

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 July 2012 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs D. Keal (Town Mayor) in the Chair;
Councillors K. Anderson, P. Farndale, A.R. Harrison, R. King, D. K. Mennell, R. Milner,
K. Reveley, H. Spencer.
Also Mrs R. Tierney.

037. (07/12) **APOLOGIES**

Apologies received and noted by the Clerk.
Councillors Mrs J. Denniss, D. Lloyd-Williams and J.T. Stone.

038. (07/12) **GUEST SPEAKER**

Members welcomed Inspector Andy Everitt, of the Ryedale Safer Neighbourhood Team. Who gave an overview of policing in Ryedale with a Norton theme. He was accompanied by PC Nick Coning the local area police officer.

The main points of the presentation were that:-

- The total number of crimes in Ryedale last year was 1555, and for the first three months of this year the total was 1 crime more than last year. This makes Ryedale one of the safest places to live.
- One of the major problems for this area was, the theft of metal particularly from out buildings and other non domestic property. With the stolen property being taken out of Ryedale to be weighed in.
- For the duration of the Olympics all police leave nationally had been cancelled, with 100 officers from North Yorkshire actually being sent on Olympic duty to London.
- Local areas of concern were the cemetery and church grounds, local play areas, although since CCTV had been installed at King George Playing Field there did not appear to be to many problems.
- General concerns were speeding vehicles at various locations although Welham Road was a particular problem. Dog fouling was an issue everywhere with the police being at a disadvantage in catching the offending dog owners mainly due to the fact they had to wear high visibility clothing.

Two items relevant to the Town Council were the Skatepark and the CCTV cameras, as funding of these was an issue for the future.

The police felt the skatepark was vital as it was so well used with between 50 and 100 young people using it on a regular basis.

There were other specific issues with the cameras, but the police felt that they gave community reassurance as well as being important in identifying problems throughout the town and they would be anxious to retain them.

The Mayor thanked Inspector Everitt and PC Coning for sparing the time to attend.

039. (07/12) **PUBLIC SESSION**

District Councillor Peter Walker informed members that he had received complaints from members of the public about the grass verge cutting, which even allowing for the weather was not of a very high standard.

He had also had complaints with regard to the Council's decision to spend up to six thousand pounds on a clock.

Both items noted by members.

040. (07/12) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest made.

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041. (07/12) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 18 June 2012 (Minutes 021 to 036 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

042. (07/12) **CLERK'S REPORT**

(a) Pavement Sweeper

To report a meeting between Beckie Bennett, the manager of Streetscene, and representatives from the five towns.

All towns raised concerns that the sweeper was not being seen as often as the towns believed it would be, and while there had been some problems at the start of the year these had now been rectified.

Mark Stockill from Streetscene was to be asked to inform the towns when the sweeper would be available for a particular town and which streets to sweep. This would then establish areas of priority and the length of time needed for each street. Streetscene agreed to meet with the towns on a quarterly basis.

(b) Jubilee Clock

To report the planning application for the clock had been submitted to Ryedale District Council, and that the clock had been ordered subject to planning consent being given.

(c) Highway Verge Cutting

To report a large number of complaints received about the grass verges in town not being cut. Contractors had apologised earlier that the bad weather had meant they were late, but since then nothing much seemed to have happened.

Members had also received complaints, it was agreed that a meeting between the Mayor and the Contractor be arranged as soon as possible.

043. (07/12) **TOWN MAYOR/CHAIRMANS REPORT**

Events Attended

The Mayor reported on her attendance at:-

- Norton College Art Exhibition
- We love Malton Events Committee meeting
- A meeting with Inspector Andy Everett, to discuss crime and disorder issues.
- A meeting with Councillor Anderson and Councillor Reveley, to discuss possible projects for the Community Investment Fund.

044. (07/12) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(a) Accounts paid and for payment

The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 053 to 064 inclusive, amounting to £5443.09, had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED that account nos. 065 to 072 inclusive, amounting to £3390.05 be paid. Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.

(b) Financial report

The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.06.12 to 30.06.12 was received.

(c) Budgetary monitoring

The Clerk's report for the period ending 30 June 2012 was received.

