

## 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, 17 December 2012 at 7.15pm.

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

129. (12/12) **APOLOGIES**

No apologies all members present.

130. (12/12) **GUEST SPEAKER**

No guest speaker available.

131. (12/12) **PUBLIC SESSION**

Mr Trevor Heselwood, the Manager of Norton United Football Team, who paid for the use of the pitch at King George's Field, complained to members on the state of the pitch with regard to dog fouling. The problem was becoming worse and it appeared that nothing was being done about it.

In reply it was stated that the Ryedale Dog Warden would be informed and if Mr Heselwood knew the names of anyone who allowed their dog to foul on the field, if he could let the members of the Council know these names they would be passed to the Dog Warden. The Mayor thanked Mr Heselwood for his comments.

District Councillor Mrs Shields asked if the Council had received any update on the future of Norton Library.

In reply it was stated that there had been no further update other than the one received from County Councillor Shaw when he had informed members that County had no plans to close the Library at this present time.

132. (12/12) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest made.

133. (12/12) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 19 November 2012 (Minutes 109 to 124 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

134. (12/12) **CLERK'S REPORT**

(a) Skatepark

The Clerk reported that Ryedale District Council had agreed to fully fund the Skatepark for the next two years, and that an agreement was in the process of being drawn up by them which would transfer the assets into the Town Council's name. The agreement was to be for four years and it was hoped to have a draft copy ready for the January 2013 meeting of the Town Council, with a view for a hand over on the first day of April 2013. Noted.

(b) Ryedale Cameras in Action

The Clerk reported that Ryedale District Council had agreed to fund the Cameras in Action for a further two years. No other details were available however, and just what impact Pickering withdrawing from the scheme would have was unknown. Noted.

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134. (12/12) **CLERK'S REPORT** (continued)(c) Cemetery MattersDigital Mapping

To report receipt of a draft Cemetery Map, which was to be altered and corrected as required and when satisfied it was right for it to be returned to Pear Technology ready for the next stage in the process. Noted.

Sunken Graves

To report that following the recent bad weather a significant number of graves had sunk, but that these were in the process of being filled and levelled although it would take some time to level them all. Noted.

135. (12/12) **TOWN MAYOR/CHAIRMANS REPORT**

## (a) The Mayor reported on her attendance at;

- Malton School Presentation Evening
  - Christmas Lights switch on in Norton, where the draw for the hamper was well received.
  - Norton Civic Service, at Trinity Church
  - St Catherine's Hospice Light up a Life switch on in the Market Place, Malton.
  - Salvation Army Carol Service
  - The Proposed Norton Web Site meeting
  - The new play 'Christmas Fair' being performed at the Milton Rooms, Malton.
  - Protest March in aid of Malton Hospital
  - Norton College Carol Service
- Noted by members.

(b) Flooding

The Mayor reported on the recent problems caused by the bad weather, and while the Flood Defences worked the drainage system had caused flooding not only of surface water but of raw sewage. Talks were ongoing with Yorkshire Water and other agencies in the hope that this problem could be resolved.

The Mayor praised the emergency services and others for all their efforts during a very difficult time, and made special mention of both the Salvation Army, and Next Steps who had managed to keep all the services supplied with hot refreshments over a very long period of time.

(c) Bowling Club

The Mayor reported that she was looking at whether there was any possible way that the Bowling Club could be saved from being sold off.

(d) Jubilee Clock

There were still issues with the clock but the engineers were working hard to find and rectify the problem.

(e) Tree Felling

The Mayor reported that a large tree, located in St Nicholas Street Car Park had had to be felled, due to disease and was in a dangerous condition.

136. (12/12) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**(a) Accounts paid and for payment

The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 158 to 167 inclusive, amounting to £4849.78, had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED that account nos. 168 to 171 inclusive, amounting to £1220.88 be paid. Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.

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136. (12/12) **FINANCIAL MATTERS** (continued)

(b) Financial report

The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.11.12 to 30.11.12 was received.

(c) Budgetary monitoring

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

(d) Cemetery Fees

Members considered the proposed increases in Cemetery Fees to be charged from April 2013 as set out in the table presented to the budget meeting and appended (Appendix 1) to these minutes.

RESOLVED to increase Cemetery Fees as shown in the appended table from April 2013, an increase of approximately 10% on all categories.

(e) Localising Council Tax Support Scheme

Members received a briefing note from Yorkshire Local Councils Associations, on the Localising Council Tax Scheme, which explained the possible impact it could have on the precept.

(f) Budget and Precept for the Year 2013/14

Members agreed a proposed budget of £118,500 as set out in Appendix 1 of the minutes of the budget meeting dated 17 December 2012.

Precept for 2013/14 to be confirmed at the January meeting of the Town Council, when the impact of the Localising Council Tax Support Scheme would be known.

(g) Councillors Audit Reports

Councillors Farndale, and Mennell had completed the Councillors Audit Report and found all to be in order. Noted.

137. (12/12) **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

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| 12/01074/FUL   | Sub-division of existing three bedroom dwelling to form 2no. three bedroom dwellings.<br>Westfield Nursery 70 Scarborough Road, Norton.<br>For Mr Rob Hopkinson.<br><u>RESOLVED</u> Recommend Approval. |
| 12/01107/HOUSE | Erection of rear single storey extension.<br>5 Glenmore Drive, Norton.<br>For Mr & Mrs P Swindell.<br><u>RESOLVED</u> Recommend Approval.   |
| 12/01162/HOUSE | Erection of rear single storey extension.<br>84 Langley Drive, Norton.<br>For Mrs Rebecca Cooper.<br><u>RESOLVED</u> Recommend Approval.  |
| 12/01129/FUL   | Erection of nine stables, covered passage and feed store.<br>Long Row Stables, Beverley Road, Norton.<br>For Mr Tony Coyle.<br><u>RESOLVED</u> Recommend Approval.                                      |

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137. (12/12) **PLANNING MATTERS** (continued)



141. (12/12) **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

- (a) Councillor Farndale informed members that the date for the Senior Citizens Party was the last Saturday in January 2013. The newly appointed Secretary was already informing the necessary organisations and people.  
Noted.

142. (12/12) **EXCLUDED ITEM**

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

Council Vacancies

Members received applications for co-option from four candidates for the two vacancies one in each ward. None of the candidates had expressed a preference for a certain ward and so all four were considered for both vacancies.

The four candidates were Marian Hodgson, Jonathan Gray, Beverley Wright and Michael Beckett.

RESOLVED that with 8 votes each the following candidates were co-opted;

- Marian Hodgson to serve as Councillor for Norton West Ward, and
- Jonathan Gray to serve as Councillor for Norton East Ward.

143. (12/12) **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Town Council be held on Monday, 21 January 2013 at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber.

(Meeting closed at 8.45pm)

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