

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber
Commercial Street, Norton-on-Derwent on Monday 19 October 2015 at 6.30pm.

PRESENT Councillor R. King (Mayor) in the Chair;
Councillors A. Croser, Mrs D. Keal, D. Lloyd-Williams, B. Mehrtens, P. Mooring,
Mrs A. Spencer, H. Spencer.
Also Mrs R. Tierney, Mr T. Hicks

091. (10/15) **GUEST SPEAKER**

Fire Cover Review

Members welcomed Danny Westmoreland the District Group Manager for North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority and Steve Howley the Secretary of the North Yorkshire Fire brigade Union, who came to discuss the proposals for change within the organisation.

Danny Westmoreland explained that with the requirement to find a million pounds of savings within the Fire Service and a drop in the number of fire calls over the past 10 years there was capacity for reducing the cover at Malton Fire Station. Both options put forward in the consultation would mean a reduction in wholetime staff, but an increase in retained staff, and the possibility of one fire engine and one tactical response vehical instead of the two fire engines there at present.

While it was not envisaged that there would be a need for redundancies as the reduction in staff could be achieved through natural wastage, it was acknowledged that retained staff took a long time to train and could be difficult to recruit.

Changes were due to be implemented in April 2016.

Steve Howley then put forward the point of view of the Union stating that in their opinion any removal of wholetime staff raises risk, and that working hours availability of retained staff could be difficult. It was vital to have a mix of both.

The union also had concerns around the possible use of a tactical response vehicle instead of a fire engine, as it was impossible to effect a rescue from such a vehicle and it only carried two number firefighters.

It was felt that there ought to be a third option in the consultation and that would be for no change at Malton fire Station.

Members were then given the opportunity to raise questions, citing concerns over reductions in cover, when both Malton and Norton were earmarked for growth of around a third in population, possible fracking contamination incidents and the constant threat of flooding with the river flowing through the centre of the two towns. One other point raised was that partnership working between the emergency services could be a possible way forward in the future.

The Mayor thanked both Danny Westmoreland and Steve Howley for sparing the time to attend.

092. (10/15) **APOLOGIES**

Apologies received and noted: Councillors Mrs A. Stokell Beckett, Mrs B Wright.

093. (10/15) **PUBLIC SESSION**

County Councillor Mrs Elizabeth Shields thanked members for their donation towards the Community Library project, and said that as part of the Business Plan they had to produce for the County Council they needed to show that they had the support of the Town Council. The Library group had now interviewed three possible architects and were awaiting their reports. The task group were working on the Business Plan and it was hoped to have a draft plan ready by Christmas.

Noted.

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093. (10/15) **PUBLIC SESSION** (continued)

District Councillor Luke Ives apologised for missing the last few Town Council meetings and brought members up to date on the Whitewall Quarry planning application, which had been refused. He felt that this should now stop any further developments on that site.

He also expressed disappointment at the lack of progress with the proposed development on Beverley Road, as this site had the land for a new Primary School. While the present Primary School was set to expand on to the Brooklyn Site, the North Yorkshire Executive had agreed to invest a further amount of money bringing the total to 10 million pounds which would keep the Beverley Road site an option.
Noted.

District Councillor Keane Duncan informed members that the contract with GMI Holbeck for the sale of Wentworth Street Car Park had been passed for renewal at the full meeting of the District Council. While the vote had been very close only being passed by one vote, due to the fact this item had been so late in being debated and some District Council members had left the meeting prior to the vote being taken, he was hoping to put forward a requisition to have the decision looked at again.

He also informed members that following a meeting with Mr Marr the Highway Area Manager an agreement had been made to move the chicane on Beverley Road further back from the entrance to the town, although there was no timetable for the work at present.

Noted.

094. (10/15) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mrs Keal declared an Interest in agenda item 2 Fire Service Review, and in Agenda Item 11, St Nicholas Street car park lease of car parking spaces.

095. (10/15) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 21 September 2015 (Minutes 072 to 090 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

096. (10/15) **CLERK'S REPORT**

- (a) Ryedale District Council – Local Plan Sites Document
To inform members that the District Council consultation to assist in the preparation of the Local Plan Sites Document had been delayed, it was now expected towards the end of this month.
As soon as the details of the consultation arrived members would be informed.
- (b) Council Vacancies
To inform members that the Council was now able to co-opt to fill the two vacancies in Norton East Ward.
The notice asking for candidates had been placed in the Noticeboard and on the Website and Facebook page.
- (c) Eastfield Allotments
To inform members that the track to the bottom half of the allotments adjacent to Bright Steels, had been repaired.
With the opportunity to purchase tarmac plainings at a reasonable rate the Clerk had taken the decision to use her delegated power to make good the track.
- (d) North Yorkshire County Council – Mineral and Waste Local Plan
The County Council Mineral and Waste team would be holding a drop in event, for members of the public to discuss the proposed policies that were to guide decisions on waste and mineral planning applications up to 2030.
The event was to be held on Tuesday 24 November 2015, it would be here in the Council Chamber and would run from 1.00pm to 7.00pm

