

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, 19 August 2013 at 7.00pm.

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

051. (08/13) **APOLOGIES**

- (a) Apologies received and noted by the Clerk
Councillor A.R. Harrison.
- (b) The resignation of Councillor Karl Reveley, who represented Norton West Ward, was received and noted.
The Clerk had informed the Electoral Services at Ryedale District Council, and it was noted that as long as less than 10 electors requested that an election to fill the vacancy should take place, the Council would be able to fill the vacancy by co-option.

052. (08/13) **GUEST SPEAKER**

No guest speaker.

053. (08/13) **PUBLIC SESSION**

(a) Allotments

Mrs Gault holder of allotment number Eastfield 71 made a formal complaint regarding the holder of allotment number Eastfield 70. Stating that he had not just pruned back growth to the shared boundary but had in fact cut back on to her plot and used weedkiller and in some instances burning, and had in fact moved the boundary.

While the Clerk had written to the holder of allotment number 70 over this issue, and along with the Mayor had tried to set up a meeting between both allotment holders this had proved unsuccessful.

Members having listened to the complaint agreed that in order for any resolution to be reached a meeting of both allotment holders had to take place where the Council would define the boundary and both parties had to agree.

The Mayor thanked Mrs Gault for attending.

(b) County and District Councillor Mrs Shields

Councillor Mrs Shields informed members of two issues that she had been pursuing with the North Yorkshire Highways Department

- The overgrown verge in Bazley's Lane. Having written to Mr Marr the Highways Area Manager, the answer received stated that this had not been cut due to the Council's Policy, and that only the area at the sides of the footpath were being cut.
- A mirror to assist sighting from Wood Street into Wold Street. The reply from Mr Marr stated, that mirrors were not standard road safety equipment and that a request for one would need to be put to the Secretary of State.

Both items noted.

The Mayor thanked Councillor Mrs Shields for updating members on the issues.

054. (08/13) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Lloyd-Williams declared an interest in;
Agenda item 9 Ryedale Area Committee, as a candidate for election, and
Agenda item 10 Malton & Norton Area Partnership, as Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Councillor Spencer declared an interest in;
Agenda item 8 Planning, as a neighbour to two of the applications.

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055. (08/13) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 15 July 2013 (Minutes 034 to 050 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

056. (08/13) **CLERK'S REPORT**(a) Malton to Pickering Rail Link

A representative from Whitby Town Council was due to address Malton Town Council at their full Council meeting on Wednesday, 25 September 2013, at Ryedale House. To discuss the reinstatement of the rail link between Malton and Pickering.

All members of the Council were invited to attend.

The discussion would take place at the start of the meeting in order that their ordinary order of business was not disrupted. Noted.

(b) Digital Mapping

To report the Cemetery software had now been installed along with the Asset Management and Town Mapping software.

The Mayor and Clerk had both received training on the use of the mapping software which was very informative and very taxing. It should prove to be a very useful asset itself once the users were familiar with how it works.

(c) Town entrance signs

To report that an official request to erect the town entrance signs had been sent to Mr Marr, it included a copy of the design and size used when applying for the grant. A request was also made that the Inspector for Norton approve the exact locations at which the signs could be erected. Noted.

(d) Dog Fouling

To receive a copy of a letter complaining of dog fouling in the cemetery. Agreed that this item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

057. (08/13) **TOWN MAYOR/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**(a) Yorkshire Day

The Mayor reported on his attendance at the celebrations for Yorkshire Day held at Skipton. The day included a trip on a narrow boat along the canal, as well as a parade through the town. The address at the luncheon was given by the Bishop of Bradford Reverend Nick Baines. Skipton had really applied themselves presenting a 'Festival of Yorkshire' from the 2 to the 4 of August, this had included turning part of the canal basin into a sunny seaside area complete with sand, deckchairs, Punch and Judy, and comedy lifeguards. Noted

(b) Digital Mapping Training

Both the Mayor and Clerk had attended the training on the digital mapping software, and it was considered that this was a good investment and would be of great benefit to the Council when all the information had been in-putted on to it. Hopefully once an assistant had been appointed further use could be made of logging all the Council's assets. Noted

(c) Totally Locally

The Mayor reported on his attendance at a meeting called to discuss the latest phase in progressing business in both towns. This was to be called 'Hidden Gems'. Noted.

(d) Christmas Lights Switch On

The Mayor asked if the Council would consider contributing to the switch on event for Norton's Christmas lights.

Members agreed in principal that in order for this event to continue a contribution should be considered. This item to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

(e) Norton Primary School Visit

The Mayor reported that he had been invited to give a talk on his role as Mayor to Year 5 children, who would be studying various aspects of the community and the roles of different people within the community. Noted.

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058. (08/13) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(a) Accounts paid and for payment

The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 073 to 086 inclusive, amounting to £5899.66, had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED to hold back the cheque for the Ryefest Grant, account no. 87, to next month as the accounts for the event were still awaited, therefore it was only account nos. 088 to 092 inclusive, amounting to £1525.80 to be paid. Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.

(b) Financial report

The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.07.13 to 31.07.13 was received.

(c) Budgetary monitoring

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

(d) Parish Precept Grant 2014/15

Members received a report from Ryedale District Council, outlining proposed changes to the Parish Grant for the year 2014/15.