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045. (07/12) **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

- 12/00543/HOUSE Erection of single storey rear extension
27 Vine Street, Norton.
For Ms Nancy Irwin
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.
- 12/00580/FUL Siting of container for storage of washing equipment and container as a workers
shelter, erection of a car port to provide area for valeting/polishing of cars, display of
2no non-illuminated signs advertising the services available, display of 2no non-
illuminated static site name signs and erection of entrance and exit gates-part
retrospective (revised details to refusal 11/01335/FUL dated 14.03.2012)
5 Church Street, Norton.
For Mr C Brack
RESOLVED Recommend Refusal on the grounds that the signs and containers are
out of keeping with the conservation area.
- 12/00608/HOUSE Erection of single storey extension to south elevation to incorporate room above and
single garage and erection of dormer to east elevation.
43 Hunters Way, Norton.
For Mr W. Hazel
RESOLVED Recommend Approval although members have concerns with regard to
the dormer to the east elevation.

(b) Planning decisions notified by Ryedale District Council:

Approved

- 12/00378/HOUSE Erection of a two-storey extension to incorporate single garage to north elevation.
37 Glenmore Drive, Norton.
- 12/00357/OUT Erection of dwelling (site area 0.04ha)
Land at 28 Whitewall, Norton.

Refused

- 12/00414/ADV Display of 1no externally illuminated double sided logo sign mounted on freestanding
brick upright (revised details to refusal 11/01208/ADV dated 10.01.2012)
Lidl Foodstore 4A Welham Road, Norton.

046. (07/12) **COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND**

Members received the notes from the meeting of the sub-committee, which outlined suggested projects that could be put forward for funding.

- Skatepark, it was hoped that a joint bid with Malton Town Council could be put forward for this project. A meeting with Malton to be arranged as soon as possible.
- Town Signs on both Scarborough and Welham Road to match the existing signs on Langton Road. The specifications and locations to be agreed with the County Highways Department. Then specifications to be sent out for quotes.
- Clearance and maintenance of the Riverside, the Environment Agency to be contacted.
- Other projects to be considered, benches for King George's Field, Security Cameras Cemetery, Hanging Baskets with a fifty fifty funding arrangement with local businesses.

047. (07/12) **RYEDALE CAMERAS IN ACTION**

Members received the notes from the meeting of the representatives of the three Town Councils with the Treasurer of Cameras in Action, and the latest Minutes from the Cameras in Action meeting.

With no clear way forward on the funding of the cameras for future years it was agreed to look at this issue again when more detail was available.

048. (07/12) **NORTON TRADERS: SEMINAR EVENT**

Councillor King gave an update on the event held on 20 June 2012 at 7.00pm at Norton Council Chamber.

The event had been well attended and well received by all there.

The next meeting was to be on the 24 July 2012 when Rick Jesse of 'Dog Tooth' would give a brief presentation on how social media and web sites can help business.

049. (07/12) **NEW CODE OF CONDUCT**

Members received the newly adopted Code of Conduct with the amendments on pecuniary interests included.

Members also received the form for the Register of Members Interests which was to be completed and returned to the Clerk as soon as possible. These would then be forwarded to the Monitoring Officer at Ryedale District Council.

050. (07/12) **GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS**

Members reviewed the criteria and the budget for awarding grants to voluntary organisations. RESOLVED that all grant applications had to be in line with the legislation covering the 'Free Resource' Section 137, and that each application received should include the latest audited accounts. The budget to be increased to £5,000.00 with a 5% increase per year if required.

051. (07/12) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Yorkshire Local Councils Associations - Annual Review 2011/12. Copy available in the office. For information. Noted.
- (b) Ryedale Safer Neighbourhoods Team - monthly crime statistics for June 2012, for Malton and Norton. For information. Noted.

052. (07/12) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

No Reports received.

053. (07/12) **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

- (a) Councillor Anderson asked if the trees bordering the bridge in Scarborough Road could be reported to who ever was responsible for them, as they were overhanging the footpath. The Clerk to make enquiries.
- (b) Councillor Mennell asked if the Fitzwilliam Estate could be encouraged to put pressure on the lessee to tidy up the Old Electricity site in Norton Road, which was in a very untidy state. The Clerk to make enquiries.

054. (07/12) **EXCLUDED ITEM**

RESOLVED that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, members of the press and public are excluded for the following item of business as the Council considers that the nature of the business to be transacted is prejudicial to the public interest.

Members received a quotation for the supply and installation of litter bins at various locations around the town.

RESOLVED to approve the quotation from Ryedale District Council in the sum of £1146.38 plus V.A.T.

055. (07/12) **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

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

(Meeting closed at 9.35pm)

_____(Chairman)

