

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, 21 March 2011 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Councillor P. Farndale (Town Mayor) in the Chair;
Councillors Mrs J. Denniss, J. Gray, A.R. Harrison, Mrs M. Hodgson, Mrs D. Keal,
D. K. Mennell, R. Milner, H. Spencer, J.T. Stone.
District Councillor Mrs E. Shields, County Councillor S. Shaw.
Also Mrs R. Tierney.

187. (03/11) **APOLOGIES**

Apologies received and noted by the Clerk;
Councillors R. King, D. Lloyd-Williams (who hoped to attend late).

188. (03/11) **GUEST SPEAKER**

(a) Mr Richard Marr, (Area Highways Manager) for North Yorkshire County Council.

Members were updated on various issues mainly relating to the severe winter weather and the damage this had done to the public highways and footpaths. The winter maintenance budget had been spent by January, but there was to be a one off severe weather grant from central government which for North Yorkshire as a whole was to be 2 million pounds. It was not known at this stage how much of that grant would be available for Ryedale.

With cuts in budgets expected for the coming year and even more severe cuts for the following year when the maintenance budget could be halved, the plan for 2011/12 was for emergency repairs and patching of the highways and footpaths only.

With regard to Commercial Street, the expected timescale for the resurfacing was that this would be done overnight on Sunday 10 April 2011 and Sunday 17 April 2011. It was also expected that there would still be money left in the budget for the planters and the remaining paving.

Questions from members followed, the main points raised being:

- Commercial Street, motorists ignoring the 20 mile per hour signs, Mr Marr to look at extra signage. Safety issues regarding exiting Plum Street onto Commercial Street, this should be helped when the new markings were in place after resurfacing.
- Various streets in the town in urgent need of repair. A patching package was being put together with the Highway Inspector for Norton, Mr Lythe, with the aim of making a start very soon now that the better weather was here.
- Yellow Line enforcement, due to the lines wearing it was becoming impossible to enforce the law. Mr Marr due to talk with the police in order to ascertain which areas were most in need of being relined.
- Parking in Wood Street, looking into having parking bays marked out over the full length.
- Bazley's Lane, while still trying to deter heavy goods vehicles passing places were still considered necessary due to the nature of the lane.

On closing the Mayor thanked Mr Marr for sparing the time to attend the meeting.

(b) Neighbourhood Plan - Emma Brooksbank and Denys Townsend from the Plan Group

Members were given a report on the proposal to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for the two towns, along with the reasoning behind the Plan and that its purpose would be to influence the Local Development Framework which was being compiled by Ryedale District Council. It was felt that this could then carry more weight in influencing various planning decisions being made within the towns and which the Town Councils did not agree with.

Members had already received a copy of section 1 of the proposed Draft Plan and were therefore able to ascertain the breadth of subjects covered by the Plan. While the Plan Group were sure that amendments would need to be made, they did hope that the Council would seriously consider adopting the plan for consultation.

There then followed a lengthy question and answer session with all present being allowed to contribute to the debate.

At the close of questions the Mayor thanked the members of the group for sparing the time to attend.

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189. (03/11) **PUBLIC SESSION**

No one present raised any matters.

190. (03/11) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest made.

191. (03/11) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 21 February 2011 (Minutes 168 to 186 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

192. (03/11) **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES 168 TO 186 INCLUSIVE**

- (a) Minute 179 County Council, Minerals Core Strategy. The Clerk reported on a reply received from Mr David Watts of Whitewall quarry. Which stated that the wheel wash at the quarry was out of action due to the weighbridge collapsing. He apologised for this and would write again when this was sorted. he was also to reprimand anyone leaving the quarry unsheeted. Noted.
- (b) Minute 180(c) Correspondence, The Big Tidy up Group. A request had come back from this group for a litter bin to be installed on County Bridge. The Clerk reported that she was in touch with Streetscene at Ryedale District Council with regard to this matter. Noted.

193. (03/11) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- (a) Accounts paid and for payment
The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 184 to 191 inclusive, amounting to £6563.95, had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.
RESOLVED that accounts nos. 192 to 194 inclusive, amounting to £2717.16 be paid. Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.
- (b) Financial report
The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.02.11 to 28.02.11 was received.
- (c) Budgetary monitoring
The Clerk's report for the period ending 28 February 2011 was received.