Agreed to follow the lead set by Pickering Town Council, and simply not reply to the report. See minute 062 The Ryedale Five Towns Meeting, Note No.4

059. (08/13) **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

13/00827/FUL

Erection of replacement barn for storage of equine feedstuffs, rider training and horsebox shelter following demolition of existing barn.
Wold House Stables Langton Road, Norton.
For Mr T Etherington
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.

13/00838/FUL

Change of use and alteration of former social club to form 3no light industrial units to include demolition of flat roof extensions.
100 Commercial Street, Norton.
For Redfern Development and Investments Ltd.
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.

Councillor Spencer had declared an interest in this item, and took no part in the decision made.

13/00849/FUL

Demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of a single-storey extension to include retaining wall (retrospective application)
Spring Cottage Bazley's Lane, Norton.
For Spring Cottage.
RESOLVED No objection but members had concerns with regard to the disposal of sewage, and also that the previous application was withdrawn and now this one had come in as retrospective application. It would seem that the planning process was not working as it should.

13/00835/MOUT

Residential development (site area 0.7ha)
Land to the North of Sutton Grange Langton Road, Norton.
For Mr David Tatham
RESOLVED That this application be deferred until the Local Plan sites were approved, as at present this site was outside the current development limits for the town.

059. (08/13) **PLANNING MATTERS** (continued)

Councillor Spencer had declared an interest in this item, and took no part in the decision made.

13/00864/FUL Erection of 2no stable blocks with a total of 24no stables together with covered water horse walker with associated plant room and access ramp.
Spring Cottage Stables Bazley's Lane, Norton.

For Brian Ellison Racing Ltd.

RESOLVED Recommend Approval subject to appropriate drainage being installed, as this land is prone to flooding. Ideally connection to the main sewage works so as to avoid any contamination of local water courses. Also the extra traffic generated onto the access from Bazley's Lane would seem to be excessive and hazardous, the Council therefore considers that a new access from Langton Road should be constructed.

13/00903/HOUSE Erection of single-storey side extension and front entrance porch.
3 The Avenue, Norton.

For Mr & Mrs J C Dennis

RESOLVED Recommend Approval.

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

13/00568/FUL

Erection of an above ground plant enclosure mounted on a concrete plinth within a fenced compound to serve below ground sewage pumping station, and formation of vehicular access.

Land adjacent to Auburn Cottages Langton Road, Norton.

13/00578/HOUSE

Erection of sunroom extension to west elevation and entrance porch to the north elevation.

Halton Close 90 Welham Road, Norton.

13/00655/HOUSE

Erection of single storey rear extension, entrance porch to the side, installation of 1no replacement window to the south elevation and 2no windows to the east elevation.

92 Scarborough Road, Norton.

13/00670/FUL

Erection of extension to the rear to include external plant store and detached bin store.

One Stop Community Stores Ltd, 2 Hambleton Road, Norton.

13/00702/EXTH

Extension of time limit for implementation of 10/00722/HOUSE dated 10.08.2010 for the erection of a two storey extension.

Cheesecake Hill House Beverley Road, Norton.

13/00166/MOUT

Mixed development comprising 3no retail units (Use Class A1) and childrens day nursery (Use Class D1) with associated vehicular access, parking and landscaping (site area 0.73 ha)

5 Welham Road, Norton.

Refused

13/00498/HOUSE

Erection of two storey extension to the side and demolition of existing extension.

6 Parliament Avenue, Norton.

060. (08/13) **NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – RYEDALE AREA COMMITTEE**

Councillor Lloyd-Williams had declared an interest in this item

The Council had been invited to vote in a ballot to fill vacancies on the Area Committee for co-opted members. Members each received a copy of the election address provided by each candidate along with a ballot paper. The Council could vote for up to 4no candidates.

RESOLVED that the 4no. candidates voted for by the Council were, Councillor Elizabeth Fairburn, Councillor Paul Andrews, Councillor David Lloyd-Williams, and Councillor Philip Chapman

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061. (08/13) **MALTON AND NORTON AREA PARTNERSHIP**

Councillor Lloyd-Williams had declared an interest in this item.

Members were asked to consider delivering two promotional signs for the entries to the town. With £2000 earmarked from the Portas Towns Team grant available to assist with their construction and installation.

An amendment was proposed that instead of promotional signs for the entries to the town, promotional signs erected within the town should be considered.

RESOLVED that the Council would prefer to erect promotional signs within the town and to write to the Area Partnership asking if this would be acceptable under the terms of the grant.

062. (08/13) **RYEDALE FIVE TOWNS MEETING**

Members received the notes from the Five Towns meeting held on Monday, 22 July 2013 in the Council Chamber, Norton. Appended No.1 to the Minutes. Noted.

063. (08/13) **CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) Ryedale Safer Neighbourhoods Team – monthly crime statistics for Southern Ryedale, July 2013. For information. Noted.

(b) Watts Quarry – E.Mail letter of objection to the proposed asphalt production plant at the quarry, from a Mr Robert Bigg.
Members agreed to ask if Mr Watts would meet with members of the Council to discuss the issues raised in the letter, and to reply to Mr Biggs explaining what was proposed.
Council had however responded to the planning application for the asphalt production plant in February of this year.

064. (08/13) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

No reports received.

065. (08/13) **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

(a) Councillor Spencer asked if grass cutting the verges in Bazley's Lane could be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
Agreed to place grass cutting the verges in Bazley's Lane on the agenda of the next meeting. Noted.

066. (08/13) **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Town Council be held on Monday, 16 September 2013 at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber.

(Meeting closed at 9.30pm)

_____(Chairman)