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096. (10/15) **CLERK'S REPORT** (continued)(e) Pest Control

Due to there being a wasp nest in the cavity wall above the entrance door to the Chamber, Ryeslay Pest Control were called in. This was dealt with speedily and efficiently, however they also had to revisit King George playing field as moles had returned.

Ryedale market Towns Promotion

Received from Jos Holmes of Ryedale District Council, the notes from the July meeting of the Ryedale Market Towns Group.

Updates from that meeting were as follows:

- Kirkbymoorside Town Map board in the process of being designed;
- Norton also having a Town Map board;
- Ryedale Market Towns leaflet to be renewed for the 2015/16 season as part of the Welcome to North Yorkshire suite of leaflets for the Moors and Coast area. Should be produced in January 2016;
- A separate PR arrangement will be made to specifically promote the Ryedale Market Towns this year. This would hopefully start with a Christmas campaign;
- Unfortunately the E bike application had not been successful, the Raising Cycling in Ryedale group would continue to look at how this might be delivered;
- Looking at iFootpaths app for walking routes around and between the market towns.

Anyone with issues that needed to be discussed could they please contact Jos Holmes, next meeting probably in February 2016.

(f) Malton & Norton Neighbourhood Plan

To inform the members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group that the next meeting was being held on Tuesday 3 November 2015 here in the Council Chamber at 6.30pm.

(g) Ryedale District Council – Parish Liaison Meeting

To inform members that the Parish Liaison meeting was being held on Wednesday 21 October 2015 at 7.00pm at Ryedale House.

097. (10/15) **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**(a) Pride of Malton and Norton Awards

The Mayor reported that he had been honoured to sit on the panel of judges for the awards which he had found very interesting. It had reinforced his belief on just how much the community relies on voluntary help.

The prize giving of the awards was due to be held at The Lodge Hotel on Saturday 24 October 2015, should anyone wish to attend.

(b) Acorn Community Care

The Mayor reported that Acorn Community Care would be holding a Christmas Party on Friday 11 December 2015 between 4.30pm and 10pm all would be welcome. This event was to be publicised on the website.

(c) Senior citizens party

The Mayor and other members of the Party Committee had met prior to the start of the Council Meeting, when the first decisions had been made, the date was set for Saturday 16 January 2016. They had also decided that the eligible age for attending should be raised from 60 to 65. Further details would follow.

098. (10/15) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**(a) Accounts paid and for payment

The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 127 to 142 inclusive, amounting to £9,471.70 had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED that account nos. 143 to 156 inclusive, amounting to £25,215.24 be paid. Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.

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098. (10/15) **FINANCIAL MATTERS** (continued)

- (b) Financial report
The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.09.15 to 30.09.15 was received.
- (c) Budgetary monitoring
The Clerk's report for the period ending 30 September 2015 was received.

099. (10/15) **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

- 15/01050/FUL Erection of a 2no.bedroom detached dwelling.
Land at 28 Whitewall, Norton, Malton.
For: Ms S Major
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.
- 15/00827/FUL Erection of a concrete plinth to access washout valves and air valve covers for the adjacent rising main scheme to include a 1.4m high surrounding post and rail fence together with installation of 2.5m high vent stack to the north of the concrete plinth installation.
Land between River Derwent and Railway Line Menethorpe Lane, Menethorpe, Malton
For: Yorkshire Water (Ms Sarah Vautrey)
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.

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

Approved

- 15/00863/HOUSE Erection of single storey side extension and conservatory to replace conservatory to rear elevation.
81 Welham Road, Norton, YO17 9DS
- 15/00848/FUL Retention of site for use as hand car wash with retention of associated equipment to include two containers, car port, two static signs and entrance / exit gates (retrospective application).
5 Church Street, Norton, YO17 9HP
NB. Consent granted for 3 years only, to 24th Sept 2018.
- 15/00921/HOUSE Erection of single storey extension to east elevation following removal of existing conservatory.
10 The Gallops, Norton, YO17 9JU
- 15/00915/HOUSE Erection of two storey side extension to form additional bedroom following removal of existing lean to extension.
13 Parliament Avenue, Norton, YO17 9HF
- 15/00825/FUL Replacement of window to Wold Street frontage with a pair of panelled entrance doors and formation of pitched roof over part of existing single storey flat roofed food preparation area.
7 Wold Street, Norton, YO17 9AA