194. (03/11) **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

11/00161/HOUSE Erection of first floor extension to north elevation and erection of front porch.
25 The Chase, Norton.
For Miss N Stephenson and Mr J Horsman
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.

11/00193/FUL Erection of first floor extension to garage block to form self-contained ancillary
domestic accommodation..
Auburn Hill Langton Road, Norton.
For Mr & Mrs M Murrery
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.

11/00180/HOUSE Erection of flat roof dormer roof extension to rear.
30 Vine Street, Norton
For Mr Julian Pashby.
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.

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194. (03/11) **PLANNING MATTERS** (continued)

(b) Planning decisions notified by Ryedale District Council:

- 10/01314/FUL Approved
Change of use and alteration of ground floor store to form a one bedroom flat.
53 Commercial Street, Norton.
- 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.
- 10/01165/ADV Application for appeal against refusal
Display of 1no. Externally illuminated post mounted double sided logo sign.
Lidl Foodstore 4A Welham Road, Norton.
Appeal Start Date 8 February 2011

195. (03/11) **NORTON IN BLOOM - SUMMER 2011**

Members received a report as appended to the Minutes (Appendix 1), detailing the proposals and costings for the floral displays in Commercial Street, Church Street, and on the County Bridge for Summer 2011.

RESOLVED that the Town Council approve the proposals set out in the report, total costs for the baskets and barrier baskets being £980.00 plus V.A.T.

Costs for watering and maintaining over a 14 week period £1190.00 plus V.A.T.

196. (03/11) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR MALTON AND NORTON**

Members had received a copy of section 1 of the proposed Draft Neighbourhood Plan for Malton and Norton.

Following on from the presentation given by members of the Plan Group and the questions raised during the debate which followed, members were asked if they would consider adopting the Plan for consultation.

While members commended the work which had already been made on the Plan they felt that there was too much of the content that they could not agree with and were therefore unable to adopt it at this time. It was therefore

RESOLVED That this item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Town Council, in order for the way forward in developing a Neighbourhood Plan with the Town Council be further investigated.

197. (03/11) **COUNTY COUNCIL - MINERALS CORE STRATEGY CONSULTATION**

Members had previously received a copy of the Minerals Core Strategy Consultation document, and having had time to study the document fully it was

RESOLVED that the Town Councils response be as follows:

Question 1. When considering the impacts and benefits minerals extraction can have the most important topics that need to be considered are;

1. Transport to and from workings
2. Economy and Jobs

Question 2. Bearing in mind the topics identified in question 1 what should be the key objectives when planning for mineral development;

1. Minimising the impact of minerals related transport
2. Minimising harmful impact upon the environment and amenity from quarries

198. (03/11) **CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) Ryedale Safer Neighbourhood Team - Monthly Crime Statistics for February 1011, for Malton and Norton. For information. Noted

(b) North Yorkshire County Council - Temporary road closure: Westfield Way Norton. For information. Noted.

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198. (03/11) **CORRESPONDENCE** (continued)

- (c) Derwent Riverside Project - Invitation to attend the Annual General Meeting on Monday 4 April 2011 in the West Wing Hall at Malton School. For information. Noted.

199. (03/11) **CLERK'S REPORT**

(a) Ryedale District Council & County Council - Highway Consultation

The Consultation brought together several different areas of work; the Brambling Fields junction improvement and complementary traffic management measures in Malton and Norton; the County Council's Service Centre Transportation Strategy for the area; and potential public realm improvements.

Members were asked to consider what response they would like to make to the consultation. It was also pointed out that questionnaires were available if members wanted to forward a response personally.

RESOLVED that the Town Councils response to the consultation be as follows:

A64 Brambling Fields Interchange

- The Town Council welcomes the Brambling Fields junction improvement, but does not wish to see the filter lane removed from the Castlegate approach to the traffic lights. It is the very strong belief of members that by removing this lane the traffic queues along Castlegate will be made longer. A much simpler and more cost effective measure would be to re-phase the traffic lights allowing traffic turning into Old Malton Gate more time.

