

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber
Commercial Street, Norton-on-Derwent on Monday, 20 December 2010 at 7.15pm.

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

136. (12/10) **APOLOGIES**

Apologies received and noted by the Clerk;
Councillor D. K. Mennell.

137. (12/10) **GUEST SPEAKER**

No Guest Speaker.

138. (12/10) **PUBLIC SESSION**

No member of the public present.

139. (12/10) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest made.

140. (12/10) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 15 November 2010 (Minutes 112 to 129 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

141. (12/10) **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES 112 TO 129 INCLUSIVE**

- (a) Minute 122 Transport Matters - Home to School and College Transport Policy.
The Clerk reported receipt of an acknowledgement for the Council's comments on the consultation. For information. Noted.
- (b) Minute 126 Reports of Representatives on other Organisations, Ryedale Cameras in Action.
The Clerk reported receipt of a reply from Inspector Hutchinson regarding his attending a future meeting of the Council. It stated that as future funding of the budget for the CCTV cameras was not yet confirmed it would make sense for the Council's representative on the Cameras in Action Committee to report back to Council following the January meeting of the Committee when budget funding should be known. he therefore felt that attending the Council meeting would serve no purpose at this time. Noted.

Councillor King who was the representative on the Cameras in Action Committee stated that for personal reasons he no longer felt able to continue in this role and would therefore not be able to attend the January meeting. The Clerk agreed to attend until such time as a new representative could be appointed.

142. (12/10) **KING GEORGE'S PLAYING FIELD REDEVELOPMENT**

Update on Re-development of the Play Area

The Clerk gave a verbal update and reported that following the request for a meeting with the senior management of Record RSS, they had brought in new contractors who had completely re-installed the play equipment, the fencing and the gym equipment, as well as re-laying the safety surfacing. The only outstanding work now was the landscaping and the marking out of the Multi Games Unit, for which a firm commitment had been made to return in Spring when the weather would have improved.
Members noted the Clerks report with satisfaction.

143. (12/10) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**(a) Accounts paid and for payment

The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 140 to 149 inclusive, amounting to £4806.52, had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED that accounts nos. 150 to 155 inclusive, amounting to £90,404.21 be paid. Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.

(b) Financial report

The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.11.10 to 30.11.10 was received.

(c) Budgetary monitoring

The Clerk's report for the period ending 30 November 2010 was received.

(d) Budget and Precept for the year 2011/12

RESOLVED that the Budget and Precept for 2011/12 be confirmed as set out in Appendix 2 of the Minutes of the Budget meeting dated 20 December 2010.

With a Budget of £96,536, and a Precept of £97,000.

144. (12/10) **PLANNING MATTERS**

The following applications had been consulted upon and the recommendations of Councillors had been forwarded to Ryedale District Council and North Yorkshire County Council.

- 10/01290/HOUSE Erection of part two storey/part single storey extension to rear and first floor extension to side above utility room.
13 Parliament Avenue, Norton.
For Mr S. Dale.
AGREED Recommend Approval.
- 10/01317/FUL Demolition of existing buildings and erection of retail store to ground floor and 4no. two bedroom apartments and 1no. two bedroom duplex apartment at first and second floor with covered parking, refuse and cycle stores (revised details to approval 08/00529/FUL dated 30.07.2008).
Pocklington Carpets 102 Commercial Street, Norton.
For Pocklington Carpets Ltd.
AGREED Recommend Approval.
- 10/01314/FUL Change of use and alteration of ground floor store to form a one bedroom flat.
53 Commercial Street, Norton, Malton.
For Mr H. Watson.
AGREED Members have not reached any agreement with regard to this application, they find that there is not enough information to be able to make any recommendation. The plan itself does not show anything which relates it to anything else, and the location plan is so poor and at least 30 years out of date that it is practically impossible to place just which property this application relates to.
- NY/2010/0509/73A Retention of Elliott Unit 1478.
Norton Community Primary School, Grove Street, Norton.
For Children & Young Peoples Services.
AGREED Recommend Approval.
- (a) Planning applications referred to the Town Council by Ryedale District Council, for comment and/or recommendation were dealt with as follows: -
- 10/01341/FUL Change of use of former Post Office/Shop (Use Class A1) to hot food takeaway (Use Class A5).
Norton Post Office 19-21 Church Street, Norton.
For Mr & Mrs S B Li.
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.

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144. (12/10) **PLANNING MATTERS** (continued)(b) Planning decisions notified by Ryedale District Council:

- Approved
- 10/01107/FUL Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 2No. Three bedroom semi-detached dwellings with vehicular access, parking and amenity areas.
10 Plum Street, Norton.
- 10/01161/FUL Erection of 2no. Three bedroom semi-detached dwellings, 2no. Two bedroom semi-detached dwellings and 1no. Three bedroom detached dwelling with associated parking and amenity areas.
Garages to the Rear of Howe Road, Norton.
- Refused
- 10/01165/ADV Display of 1no. Externally illuminated post mounted double sided logo sign.
Lidl Foodstore 4A Welham Road, Norton.

