

## NORTON-ON-DERWENT TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber  
Commercial Street, Norton-on-Derwent on Monday, 16 January 2012 at 7.00pm.

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

145. (01/12) **APOLOGIES**

No apologies all members present

146. (01/12) **GUEST SPEAKER**

No guest speaker.

147. (01/12) **PUBLIC SESSION**

County Councillor Stephen Shaw updated members on the following:

- Brambling Fields improvement works, these had now started with the junction being closed for the whole of the 24 week period it was anticipated it would take to complete the work. This was the cheapest and fastest way to get the work done, although it was acknowledged that it was going to cause problems within the town and he expressed sympathy for local traders who could suffer from a lack of through trade.
- Persimmon development Scarborough Road, the highway access works would be starting February 2012.
- Possible amalgamation of York and Scarborough Hospitals, public meeting to be held on Monday 23 January 2012, at Malton Rugby Club.
- Public use of a section of dismantled railway track running across Westfield Farm, off Scarborough Road. Councillor Shaw explained that the dismantled railway track had been used as a 'public walk' for many years although it was not an official Public Footpath. The landowner had now erected signs stating that it was private property, causing many locals to question whether they could still make use of the track. A possible way forward could be for proof of public use over a period of at least 20 years to be gathered, this would then enable a claim for it to be made a Public Footpath to be considered. Councillor Shaw felt that the gathering of the evidence would probably be best achieved by a body such as the Town Council.

Members noted Councillor Shaw's comments with interest.

148. (01/12) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest received.

149. (01/12) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

- (a) RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council Budget meeting held on Monday, 12 December 2011 (Minutes 125 to 129 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
- (b) RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 12 December 2011 (Minutes 130 to 144 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

150. (01/12) **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES 125 TO 144 INCLUSIVE**

- (a) Minute 135(a) Officers From Yorkshire Water.  
Councillor Mennell reported that while he had been absent from the meeting when the officers from Yorkshire Water attended, he had since had the opportunity to study the map of the sewerage system provided and had found it to be enlightening, and he hoped that the Council would be kept updated with any changes.

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151 (01/12) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**(a) Accounts paid and for payment

The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 147 to 159 inclusive, amounting to £7130.88, had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED that account nos. 160 to 165 inclusive, amounting to £4910.81 be paid. Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.

(b) Financial report

The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.12.11 to 31.12.11 was received.

(c) Budgetary monitoring

The Clerk's report for the period ending 31 December 2011 was received.

(d) Internal Audit Report - first visit for the year ending 31 March 2012

Members received a copy of the Internal Audit Report, which was noted. Matters arising from the report were to be debated later.

152. (01/12) **PLANNING MATTERS**(a) Planning applications referred to the Town Council by Ryedale District Council and North Yorkshire County Council, for comment and/or recommendation were dealt with as follows: -

- 11/01145/MFUL      Erection of factory for the production of meat based pastry products together with associated car park, vehicular access, external hardstanding area and landscaping. Land at Norton Grove Westfield Way, Norton.  
For Trundley Design Services (Mr D. Trundley)  
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.
- NY/11/0488/FUL      Construction of replacement prefabricated classroom unit and demolition of 2 existing temporary units.  
Land at Norton Community Primary School, Norton.  
For Children and Young Peoples Service  
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.
- 11/01353/FUL      Change of use of building from B1 office use to mixed use of B1 and D1 (non-residential institutions) to include external access ramp with handrail, alteration to existing steps to include handrail, automated swing entrance doors and formation of new entrance.  
Stanley Harrison House, Norton Road, Norton.  
For Ryedale District Council.  
RESOLVED As for Application 11/1354/LBC
- 11/01354/LBC      External and internal alterations to include external access ramp with handrail, alterations to existing steps including handrail, alterations to internal layout with demountable partitioning, installation of platform lift, new entrance and access doors and secondary glazing to 5no. windows.  
Stanley Harrison House, Norton Road, Norton.  
For Ryedale District Council.  
RESOLVED Members would like to defer making a decision on both applications, as they feel more time is needed to enable them to make an informed decision. They therefore request that both applications be given an extension of time to enable them to be considered at the next ordinary meeting of the Town Council on Monday, 20 February 2012.