The Town Council does not object to the rest of the complementary measures planned.

Maintenance Schemes

- H. Passing Places on Bazley's Lane, The Town Council strongly objects to any measure that encourages the use of this route, excepting in the case of an emergency. Signs advising that this route is unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles were to be installed over a year ago, they are still to be installed.

The Town Council does not object to the other maintenance schemes.

Malton Town Centre Enhancement

- Market Place. The Town Council's preferred option for the Market Place is that there is No Change. All the other options make for even more traffic congestion on Yorkersgate. If left as it is motorists have the maximum number of options for entering and exiting while still allowing access to all parking areas. The pedestrian experience would be enhanced by enforcement of the Yellow Lines along the Post Office side.
- Saville Street / St Michael's Street. The Town Council is against shared space in Saville Street, although St Michael's Street seems to work almost as shared space now and does not seem cause any problems.
- Newbiggin and Wheelgate. The Town Council is not in favour of moving the on street car parking to the other side of the road this would seem to make for a great deal of expense for little gain. The Council does however welcome the pedestrian crossing by the traffic lights.
- Yorkersgate. The Town Council is in favour of the measures planned for this area.

(b) Ryedale District Council - Council Tax, Special Expenses

The Clerk pointed out to members that they may have noticed a additional payment on their Tax Demands noted as Special Expenses.

This expense was for the street lighting that was attributable to Ryedale District Council that used to belong to the old Norton Urban District Council, and was transferred to Ryedale in 1974. This Special Expense has always been levied but due to new computer software it is now shown as a separate item. The amount can vary from year to year depending on the level of maintenance that has been carried out on the said lights.

Noted.

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199. (03/11) **CLERK'S REPORT** (continued)

(c) County Council - Highways, Temporary Road Closure, Beverley Road

It was proposed that there would be a temporary closure of Norton Road it would be for one night between 25 March 2011 and 29 March 2011 in order that urgent maintenance to adjacent flood defence equipment could be carried out.

For information. Noted.

(d) Elections 2011

The Clerk informed members that application forms for Election as Councillor were now available in the office.

For information. Noted.

200. (03/11) **TOWN MAYOR/CHAIRMANS REPORT**

The Mayor reported on his attendance at:

- Pocklington Town Council - Civic Service.
- The Judging of The Pride of Malton and Norton Awards
- The meeting of the 5 Town Councils - hosted by Helmsley Town Council.

201. (03/11) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Councillor Mennell reported on his attendance at:

- The North Yorkshire County Council - Ryedale Area Committee meeting.

Councillor Denniss reported on her forthcoming attendance at:

- The Sure Start Children's Centre Committee meeting.

202. (03/11) **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

- (a) Councillor Stone reported on a section of footpath in Norton Cemetery which was in need of attention, and could the Clerk look into this.

The Clerk agreed to do so.

- (b) Councillor Gray asked if the Police could be contacted with regard to enforcing the 20mile per hour speed limit on Commercial Street.

The Clerk to make enquiries.

- (c) The Mayor asked if any member would consider taking part in a read through of St Mark's Gospel, as part of the Methodists Church Celebration of the 400th anniversary of the publication of the King James Bible. This was to take place at Malton Methodist Church in Saville Street on Saturday 21 May between 10am and 12 noon.

Contact the Clerk if interested. Noted.

203. (03/11) **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.

Review of Salaries for both the Clerk and the Cemetery Manager/Caretaker

Members received a report on the salary scales for both Clerk and Cemetery Manager along with a request for an increase in the scale for both.

RESOLVED to accept the request for a scale increase of 1 point for both the Clerk and the Cemetery Manager/Caretaker.

204. (03/11) **DATE OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

RESOLVED that the Annual Town Meeting be held on Monday 18 April 2011, at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber.

205. (03/11) **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Town Council be held on Monday, 18 April 2011 at 7.00pm, or on the rising of the Annual Town Meeting whichever is the later, in the Council Chamber.

(Meeting closed at 9.50pm)

_____(Chairman)

