

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, 15 October 2012 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT

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

Prior to the start of the meeting members held a minutes silence and paid tribute to
Councillor Richard Milner, who had tragically passed away.
The Mayor Councillor Mrs Keal led the tribute to Councillor Milner by describing him as a
conscientious member who had served the town well.
Councillor Milner had been a member of the Town Council since December 2007.

091. (10/12) APOLOGIES

Apologies received and noted by the Clerk.
Councillors K. Anderson, D. K. Mennell.

092. (10/12) GUEST SPEAKER

Members had hoped that Mr Richard Marr the North Yorkshire Highways Area Manager
would be attending, unfortunately he was unable to attend at this time.

093. (10/12) PUBLIC SESSION

No member of the public spoke.

094. (10/12) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest made.

095. (10/12) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 24 September
2012 (Minutes 073 to 090 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

096. (10/12) CLERK'S REPORT

(a) Maintenance of Closed Churchyards

The Policy & Resources Committee of Ryedale District Council, had considered the future of
maintaining closed churchyards within Ryedale District if the responsibility for the
maintenance had been given over to the District Council.

The recommendation from the Policy and Resources Committee to full Council stated;

- That members recommend to Council, to apply a Special Expense to those parishes
in which the closed churchyard is located to cover in full the maintenance costs.

Members noted the intention, which would relate to the residents of Norton by virtue of the
closed churchyard of St Nicholas situated in Church Street, the site of the Derwent
Swimming pool. Estimated Special Expense cost per year £1395, which would relate to a
charge of £0.57 on a band D dwelling.

(b) Community Investment Fund (New Homes Bonus)

(i) Ryedale Skatpark

To report that the bid for funding for the Ryedale Skatepark had been submitted. Along with
the application form a letter outlining the details and reasons for the bid had been attached,
and a copy of a letter submitted by P.C. Nick Coning in support of the bid.

Total funding requested was £26,900 to cover two years costs.

Noted by members.

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096. (10/12) **CLERK'S REPORT** (continued)(b) Community Investment Fund (New Homes Bonus)(ii) Town Entrance Signs

To report that the bid for funding for the Town Signs had been submitted. Along with the application form a letter outlining the details of the bid had been attached.

Total funding requested was £6,326

Noted by members.

For both of the above projects all of the District Councillors for Norton, and Malton for the Skatepark bid, had received in full the details of the bids.

(iii) Future for the New Homes Bonus

The Policy and Resources Committee of Ryedale District Council had considered how best the allocation of funding from the New Homes bonus could be spent next year.

The recommendation from the Policy and Resources Committee to full Council stated;

- That Council be recommended to approve in principle that the entire allocation of £439,779 is ringfenced into a Ryedale Development Fund for spending on projects which deliver or protect employment within Ryedale. The allocation of this funding to be made by Council based on recommendations from the Policy and Resources Committee.

Members noted the proposal with disappointment.

(c) Vacancy in the Office of Town Councillor

To report that as no electors had asked for an election members were free to co-opt to fill the vacancy in West Ward.

If an election had been called the estimated cost would have been between £6000 and £7000.

097. (10/12) **TOWN MAYOR/CHAIRMANS REPORT**

(a) The Mayor reported on her attendance at;

- A meeting of Ryedale Link with the York & North Yorkshire Health Trust, at which the future for Malton Hospital was debated. The proposal from the Health Trust was to reduce the number of hours the minor injuries unit was open and also possibly reduce the number of beds available.
Noted by members.

(b) The Mayor reported that the date and venue for the Civic Service was to be Advent Sunday, the 2 of December 2012 at 10am, and was to be held at Trinity Chapel, Commercial Street.

(c) Arrangements for Remembrance Sunday were to be that the Mayor attended the wreath laying at the War Memorial in Malton, Councillor Stone was to attend and lay the wreath at St. Peter's Church, and it was hoped that Councillor Anderson would do the same at Old Malton Priory.

098. (10/12) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**(a) Accounts paid and for payment

The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 118 to 130 inclusive, amounting to £8200.84, had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED that account nos. 131 to 136 inclusive, amounting to £8080.57 be paid. Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.

(b) Financial report

The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.09.12 to 30.09.12 was received.

(c) Budgetary monitoring

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

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099. (10/12) **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

12/00910/HOUSE Erection of single storey rear extension to form home office, w.c. and garden room.
177 Welham Road, Norton.
For Mr & Mrs A Priestley
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.

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

Approved

12/00737/HOUSE Erection of conservatory to south elevation.
The Old Pottery, St Nicholas Street, Norton.

To Appeal

12/00580/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 no 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.

100. (10/12) **BULB PLANTING: LANGTON ROAD**

Members considered the planting of spring bulbs in the grass verge in Langton Road between the 30mph sign and the junction to Bazley's Lane.
RESOLVED to agree the planting of bulbs, with an allocation of no more than £600 to be spent on the purchasing the bulbs. The planting to be done in memory of both Councillor Mrs Dennis and Councillor Milner.

Malton and Norton Tidy Group had agreed to assist with the planting as had Norton College. The Clerk to arrange for the grass verge to be cut as soon as possible.

101. (10/12) **MALTON MUSEUM FOUNDATION**

Members considered a nomination of Councillor to serve as the Town Council's representative on the Malton Museum Committee.
RESOLVED that Councillor Stone represent the Town Council on the Malton Museum Committee.

102. (10/12) **NORTON OPEN FOR BUSINESS CAMPAIGN**

Members were to consider a request to support the advertising of the 'Norton Open For Business' campaign. This was now on hold, with the possibility of some promotion being done for Christmas.

103. (10/12) **ASSISTANCE FOR THE CLERK**

Members considered the appointment of an assistant to work with the Clerk. It was agreed in principle that an assistant was required and that an appointment for 16hrs a week would be an appropriate number of hours.
The Clerk to work out the details for a job description and pay scale, this item then to be looked at in detail by the Council.

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104. (10/12) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Ryedale District Council - Parish Liaison Meeting, Minutes and Agenda for meeting to be held on Wednesday 17 October 2012 at 7.00pm, at Ryedale house. Copy available in the office. For information. Noted.
- (b) Malton Museum Foundation - Thank you for grant. For information. Noted.
- (c) Ryedale District Council - Chairman Councillor Eric Hope, thank you for donation. For information. Noted.
- (d) Ryedale Book Festival - Thank you for supporting the festival with a grant. For information. Noted.

105. (10/12) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Councillor Lloyd-Williams reported on his attendance at:

- the Malton and Norton Area Partnership meeting. Noted.

Councillor King reported on his attendance at:

- the Malton & Norton Community Police Committee Meeting. Noted.

106. (10/12) **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

- (a) Councillor King asked if it was possible to know the full cost to the Council of the Jubilee Clock.
The Clerk reported that the full cost including planning costs and the electrical connection had been £6192.20 plus V.A.T.
- (b) Councillor Spencer asked if it would be possible for anything to be done about the condition of the Library car park and entrance lane as they were in desperate need of repair.
The Clerk to make enquiries.

107. (10/12) **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 considered the future of the verge cutting contract within the 30mph limit. The contract states;

- that either the Council or the Contractor may, at any time after the first six months give one months notice to terminate the contract. No reason need be given for such notice.
Given the problems encountered with the grass cutting it was;
RESOLVED that the verge cutting contract be terminated, and new tenders be sent out for next year.

108. (10/12) **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Town Council be held on Monday, 19 November 2012 at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber.

(Meeting closed at 8.40pm)

_____(Chairman)