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152. (01/12) **PLANNING MATTERS** (continued)

- 11/01335/FUL           Siting of container for storage of washing equipment and container as a workers shelter, erection of car port to provide area for valeting/polishing of cars, display of 2no. non illuminated signs advertising the services available, display of 3no. non-illuminated spinning signs and erection of entrance and exit gates (retrospective application).  
5 Church Street, Norton.  
For Mr C. Brack.  
RESOLVED Recommend Refusal, members find that the sign-age, especially the spinning signs, are garish, out of keeping to the area and a distraction to drivers.
- 11/01348/TPO           To pollard T1 & T2 (willows) within TPO No. 217A/1996  
Land to East of 110 Parliament Street, Norton.  
For Vion Food Group Ltd. ( Jason Dunn).  
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.

(b) Planning decisions notified by Ryedale District Council:

Approved

- 11/01044/HOUSE       Erection of attached single garage following demolition of existing attached garage.  
86 Welham Road, Norton.
- 11/01122/FUL           Erection of a replacement three bedroom dwelling with linked double garage/workshop, roof terrace, walled garden, detached stable block with store /tractor shed and associated landscaping.  
Nab Wold Menethorpe Lane.
- 11/01067/HOUSE       Installation of array of 15no solar photovoltaic panels to south facing roof space.  
Flat A 57 Commercial Street, Norton.
- 11/01168/HOUSE       Erection of single-storey conservatory to the rear.  
11 Maudon Grove, Norton.

Refused

- 11/00981/LBC           Installation of array of 11no. Solar photovoltaic panels to south elevation roof slope.  
16 Langton Road, Norton.
- 11/01129/HOUSE       Erection of two storey rear extension following demolition of existing single storey extension.  
21 St Peter's Crescent, Norton.
- 11/01159/HOUSE       Formation of vehicular access to include the dropping of kerb.  
13 Langton Road, Norton.

(c) To Consider the possibility of forming a 'Planning Committee'

The Committee if formed would be required to meet between full Council meetings, so as to make decisions on applications that were required to be considered before the date of the full Council meeting.

Following debate it was:

RESOLVED Not to form a separate 'Planning Committee', but as and when required to consider applications between Council meetings, to call an extraordinary meeting of the full Council.

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152. (01/12) **PLANNING MATTERS** (continued)

- (d) To consider the impact on the town of the closure and proposed closure of various businesses' and what if anything the Council could do to mitigate against the said impact.

Councillor Mennell reported the closure of the ATS Tyre Service, the proposed closure of Medds Greengrocer and the Norton Hardware Store all businesses located on Commercial Street. He went on to make the point that these premises must not be lost to housing but must be retained for retail services that were vital for the town.

With the closure of ATS this did offer a big opportunity to open up the access to the rear of the main business and retail premises on Commercial Street, and could possibly assist with creating parking facilities for both business and public alike.

Councillor Lloyd-Williams reported that the Malton Museum Foundation was looking at how feasible the actual ATS building would be as a possible future Museum.

Councillor King felt that all the upheaval on the street over the last few years with the improvement works, and now the Brambling Fields junction closure had not helped local business and was disappointed that the Town Council had not done more.

Members debated the issue for some time and it was agreed that the Clerk contact the Business Development Department at Ryedale District Council, to ask how they might be prepared to support Norton. The Clerk was also asked to contact Mr Marr the Highway Area Manager to ask if better sign-age on the diversions for the Brambling Fields junction could be put in place.

153. (01/12) **AGENDA ISSUES**

Members considered the points raised by the Internal Auditor, with regard to items 'Matters Arising' and 'Members Questions' being non specific agenda items that were not correct according to the guidelines.

Following debate it was:

RESOLVED to remove 'Matters Arising' from the agenda, and in order to cover reporting back on items that required an update, to move the Clerk's Report and the Mayor's Report up the agenda to follow Confirmation of the Minutes. 'Members Questions' was still to be allowed providing members were aware that questions could not be debated only answered if that was possible, otherwise they would need to be placed on the agenda for the following month.

154. (01/12) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Ryedale Safer Neighbourhoods Team - Monthly Crime Statistics for the month of November 2011, for Malton and Norton. For information. Noted.

