

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, 18 February 2013 at 7.00pm.

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

160. (02/13) **APOLOGIES**

(a) No apologies all members present.

161. (02/13) **GUEST SPEAKER**

Members had asked if Mr Richard Marr, the Highway Area Manager, could attend.

Unfortunately due to an increased work schedule it was unlikely that he would be available for evening meetings in the foreseeable future.

It was therefore agreed that a list of the highway concerns members had would be compiled, and forwarded not only to Mr Marr but to his immediate superior and the Chief Executive at County Hall.

List was to include; Commercial Street yellow lining, and the grass verge and the drainage, St Nicholas Street lighting taken down and not replaced, Church Street resurfacing and the signs on the island, Scarborough Road surfacing and the new central islands to the new estate which at the present were considered to be a traffic hazard, and lastly Beverley Road chicane on entering the town which was considered dangerous.

Members also considered it would be worthwhile asking if Mr Marr could spare some time during the day to do a walk round with either the Mayor or Deputy Mayor to enable him to see at first hand the concerns members had.

162. (02/13) **PUBLIC SESSION**

Councillor Mrs Shields, reported on the planning application for 8 number bungalows off Heron Way, which the Town Council had been consulted on in November 2011 and had objected to with a recommendation for refusal.

This had come before the planning committee of Ryedale District Council in the last week and had been approved. Noted by members.

163. (02/13) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest made.

164. (02/13) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 21 January 2013 (Minutes 144 to 159 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

165. (02/13) **CLERK'S REPORT**

(a) Malton & Norton Neighbourhood Plan

To report that a meeting had been arranged for Wednesday 13 March at 6.30pm in the Town Council Chamber. The meeting was for both Malton and Norton Town Councillors and other interested parties.

A Mr Mike Dando from Yorkshire Planning Aid, a Government funded group, was to give a presentation on Neighbourhood Plan Legislation, he would also be able to advise on how to proceed from this point. Members were made aware that as a body the two Councils had received £20,000.00 funding for this purpose.

With the completion of the Ryedale Plan getting closer there was a need to move the Neighbourhood Plan forward with Malton Town Council and Ryedale District Council.

Members received a briefing on the timetable of the Neighbourhood Plan to date. Noted.

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165. (02/13) **CLERK'S REPORT** (continued)(b) Community Investment Fund

To report confirmation of the awarding of the grant for the two town entrance signs one for Scarborough Road and one for Welham Road. The total awarded being £6,326.00

To report that the second bid for funding from the Community Investment Fund had been submitted. This was for the Enhancement of the Riverside Fields, to include for the cutting of the overgrown vegetation, repairs to the footpath paving, with an extension to the handrail at the Bus Station/Railway Street end. Repair and refurbishment of the picnic tables and benches, and to install new life saving equipment.

The estimated costs for all the work was in the region of £10,000.00, the grant applied for was £8,912.00 being the balance of the allocation for Norton. Noted.

It was agreed in the meantime that as the riverside footpath was covered in sand and silt from the river, following the recent floods, to ask the District Council if the footpath sweeper could be used to clean the path when it was due to be in Norton next.

(c) Dog Waste Bin - Norton Grove Industrial Estate

To report the destruction of a dog waste bin located on Westfield Way, totally demolished by being knocked down and run over by a vehicle of some description.

Ryedale would replace the bin and bill the Town Council. Noted.

(d) Monthly Crime Statistics

Members received the monthly crime statistics for January 2013, from the Ryedale Safer Neighbourhoods Team, for Malton and Norton. Noted.

166. (02/13) **TOWN MAYOR/CHAIRMANS REPORT**(a) Norton Senior Citizens New Year Party

The Mayor thanked members for all their efforts in once again ensuring that the party was a success and enjoyed by all who attended.

(b) Malton and Norton Musical Society

The Mayor reported on her attendance at the annual pantomime which this year had been Cinderella.

(c) Food Bank Meeting

The Mayor reported on a meeting held to establish a food bank which, would be run by Hope Central and other churches.

(d) Bowling Club

The Mayor reported on the open meeting which was held on Sunday the 3 February at 3.00pm. This had been extremely well attended and had shown united support for keeping the club open, various options were discussed for the way forward one of which was the launch of a petition. The District Council were due to meet in early March when the future of the club would be decided. Noted.

(e) Malton and Norton LINK

The Mayor reported on her attendance at the all but final LINK meeting, which was being replaced by a Healthwatch Committee.

There was to be a report prepared on the future of Malton Hospital, followed by a consultation process.

An event for the emotional wellbeing of 15 to 19 year olds was to be held in the Milton Rooms Malton on Thursday 21 February 2013, it was free to attend with many activities planned. Noted.

(f) Flooding Matters

The Mayor reported that both the Salvation Army and Next Steps had both been nominated for a Flood Award, for the provision they made in making sure the emergency services were well looked after during the recent floods.

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166. (02/13) **TOWN MAYOR/CHAIRMANS REPORT** (continued)(f) Flooding Matters(continued)

North Yorkshire County Council were preparing a report based on evidence gathered from both residents and the professionals involved in the emergency response.

The Environment Agency were in the process of doing some repair work where problems had been reported; leaks to floodgates, possible breach in defences on Malton side, and blocked flap valves on Norton side.

The North Yorkshire County Council Emergency Planning Officer had been in contact to ask about drawing up an emergency plan. This item to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Noted.

167. (02/13) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**(a) Accounts paid and for payment

The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 190 to 201 inclusive, amounting to £4733.86, had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED that account nos. 202 to 204 inclusive, amounting to £3649.99 be paid. Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.

