

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 October 2011 at 7.00pm.

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

092. (10/11) **APOLOGIES**

No apologies all members present.

093. (10/11) **GUEST SPEAKER**

Vine Street Allotments - possibility of land being returned to Ryedale District Council
Members welcomed Mr Roger Barnsley, the Asset Management Surveyor for Ryedale District Council, who came to discuss the possibility of easing the parking issues on Vine Street by enabling residents with rear access to the land at the Bowling Club, land currently owned by Norton Council and used as allotments, to park at the rear of their properties.

Mr Barnsley explained that the strip of land in question had been sold to Norton Council in 1993 for the sum of one pound, and under the terms of that agreement Ryedale District Council had an option to re-purchase the land within 21 years, with the purchase price being one pound. The proposal would then be that the land was sold to the residents of Vine Street and they would be provided with rights of access over the District Council's land for the purpose of providing parking.

The sale of the land to the residents would then enable a proper road to be constructed running the length of the existing Bowling Club car park, and as the Bowling Club lease was due for renewal in 2014, this was an ideal time to renegotiate terms.

Following discussion on various matters involved, the Mayor thanked Mr Barnsley for attending, and stated that the issue was to be debated later and that the Council would then contact him further.

094. (10/11) **PUBLIC SESSION**

County Councillor Stephen Shaw updated members on the following matters;

- Future of Library provision within Malton and Norton. It is still the intention to amalgamate both libraries into one within Stanley Harrison house adjacent to the railway station.
- Buttercrambe Bridge. The process of having a width restriction notice placed on the bridge was underway, the proposed width restriction would be 2.2m or 7feet.
- Norton Community Primary School. A meeting with the Headmistress had taken place with concern being expressed as to the school being able to cope with the number of pupils able to attend. At present there were 70 pupils attending the nursery, but 10 of those would have to be turned away when the time came to move into the main school. The officers at County had been made aware of the situation, it was considered imperative that any future development must fund provision of primary education within the town.
- Buckrose Court. Members were informed that the BBC were to include in the programme 'Inside Out' an item relating to the fire which took place on the 5 September 2009, in which two jockeys tragically lost their lives. The fire authority had issued a statement to the programme but declined to comment further as there were still on going investigations. The fire authority did not believe there was going to be any criticism levelled at them.

Members noted Councillor Shaw's comments with interest.

095. (10/11) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest received.

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096. (10/11) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 19 September 2011 (Minutes 073 to 091 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

097. (10/11) **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES 073 TO 091 INCLUSIVE**

- (a) Minute 084(a) Prohibition of Heavy Vehicles Bazley,s Lane.
Councillor Spencer asked if it was known whether the District Council supported the prohibition. In reply Councillor Mrs Denniss, a District Councillor for Norton West, stated that she had written supporting the prohibition and asking for a weight limit and 20mph to be placed on Bazley's Lane. It was not known how other District Councillors or the District Council itself had responded.
- (b) Minute 085 Norton Wildlife Group.
Members of the group attending the Young Peoples Conference on the Environment had sent their thanks to the Council members for their support, and asked if the Council would like a presentation on their trip.
It was agreed to invite the Wildlife Group to give a presentation at the December meeting of the Council.
- (c) Minute 086(b) Riverside.
Members asked if any progress had been made with regard to the vagrant. Although the police were aware of his presence, members asked that the Clerk write to the Fitzwilliam Estate informing them of the situation, as they were the land owners.

098. (10/11) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- (a) Accounts paid and for payment
The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 101 to 113 inclusive, amounting to £6645.41, had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.
RESOLVED that accounts nos. 114 to 119 inclusive, amounting to £2779.30 be paid.
Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.
- (b) Financial report
The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.09.11 to 30.09.11 was received.
- (c) Budgetary monitoring
The Clerk's report for the period ending 30 September 2011 was received.

099. (10/11) **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

11/01001/OUT	Erection of 8no. dwellings (site area 0.37ha) Land off Heron Way, Norton. For Mr & Mrs A & S. Hague <u>RESOLVED</u> Recommend Refusal. This proposed development lies outside the development limits for the town, and as the Council is given to understand Ryedale now holds a five year supply of housing land then this application should be refused. Development limits are in place for a reason and if this application was to be permitted now what would there be in place to stop other developers both large and small from putting in applications ahead of the new Local Plan.
11/01007/FUL	Subdivision of existing first floor flat to form 1no. two bedroom first floor flat and 1no. three bedroom second floor flat. 13A Commercial Street, Norton. For Mrs Lindsay Burr. <u>RESOLVED</u> Recommend Approval.

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103. (10/11) **CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk reported receipt of an e. mail from Beckie Bennett, Streetscene Manager at Ryedale District Council, informing members that as part of clearing the former Dewhirst site in Norton, the overgrown leylandi hedge which runs along the boundary with Springfield Garth was to be removed and replaced with a fence. The hedge had served as a good screen during demolition works and would only be removed once the site had been cleared. Noted.

104. (10/11) **TOWN MAYOR/CHAIRMANS REPORT**

(a) The Mayor reported on her attendance at:

- The Next Steps AGM meeting.
- Malton Museum - Opening of the
- 50 Favourite Finds Exhibition.
- Driffield Town Mayor's Civic Service.

105. (10/11) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Councillor Mrs Denniss reported on her attendance at:

- Sure Start Meeting, held at Norton Community Primary School.

Councillor King reported on his attendance at:

- The Malton and Norton Cap meeting, held at Norton College.

Councillor Spencer reported on his attendance at:

- St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School Governors meeting.

106. (10/11) **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

(a) Councillor Harrison reported on the weeds growing in the gutters along Kingston Drive. The Clerk to report this matter to the Highways Department.

(b) Councillor Farndale asked if it was known whether the person responsible for damaging the cradle swing had been charged. It was understood that while this had been investigated no charges had been brought.

(c) The Mayor Councillor Mrs Keal reported that there had been no progress made with organising an event for the Queen's Jubilee. It was agreed that the Clerk enquire about a permanent tribute of an ornamental arch to be placed at the entrance to the Council Chamber.

107. (10/11) **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Town Council be held on Monday, 21 November 2011 at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber.

(Meeting closed at 8.50pm)

_____(Chairman)