Refused

- 15/00877/FUL Erection of a three bedroom dwelling with attached double garage with bedroom above
Land to the rear of 72 Welham Road, Norton, YO17 9DS
- 15/00916/HOUSE Erection of two storey extension to west elevation (revised details to refusal 15/00251/HOUSE)
104 Parliament Street, Norton, YO17 9HE

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100. (10/15) **TENDERS FOR GRASS CUTTING**

The Tender for the County Council verge cutting within the 30mph limits of the town was due for renewal in April 2016, as was the Tender for the Town Council play areas and open spaces grass cutting.

RESOLVED to continue the County Council verge cutting for a further contract period, all as marked on the County Council maps.

Tenders for both contracts to be sent out with a closing date for replies of 30 November 2015.

101. (10/15) **NORTH YORKSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

Following the presentations from both Danny Westmoreland, the District Group Manager, and Steve Howley, the Secretary of the North Yorkshire Fire brigade Union, members made the following response to the consultation on the Fire Cover Review RESOLVED that with the growth planned for the area, and with the introduction of the third option referred to this evening of no change, that the Town Council makes the recommendation that there be no change to the level of cover at Malton Fire Station.

102. (10/15) **ST NICHOLAS STREET CAR PARK LEASE OF CAR PARKING SPACES**

RESOLVED that this item be dealt with as an excluded item to be discussed at the end of the meeting.

103. (10/15) **ENVIRONMENT AGENCY - KIRKHAM WEIR AND SLUICES**

Members received a letter requesting a community representative to the Environment Agency Engagement Group.

RESOLVED that as Councillor Lloyd-Williams had applied to be considered for the Engagement Group, and was also willing to represent the Town Council that he be put forward to represent the Town Council as well.

104. (10/15) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) North Yorkshire Police and Ryedale Safer Neighbourhoods Team – Local Crime Update and monthly crime statistics for Northern and Southern Ryedale, for September 2015. For information. Noted.
- (b) St Peter's Church – Celebrating Christmas in Norton, letter outlining proposals for Christmas displays around the town.
Members interested in the idea, the Mayor to make enquiries on using an empty shop window. For information. Noted.
- (c) Norton Community Library – thank you letter from Councillor Mrs Shields for the grant. For information. Noted.
- (d) Ryedale Foodbank – thank you for grant, from Lesley Hurley. For information. Noted.
- (e) Next Steps – thank you for grant, from Leisa Burniston. For information. Noted.
- (f) Ryedale Special Families – thank you for grant, from Lisa Keenan. For information. Noted.
- (g) Dickens Gift to Yorkshire – thank you for grant, from Clair Challenor-Chadwick. For information. Noted.
- (h) Email from local resident, outlining concerns about traffic in the Beverley road, Mill Street Area.
Reply to be sent explaining that these concerns were being dealt with by the County Highway Department.

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105. (10/15) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Councillor Lloyd-Williams reported on the Area Partnership meeting, stating that the preliminary report from the Public Meeting at the Milton Rooms had been received.

Councillor Mrs Keal reported that the Book Festival Family Day event held in Castle Gardens had been a huge success and that there had been a large mural painted on the day that would be displayed in the gardens once it had been varnished.

Councillor Mrs Keal reported that she was no longer going to be able to represent the Town Council on the Milton Rooms Committee due to other commitments. Members agreed that as Councillor Mehrtens had shown an interest in the Milton Rooms he be asked to be the Council representative.

106. (10/15) **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

Councillor Mrs Spencer reported on a complaint she had received regarding dog fouling in Langton Road, and having to clean up after other people's dogs. She asked if it would be possible for the Town Council to keep a supply of bags in the office. The Clerk to make enquiries from the District Council as to the availability of bags.

Councillor Mrs Keal asked if Malton would agree to take the bunting down on County Bridge, as it was beginning to look rather tired. The Clerk to ask Malton Town Council.

107. (10/15) **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.

St Nicholas Street Car Park – Lease of Car Parking Spaces

Members received a report from the Clerk, outlining a brief history of the issues, and stating that with no power to undertake this project it would mean it having to be done through S137 which states that the direct benefit to inhabitants has to be commensurate with the expenditure incurred.

Members agreed to defer making any decision and to await the definitive costs for the project.

This item to be placed on the agenda of the December meeting.

108. (10/15) **DATE OF THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next ordinary meeting of the Council be held on Monday, 16 November 2015, at 7.00pm, in the council chamber.

(Meeting closed at 9.20pm)

_____(Chairman)