145. (12/10) **HONORARY TITLES**

On 12 January 2010, the 2009 Act amended the provisions of the 1972 Act to enable all local councils to confer honorary titles. By virtue of section 249(5) and (6) of the 1972 Act as amended, all local councils may exercise powers to confer the title of "honorary freeman" or "honorary freewoman" to persons of distinction and those who, in the council's opinion, have rendered eminent service to the council's area.

RESOLVED that the Town Council would consider conferring the title of "honorary freeman" or "freewoman" to any person of distinction who had given nothing less than twenty years continuous service to the local community.

In view of the above new powers given to local councils, members considered conferring the title of "honorary freeman" to two long serving councillors, and it was;

RESOLVED to confer the title of "honorary freeman" to Councillor Donald Keith Mennell who had served the town as a local councillor since 1969. Serving on the then Norton Urban Council, and following reorganisation in 1974 a local councillor on the Town Council of which he had been a member continuously to the present time, making a total of 36 years as a Town Councillor. During which time he had served as Mayor to the town on five separate occasions.

RESOLVED to confer the title of "honorary freeman" to Councillor David Lloyd-Williams who had served the town as a local councillor continuously since 1979 to the present time, making a total of 31 years as a Town Councillor. During which time he had served as Mayor to the town on two separate occasions. He had also served as the County Councillor for Norton from 1981 until 2009, a period of some 28 years.

146. (12/10) **LIBRARY SERVICES**(a) North Yorkshire County Council, proposed changes to the future delivery of Library and Information Services.

Members received a briefing note and response form for members to complete.

With many closures planned for libraries across the region as well as cuts to mobile services members debated the issues raised. Although there was no mention of the library in Norton in the consultation document itself, it had previously been mentioned as one likely to be closed.

Members expressed extreme displeasure with any proposed cuts to the library service in Norton, as Norton's population was larger than Malton's, whose library was definitely not on the closure list, and had better access. Members were also against any cuts to the mobile service which quite often was the only way residents of outlying villages could access the service.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write expressing the extreme displeasure felt by the Council and the local population to any cuts in what is an extremely well used local library service and mobile service. Letter to be sent to the Chairman of the County Council, the local County Councillors as well as the Library Consultation Team at North Yorkshire County Council.

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146. (12/10) **LIBRARY SERVICES** (continued)

- (b) Members received a copy of correspondence received from Mrs Hilary Jenkins, expressing how she is totally against the closure of Norton's library. For information. Noted.

147. (12/10) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Ryedale Safer Neighbourhood Team - Monthly Crime Statistics for November 1010, for Malton and Norton. For information. Noted
- (b) Yorkshire Local Councils Associations - Newsletter "White Rose Update". For information. Noted.
- (c) North Yorkshire County Council - Traffic Regulation Order, Prohibition and Limitation of Waiting - Riverside View/Station Way, Norton. Copy available in the office. For information. Noted.

148. (12/10) **CLERK'S REPORT**

Buckrose House. Planning Applications

The Clerk reported on an e-mail received from a Margaret Wilson, of Greenhead Farm, Roscobie, Forfar, Scotland, requesting information held by the Town Council on the planning applications relating to Buckrose House. The request was made under the Freedom of Information Act.

As the information held by the Town Council was readily available to the public, the Clerk had forwarded all information held, and also stated that any further information would be available from Ryedale District Council as they were the Planning Authority.

149. (12/10) **TOWN MAYOR/CHAIRMANS REPORT**

The Mayor reported on his attendance at:

- The Christmas Lights switch on in Norton. - at the Derwent Arms.
- The Christmas Lights switch on in Malton. - in the Market Place.
- The Opening of the new Lidl Store.
- The switch on of St Catherine's Hospice Tree - in the Market Place Malton.

150. (12/10) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Councillor Mrs Hodgson reported that she had received a request to serve on the Milton Rooms Management Committee.

Members agreed that as this did not appear to affect the standing of our elected representative that the Council had no objection to Councillor Mrs Hodgson serving on the committee.

151. (12/10) **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

- (a) Councillor Milner reported that a litter bin which had been secured to the first street light post in Park Road, had been removed when the lighting was replaced and could a replacement be fitted.
The Clerk to make arrangements.

152. (12/10) **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Town Council be held on Monday, 17 January 2011 at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber.

(Meeting closed at 8.35pm)

_____ (Chairman)