

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, 24 September 2012 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Councillor Mrs D. Keal (Town Mayor) in the Chair;
Councillors 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.

Prior to the start of the meeting members held a minutes silence and paid tribute to Councillor Mrs Judith Denniss, who had tragically passed away following a short illness. The Mayor Councillor Mrs Keal led the tribute by describing Councillor Mrs Denniss as a conscientious and active member, not only of the Council, but as a well respected member of various local voluntary organisations. She would be sadly missed. Councillor Mrs Denniss had been a member of the Town Council since June 2010.

073. (09/12) **APOLOGIES**

Apologies received and noted by the Clerk.
Councillor K. Anderson

074. (09/12) **GUEST SPEAKER**

Mr Brian Dunn, Dog Warden for Ryedale District Council

Members welcomed Mr Dunn, who gave an overview of his role as Dog Warden, which covered such things as;

Barking dog complaints, stray dogs of which there were approximately 100 a year in Ryedale, dangerous dogs, working with the R.S.P.C.A, the police and other animal welfare organisations.

Dog fouling was a significant issue with the general public, and while every effort was made to identify owners who allowed their dogs to foul public areas, help from the public was vital. The Dog Warden did however now have the power to issue Fixed Penalty Notices to anyone caught allowing their dog to foul and not cleaning it up. Norton was well covered with the provision of dog bins and these were well used, there were however certain areas that still had problems, these were mainly the small pathways and snickets between certain streets. In closing Mr Dunn agreed to keep the Council informed as to the provision of bins. Following a question and answer session the Mayor thanked Mr Dunn for sparing the time to attend.

075. (09/12) **PUBLIC SESSION**

County Councillor Stephen Shaw updated members on the following items;

- Bazley's Lane, the highway work was now finished, and the 'Unsuitable for Heavy Goods Vehicles' signs were now in place.
- Brambling Fields junction was now fully open, however without further junction improvements at the York end of the Malton Bypass, it was doubtful that all heavy goods vehicles would be able to avoid coming through the town altogether.
- Commercial Street, work to complete the corner with Wold Street was not likely in the near future, as Mr Marr the Highways Manager had no wish to start more upheaval in the town.
- Wentworth Street Car Park, the planning application for the car park would have to go back before the planning committee of Ryedale District Council as it was not considered to be a lawful decision that had been made previously.
- Livestock Market, the planning appeal for this site had now been heard and the inspectors decision was expected in about eight weeks time.
- Harrison House, part of this was now up for letting. The County Council did not appear to be interested in this site for a new Library at present, therefore Norton Library was likely to remain open for the foreseeable future.
- Redrow Site, this was still awaiting adoption by the Highway department, would report back to Council with a timespan for adoption.

Members noted Councillor Shaw's comments with interest.

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076. (09/12) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest made.

077. (09/12) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 20 August 2012 (Minutes 056 to 072 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

078. (09/12) **CLERK'S REPORT**

(a) Vacancy in the Office of Parish Councillor

The Clerk reported that the vacancy for a Councillor for Norton West Ward had been posted on the noticeboard and reported to the Electoral Services at Ryedale District Council. Electors had until the 10 of October 2012 to request an election, after which date the Council would be able to make a co-option.

The Clerk had already received expressions of interest for consideration of co-option.

(b) Highway Verge Cutting

The Clerk reported limited progress with getting the County Highways to agree to the verges in Langton Road beyond the 30mph signs to the junction of Bazley's Lane being included in the contract that the Town Council holds on County's behalf.

The Clerk had met the contractors with regard to the cutting of the verges, and was having difficulty in reconciling the number of cuts to the invoice. To meet again to resolve the issue.

It was agreed that as there were a few issues outstanding with Highways, that the Clerk invite Mr Marr the Highways Manager, to attend the next meeting of the Council.

(c) Parish Liaison Meeting

The Clerk reported the date for Ryedale District Council Parish Liaison Meeting was Wednesday 17 October 2012 at 7.00pm at Ryedale House.

079. (09/12) **TOWN MAYOR/CHAIRMANS REPORT**

The Mayor reported on her attendance at;

- A talk on the restoration of the Castle Garden Walls.
- A 10 mile sponsored walk organised by Next Steps.
- Planning meeting with Norton Youth Council.
- The opening of new facilities at the Rugby Club, which was attended by Councillor Spencer in place of the Mayor.

080. (09/12) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(a) Accounts paid and for payment

The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 093 to 102 inclusive, amounting to £5145.68, had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED that account nos. 103 to 117 inclusive, amounting to £5816.82 be paid. Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.

(b) Financial report

The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.08.12 to 31.08.12 was received.

(c) Budgetary monitoring

The Clerk's report for the period ending 31 August 2012 was received.

(d) External Audit

To report the completion of the External Audit for the year to 31 March 2012. Completed with no comments.

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081. (09/12) **PLANNING MATTERS**

Pre-Planning Consultation

Proposed replacement Radio Base Station Installation at 29462/66521 Malton Railwaymen's Sports and Social Club, 2 Welham Road, Norton.
For Telefonica UK.
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.