(b) North Yorkshire County Council - Temporary Prohibition of Pedestrians & 20mph Speed limit: B1248 Scarborough Road Norton. The order to be put in place for a 6 week period between 30 January 2012 and 27 April 2012. This was for the forming of the entrance junction to the proposed development for Persimmons, and members questioned whether the central islands which were proposed had in fact been part of the planning approval for the development. The Clerk to make enquiries. For information. Noted.

- (c) North Yorkshire County Council - Letter informing members of the closure of the Brambling Fields junction with the A64. For information. Noted.

- (d) Yorkshire Coastliner - Bus timetables for connections between Norton and Scarborough and between Norton and York, Tadcaster, Leeds. To run during the period of the closure of the Brambling Fields junction. Members asked if it would be possible for the connections to start earlier during the week in order that commuters to York and Scarborough would not be faced with an extraordinarily long walk to the Bus Station to catch the earlier buses. The Clerk to make enquiries. Noted.

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154. (01/12) **CORRESPONDENCE** (continued)

- (e) North Yorkshire County Council - Norton Library, opening hours consultation. For members to consider individually. Noted.

155. (01/12) **CLERK'S REPORT**

(a) Grass Cutting - Play Areas for the year 2012/13

The Clerk reported that she could now confirm that Scarborough Council would be completing the final year of the contract for the play areas, which would have an increase in cost in line with the increase in the Retail Price Index during the contract period. Noted.

(b) Gas Supply Contract for the Chamber for the year 2012/13

Members were informed that the Gas Supply Contract which was at present with Shell Gas Direct and was due to expire on the last day of February 2012 had for the year 2012/13 been awarded to British Gas. With possible cost savings of approximately £700.

(c) Digital Mapping

The Clerk reported that a date for the presentation of the digital mapping of the Cemetery was to be set, and would it be possible for Malton Town Council members to be invited to attend also. Agreed.

156. (01/12) **TOWN MAYOR/CHAIRMANS REPORT**

(a) Diamond Jubilee - Clock

The Mayor reported that she had made limited progress on the restoration of the clock but that she had asked for the surrounding stonework to be inspected. Noted.

(b) We Love Malton Committee

A sub committee had been formed to look at organising a community event for the Jubilee, and they were appealing for community representation on the committee. Noted.

(c) Civic Service

The collection from the Civic Service had raised just over £100 for the 'Loubys' Lifeline Appeal. Noted.

(d) Link

The Mayor reported that there was to be a public meeting on the proposed merger of York and Scarborough Hospitals which was to be at Malton Rugby Club on Monday 23 January 2012. Noted.

(e) Public use of dismantled railway track

Following on from County Councillor Shaw, the Mayor requested that the Countryside Officer from the County Council be asked if it would be possible for him to attend the next meeting of the Town Council, in order that members have a clear idea of the best way to proceed with this issue. The Clerk to make enquiries.

(f) Malton Town Council - Neighbourhood Plan

The Mayor reported receipt of a letter from Malton Town Council thanking members for their help in formulating the Neighbourhood Plan. Noted.

157. (01/12) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

- (a) Councillor Mennell reported on his attendance at:

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Council, Ryedale Area Committee.

The North Yorkshire County

158. (01/12) **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

- (a) Councillor Harrison asked if the footpaths in Norton would be gritted when the weather was considered such as to require it.  
In reply it was stated that only Priority 1 footpaths would be gritted and they were Commercial Street, Church Street, Norton Road and County Bridge. Noted.
- (b) Councillor Stone stated that he had received a request from residents that while they appreciated the Christmas Lights Display in the town, would it not be possible to have more coloured ones for future years. Noted.
- (c) Councillor Milner reported that it had been pointed out to him that the road junction lines running across the junction of Park Road with Welham Road were not as they should be. The Clerk to make enquiries.
- (d) Councillor King stated that the newly installed pedestrian crossing in Commercial Street was situated to near to the mini roundabout at the junction with Church Street and Wold Street, and that he feared there could be an accident there because of it. In his opinion Commercial Street worked better with the traffic islands that had been removed. Noted.

159. (01/12) **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Town Council be held on Monday, 20 February 2012 at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber.

(Meeting closed at 9.10pm)

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