(b) Financial report

The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.01.13 to 31.01.13 was received.

(c) Budgetary monitoring

The Clerk's report for the period ending 31 January 2013 was received.

168. (02/13) **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: -

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| 13/00064/HOUSE | Erection of single storey extension to side and rear elevations together with demolition of detached garage.
52 Ryedale Close, Norton.
For Mr & Mrs T. Bayfield
<u>RESOLVED</u> Recommend Approval subject to there being no objections received from neighbours. |
| 13/00070/CLEUD | Certificate of Lawfulness in respect of the use of Granary Cottage as a single dwelling house (use class C3) for more than four years before the date of this application and that the use began more than 10years before the date of this application.
Granary Cottage, Beverley Road, Norton.
For Mr N. Bycroft.
<u>RESOLVED</u> That members know of no relevant information to assist in this matter. |
| NY/12/0340/FUL | Installation of asphalt production plant and creation of aggregate storage bins (5no) .
Land at Whitewall Quarry, Norton.
For W. Clifford Watts Ltd.
<u>RESOLVED</u> Recommend Approval. |
| 13/00138/HOUSE | Erection of two storey infill extension to north and west elevations.
113 Langton Road, Norton.
For Mrs Rosemary Fairburn.
<u>RESOLVED</u> Recommend Approval. |
| 13/00112/HOUSE | Replacement of garage door with window to allow conversion of garage to additional domestic accommodation.
34 Langley Drive, Norton.
For Mr Gavin Cooper.
<u>RESOLVED</u> Recommend Approval. |

168. (02/13) **PLANNING MATTERS** (continued)

(b) Planning decisions notified by Ryedale District Council:

Approved

12/01074/FUL

Sub-division of existing three bedroom dwelling to form 2no. Three bedroom dwellings.
Westfield Nursery, 70 Scarborough Road, Norton.

12/01162/HOUSE

Erection of rear single storey extension.
84 Langley Drive, Norton.

169. (02/13) **CEMETERY MATTERS**

(a) Chapel of Rest

Members considered the updating of facilities at the cemetery as the storage of machinery, tools and other materials was not up to an acceptable standard.

It was agreed that better use of the 'Chapel of Rest' would be to make that the primary storage space which would then enable the present storage facility to be dismantled as and when time allowed.

Members also agreed that while updating facilities the waste storage bins should be encased in wooden frames, to make them more in keeping with their surroundings.

(b) Dog Fouling

The Clerk reported that she had contacted both Mr Dunn the Ryedale Dog Warden, and Mr Steve Richmond from the Environmental Health Department of the District Council, who had both indicated that it was unlikely a complete ban on dogs in the cemetery would be possible. It was therefore agreed to make more use of sign-age asking that dogs be kept on a lead, and for owners to clean up after their dogs.

It was agreed that for Councillors wishing to inspect the facilities at the cemetery a time would be arranged that was suitable for both the Councillors and the Cemetery Manager.

170. (02/13) **ALLOTMENTS - REVIEW OF CHARGES**

Members reviewed the allotment fees which at the present stood at £20.00 per annum for a full allotment and £10.00 per annum for a half allotment.

RESOLVED that as from 1st October 2014 the fees would be £25.00 per annum for a full allotment and £12.50 for a half allotment.

Voting was: 10 for the increase in fees
2 against the increase in fees (Councillors Ms Hodgson, and Spencer)

171. (02/13) **SKATE PARK**

Members received a report from the Fitzwilliam Malton Estate detailing the Heads of Terms for the lease of the land on which the Skatepark is sited.

Once the terms were agreed a draft lease would be drawn up for scrutiny and forwarded to the solicitors acting for the Town Council.

With the minor adjustment of the Town Council's correct address, and that it's Use should be Skatepark not Skateboard Park, and Events with Landlords permission, it was;

RESOLVED that the Heads of Terms for the lease be approved.

172. (02/13) **BOWLING CLUB**

Members had received an update on the present situation with regard to the Bowling Club during the Mayors report.

With the Town Councils own position it was;

RESOLVED that the Clerk draft a letter of support for the Bowling Club to be forwarded to Ryedale District Council.

173. (02/13) GRASS VERGES - LANGTON ROAD

Members received a briefing from Councillor Spencer with regard to the damage being done to the verge by residents parking. Also the damage to the verge on the opposite side which was caused by Yorkshire Water.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the residents requesting that they do not park on the verge, and to Yorkshire Water asking for the verge to be re-instated.

174. (02/13) CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Yorkshire Local Councils Associations - Newsletter, White Rose Update. For information. Noted.
- (b) Fitzwilliam Malton Estate - Malton Community Investment Company, Annual Report. For information. Noted.

175. (02/13) REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Councillor Stone reported on his attendance at the meeting of the Malton Museum Foundation. Noted.

Councillor King reported on his attendance at the meeting of the Malton and Norton Police CaP Committee meeting. Main points arising being that overall crime was down with tributes paid to the local Officers for their work with the community.

Priorities for the community were to be the introduction of of a Taxi Watch scheme to assist with the night time economy, and also the possibility of a Street Angels project in co-operation with local churches.

176. (02/13) MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

- (a) Councillor Reveley reported a tree located at the far end of Parliament Street, on land belonging to the Bacon Factory, which following the recent bad weather appeared to have some branches that were in danger of coming down.
The clerk to report the matter to the relevant officer at the District Council.
- (b) Councillor King asked if it was known when the Christmas Lights were to be taken down.
The Clerk to make enquiries.

177. (02/13) DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

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

(Meeting closed at 8.55pm)

_____(Chairman)