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

12/00860/FUL Erection of a detached self contained one bedroom residence annexe.
9 Welham Road, Norton.
For Mr & Mrs C Chaloner.
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.

(b) Planning decisions notified by Ryedale District Council:

Approved

10/00361/HOUSE Erection of replacement garage to incorporate one bedroom annexe following
demolition of existing building and installation of 4no. conservation roof lights to front
elevation roof-slope of existing dwelling.
30 Church Street, Norton.

12/00753/HOUSE Erection of single storey mono-pitched rear extension to replace conservatory, utility
and w.c. and erection of porch.
53 Park Road, Norton.

12/00677/FUL Installation of internally illuminated projecting wall clock.
The Old Courthouse 84b Commercial Street, Norton.

Refused

12/00543/HOUSE Erection of single storey rear extension.
27 Vine Street, Norton.

082. (09/12) **JUBILEE CLOCK**

The Clerk reported receipt of the formal planning approval for the installation of the clock, with the date for installation to be Friday 28 September 2012.
Noted by members.

083. (09/12) **DIGITAL MAPPING**

Members considered the revised quotation from Pear Technology for the digital mapping of the Cemetery.

RESOLVED to accept the revised quotation for the digital mapping of the Cemetery in the sum of £2,765.00 plus £250 per annum for technical support and software updates.
Members also resolved that the Asset Management System be included at a cost of £450.00.

084. (09/12) **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

- (a) Members received a Traffic Regulation Order (Parking and Waiting Restrictions) for various roads within Norton.
Councillor Milner put forward further junctions on Welham Road that could benefit from having waiting restrictions added to either side of them. The Clerk to forward the suggestions to the Highway Department.
Noted by members.

084. (09/12) **HIGHWAY MATTERS** (continued)

- (b) Members received a Temporary Road Closure Notice for Norton Road. The road to be closed overnight on Friday 28 September 2012, The Order to cover the period between 27 September 2012 and 1 October 2012 in case of unforeseen circumstances . Closure for maintenance of adjacent flood defence equipment. For information. Noted.

085. (09/12) **COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND**

Members received updates on the following projects:

(a) Ryedale Skatepark

Members received a brief on how the Skatepark could be managed in the future, along with the costs envisaged for the next two years.

Proposal agreed being, that the bid for funding is presented by Norton Town Council to secure the continued provision of the Skatepark facility jointly with Malton Town Council, from a date to be agreed with Ryedale District Council (preferred 1 April 2013)

Amount of bid, For year 1: Revenue £11,000

For year 2: Revenue £11,000

Plus one off contribution to cover early years capital repair and replace costs: £5000.

(b) Town Signs

Members received the costings for 2no. Town Signs to be positioned at the entrance to the town on Scarborough Road and Welham Road, the exact position to be agreed with the Highway Authority. The design to be in keeping with the sign on Langton Road.

Proposed bid agreed by members to be, Cost per sign £3163. therefore total bid £6326.

(c) Riverbank Maintenance

The costings for the maintenance of the riverbank between the two bridges had not arrived therefore the decision on how best to proceed was deferred to the next meeting.

086. (09/12) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Ryedale Safer Neighbourhoods Team - monthly crime statistics for August 2012, for Malton and Norton. For information. Noted.

087. (09/12) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Councillor King reported on his attendance at:

- the Five Town Councils Meeting
hosted by Pickering Town Council. Noted.

Councillor Mennell reported on his attendance at:

- the Ryedale Cameras in Action
Meeting. Noted.

Councillor Lloyd-Williams reported on his attendance at:

- the Ryedale Area Committee
meeting,
- the Malton Museum Foundation
Meeting at which a new representative from the Town Council was required.
Nominations to be put forward for the next meeting. Noted.

088. (09/12) **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

- (a) Councillor Milner reported ponding at the junction of Springfield Garth and Welham Road. The Clerk to report to Highways.
- (b) Councillor Lloyd-Williams reported that Yorkshire Water were to undertake sewage works in Langton Road, and had the Council been informed of this. In reply the Clerk stated that the Council had not received any notice of the proposed works.

088. (09/12) **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS** (continued)

- (c) Councillor Farndale reported that heavy agricultural machinery had started to use Langley Drive/Hambleton Road as a way through from Langton Road to Beverley Road which with all the parked cars was very unsatisfactory.
The Clerk to report to Highways.
- (d) Councillor Farndale asked if the position of an assistant to the Clerk could be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Noted and agreed.
- (e) The Mayor asked that the planting of bulbs in the verges in Langton Road be carried out in remembrance of Councillor Judith Denniss. Noted.

089. (09/12) **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.

Councillor King reported that the possible project that was to be discussed was not ready to be brought to Council. He would advise members when it would be ready, so as to be placed on the agenda of a future meeting.

He had however received a letter from Mr Beecham, of Beecham Chemist in Commercial Street, asking for support to advertise the fact that Norton was open for business again now that the Brambling Fields junction was fully open. The support requested was for a sum of £500.

In principal members agreed to support the proposal, it would however need to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting to be formally put for resolution.

090. (09/12) **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Town Council be held on Monday, 15 October 2012 at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber.

(Meeting closed at 9.40pm)

_____(Chairman)

