated through the town, not least because it would seem that nearly all the materials required to produce the asphalt will need to be imported onto the site. It is therefore felt that allowing this application would have an adverse effect on the local community.

091. (10/13) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

- (a) RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 16 September 2013 (Minutes 067 to 083 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
- (b) RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Extraordinary Town Council meeting held on Friday, 27 September 2013 (Minutes 084 to 085 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

092. (10/13) **CLERK'S REPORT**

- (a) Bulb Planting Langton Road
To report that Mr Les Chapman, from Malton and Norton Rotary had been in contact, as they had a small amount of funding to be spent on improvements for Norton. They had suggested that this could possibly be for bulb planting
Members agreed that the Clerk contact Mr Chapman and ask that he liaise with Councillor Spencer
- (b) Norton Cemetery
To report that Mr Wrigglesworth, the Cemetery Manager, had started demolishing and clearing the old store within the compound, once everything had been cleared it would be easier to see what would be required in the way of updating the facilities for the future. Mr Wrigglesworth had been working the last few Saturday mornings, with permission, in order to move the work on quickly, it was estimated that there would be a need for a further two skips. Noted.
- (c) Vacancy for Assistant to the Clerk
The Clerk reported that to date she had sent out 32 no. application forms for the vacancy. The closing date for receipt of applications was Friday 25 October 2013. Noted.

093. (10/13) **TOWN MAYOR/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- (a) Market Towns Meeting
The Mayor reported on his attendance at the Market Towns meeting, which was in the process of producing a leaflet promoting the towns, Norton would be joined with Malton for this promotion. Noted.

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093. (10/13) **TOWN MAYOR/CHAIRMANS REPORT** (continued)(b) Norton Skatepark

Along with the Clerk the Mayor had inspected the repairs being undertaken to the half pipe, it was felt that possibly the repairs undertaken before Ryedale had transferred the park to the Council should have been done more thoroughly, although there had been a great deal of heavy use to all the equipment over the summer months. Noted.

(c) Norton Community Primary School

With other business and community leaders the Mayor had been invited to attend the primary school, to be interviewed by groups of pupils on their roles within the local community. The Mayor reported that he had found the experience very interesting and enjoyable with all bar one of the pupils trying on the Mayor's Chain of Office.

As a follow on project the pupils were to write about what they like best about Norton, as a prize for the best entries the Mayor had offered to donate 2no. book vouchers. Noted.

(d) Yorkshire Local Councils Associations

With the Clerk the Mayor had attended the Local Councils Associations committee meeting, at which a talk on 'superfast broadband' had been given, which had been interesting and informative. Noted.

(e) Whitewall Quarry - Visit

The Mayor thanked all members who had attended the quarry on Saturday 19 October 2013.

(f) Ryedale Book Festival

The Mayor reported that he had been honoured to present the prizes for the Junior Poetry Competition. In the evening he had attended the Talbot Hotel to hear Brough Scott, it was a credit that the hotel was supporting the event at cost and that all proceeds would be going to the injured jockeys centre Jack Berry House.

(g) Items to note

- Ryedale Cameras in Action – in order to clarify the financial situation could the council invite the Chairman, Mr Martin Dales to speak at the next meeting. Agreed.
- White Star Band – Mr Clifford Hicks, the Musical Director had contacted the Mayor to ask if the council was planning any event to mark the 100th anniversary of the start of World War 1. Members to consider what might be appropriate.
- Bowls Club – following a recent meeting a challenge had been thrown out to members of the council, to hold a competition against members of the bowls club. Would councillors be interested. Noted.
- Senior Citizens Christmas Party – This had now been booked with Norton College, the date was to be Saturday 11 January 2014. Noted.

094. (10/13) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**(a) Accounts paid and for payment

The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 107 to 120 inclusive, amounting to £7557.09, had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED that account nos. 121 to 135 inclusive, amounting to £8072.48 be paid.

Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.

(b) Financial report

The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.09.13 to 30.09.13 was received.

(c) Budgetary monitoring

The Clerk's report for the period ending 30 September 2013 was received.

(d) Internal Audit

The Clerk had circulated a copy of the Internal Audit Report for the first visit for the financial year ending 31 March 2014.

Members noted the report.

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095. (10/13) **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

13/00489/FUL Change of use from retail shop (Use Class A1) to a mixed use retail shop (Use Class A1) and hot food takeaway (Use Class A5)
37 Commercial Street, Norton.
For Mr S. Stead.
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.

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

Approved

11/01001/OUT

Erection of 8no. dwellings (site area 0.37ha).
Land off Heron Way, Norton.

13/00827/FUL

Erection of replacement barn for storage of equine feedstuffs, rider training and horse box shelter following demolition of existing barn.
Wold House Stables, Langton Road, Norton.

13/00849/FUL

Demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of a single storey extension to include retaining wall (retrospective application)
Spring Cottage, Bazley's Lane, Norton.

Planning Appeal

13/00498/HOUSE

Erection of two storey extension to the side and demolition of existing extension.
6 Parliament Avenue, Norton.
Appeal start date 3 October 2013

096. (10/13) **GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS**

Councillors Lloyd-Williams and Stone had both declared an interest in Malton Museum Foundation, as members of the Committee.
Councillor Mrs Keal had declared an interest in Next Steps, as a member of the Committee.

Local Organisations that benefit the community

The Clerk had circulated a list of organisations that had applied for a grant together with a schedule of grants awarded over the past three years

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 or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure:-

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| • Malton Museum Foundation | £300.00 |
| • Next Steps | £1,000.00 |
| • Norton Christmas Lights switch on | £300.00 |
| • Ryedale Book Festival | £150.00 |

097. (10 /13) **GRASS VERGE CUTTING**

The Clerk reported that the costing received from Scarborough Borough Council, for cutting the banking along Bazley's Lane was, £372.56 plus V.A.T. per cut. The high cost was due to the cutting having to be done with a tractor fitted with a side arm flail.

Members considered the cost to be on the high side and it was agreed to explore the possibility of asking a local land owner if he would be able to cut the banking if the Town Council paid a contribution.

The Clerk to make enquiries.

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098. (10/13) **PROPOSED REDUCTION TO BUS SERVICE SUBSIDY**

Members received a copy of the letter, objecting to the proposed withdrawal of the subsidy on the local town bus service, which had been forwarded to Passenger Transport Services at North Yorkshire County Council. For information. Noted

099. (10/13) **THE ACADEMY – HAIR AND BEAUTY**

Members received a request for a letter of support from the Council in bidding for funding from Ryedale District Council out of the £30,000.00 for training providers who could deliver a direct increase in the number of apprentices that could be trained. The Academy's bid had been turned down by the District Council, but it was due to be looked at again the following week.

In order for members to receive some clarification on this issue Standing Orders were suspended to allow the Ryedale District Councillors in attendance to speak.

District Councillor Ives pointed out that the District Council was trying to encourage higher end apprenticeships, such as the ones in engineering, provided by Derwent Training who had been successful in their bid.

District Councillor Mrs Shields stated that there were 18 different businesses that had applied all of which had met the criteria. 4 applications had been rejected 2 in Norton and 2 in Malton.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

RESOLVED that the Town Council would support all the bids for funding from Norton provided they met the criteria, and that there should be fairness and equality for all apprenticeship schemes.

A letter of support to be sent to the Leader of the District Council, Councillor Mrs Cowling.

100. (10/13) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Ryedale Safer Neighbourhoods Team – monthly crime statistics for Southern Ryedale, September 2013. For information. Noted.
- (b) Yorkshire Water – Sewer improvement works Sutton Street, information bulletin. For information. Noted.
- (c) Ryedale District Council – Parish Liaison Meeting, Minutes and Agenda for the meeting to be held on Wednesday 23 October 2013 at 7.00pm, at Ryedale House. Copy available in the office. For information. Noted.
- (d) Malton and Norton Area Partnership – Letter Portas Fund, promotional signs for Norton. Councillor Mrs Keal asked if it would be possible for the signs to be internal ones possibly promoting 'Norton 2014'. Councillor Lloyd Williams Chairman of the Area Partnership replied that they would consider a grant if a proposal was put forward properly costed. Noted.

101. (10/13) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Councillor Mrs Keal reported on her attendance at:

- A meeting of the bowls club committee, stating that the club was now open with events being planned. There was to be a meeting with Ryedale District Council to begin the talks on the purchase of the building.

Councillor Lloyd-Williams reported on his attendance at:

- The Malton and Norton Area Partnership meeting, a reply had been sent to GMI Holbeck, who were leafleting the towns with regard to a supermarket being built on Wentworth Street car park. noted

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101. (10/13) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS** (continued)

Councillor Farndale reported on his attendance at:

- Malton and Norton Community Police Committee, as there had only been 3 members of the committee present the meeting had been cancelled. Noted.

102. (10/13) **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

- (a) Councillor Mrs Keal asked if certain highway matters could be placed on the agenda for the next meeting, highway repairs, flooding report, and traffic in Bazley's Lane. Noted.
- (c) Councillor Anderson asked if enquiries could be made with the highway department, as to replacing the mirror that assisted the residents of Athol Square when exiting on to Commercial Street. There had been one there in the past but this had been removed when the building it was on had been redeveloped.
The Clerk to make enquires.

103. (10/13) **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Town Council be held on Monday, 18 November 2013 at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber.

(Meeting closed at 9.20pm)

_____(Chairman)

