

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber
Commercial Street, Norton-on-Derwent on Monday, 15 July 2013 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Councillor Mrs D. Keal (Deputy Town Mayor) in the Chair;
Councillors P. Farndale, J. Gray, D. Lloyd-Williams, D.K. Mennell, H. Spencer, J.T. Stone.
Also Mrs R. Tierney.

034. (07/13) **APOLOGIES**

- (a) Apologies received and noted by the Clerk
Councillors A.R. Harrison, Mrs M. Hodgson, R. King.

035. (07/13) **GUEST SPEAKER**

No guest speaker.

036. (07/13) **PUBLIC SESSION**

No member of the public present.

037. (07/13) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Stone declared an interest in;
Agenda item 9 Heritage Open Days, as a founder of the Woodhams Stone Collection.

Councillor Mrs Keal declared an interest in;
Agenda item 9 Heritage Open Days, as an organiser for the Woodhams Stone Collection,
Agenda item 10 Ryedale Bowls Club
Agenda item 11 Ryefest

038. (07/13) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 17 June 2013
(Minutes 017 to 033 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

039. (07/13) **CLERK'S REPORT**

(a) Five Towns Meeting

To report that a special meeting of the five towns had been arranged for Monday 22 July at
7pm to be held at Norton in the council chamber.

Two issues to discuss which affect the towns significantly;

- Street Sweeping and the continuation of the support funding from the towns,
- Potential withdrawal of the Precept support grant by the District Council.

Noted.

(b) Christmas Lights

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to Mr Townsend with regard to the lights for this
coming Christmas, and he and Mr Chilton were due to meet with an alternative contractor for
erecting the displays. Mr Townsend had been disappointed last year as the lights had been
late going up with no bulbs being tested and checked, and then they were very late being
taken down. Mr Townsend would update the Council when arrangements were in place.

Lights switch on for Malton would be organised by the We Love Malton Events Group, and
for Norton the Mayor was to liaise with Mr Rushworth from the Derwent Arms. Noted.

(c) King George's Playing Field

To report that the fixed CCTV Camera had been moved from the top building at Bright Steels
to the bottom building, so as to be able to view the Multi Games Unit and the rear perimeter
fence. However the dome camera located in the play area itself was not working at the
present time this was to be investigated to ascertain if it could be repaired. Noted.

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039. (07/13) **CLERK'S REPORT** (continued)(d) Cemetery

To report the large wooden gate between the Cemetery and the Churchyard had been torn from its hinges and damaged. This was to be investigated as to whether it could be repaired. It had also been reported to the Police. Noted.

040. (07/13) **TOWN MAYOR/CHAIRMANS REPORT**

The Mayor had prepared a brief report for members.

(a) Yorkshire Local Councils Associations – Training Day 'Chairmanship'

The Mayor reported on his attendance stating that during the day it came to his attention that other councils were making far more use of modern technology than the Town Council was. For example the use of the internet as a means of informing members of Council meetings, also the use of projection screens at meetings.

Naturally there would be an initial financial outlay if Council were to go down this route, but there would be savings made in staff hours, postage, printing. The equipment could also be of interest to other organisations who used the Chamber.

The Mayor would not be making any proposals at this stage, but wanted members to be aware. Also for members that did not have access to the internet there would of course be no change. Noted.

(b) Norton College – Art Exhibition

The Mayor reported on his attendance at the College Students Art Exhibition and stated that he had been very impressed with both the standard and variation of exhibits.

Credit was to be given to all concerned both students and tutors alike.

Some of the work could now be viewed on the Norton website. Noted

The Deputy Mayor reported on two further events.

(c) Ryedale Special Families – Charity Bike Ride

The Deputy Mayor reported that she had attended on behalf of the Mayor, to formally start the ride, it had been early in the morning and it appeared to be very well attended and a very good event. Noted.

(d) Flower Festival – Old Malton Priory Church

This event was due to take place the following weekend it was hoped that as many members as possible would take the opportunity to visit. Noted

041. (07/13) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**(a) Accounts paid and for payment

The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 054 to 064 inclusive, amounting to £7324.60, had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED that account nos. 065 to 072 inclusive, amounting to £2362.00 be paid. Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.

(b) Financial report

The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.06.13 to 30.06.13 was received.

(c) Budgetary monitoring

The Clerk's report for the period ending 30 June 2013 was received.

(d) Internal Audit

The Clerk had circulated a copy of the Internal Audit Report for the final visit for the financial year ending 31 March 2013.

Members noted the report.

(e) Internal Auditor 2013/14

RESOLVED that Yorkshire Internal Audit Services be re-appointed as the Town Council's Internal Auditors for the year 2013/14

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041. (07/13) **FINANCIAL MATTERS** (continued)

(f) Parish Precept Grant 2014/15

Members received a report from Ryedale District Council, outlining proposed changes to the Parish Grant for the year 2014/15.

Agreed that this item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting when members would have had time to consider what response they would like to make.

042. (07/13) **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

13/00702/EXTH Extension of time limit for implementation of 10/00722/HOUSE dated 10.08.2010 for the erection of a two storey extension.
Cheesecake Hill House Beverley Road, Norton.
For Mr P. France
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.

13/00733/HOUSE Erection of two storey extension to the side and single storey extension to the rear.
34 Burdale Close, Norton.
For Mr & Mrs Barrett
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.

(b) Planning decisions notified by Ryedale District Council:

Approved

13/00528/FUL Erection of an above ground plant enclosure mounted on a concrete plinth within a fenced compound to serve below ground pumping station.
St Peter's Church Langton Road, Norton.

043. (07/13) **HERITAGE OPEN DAYS – WOODHAMS STONE COLLECTION**

Councillors Mrs Keal and Stone had both declared an interest in this item

Members received a request from the Committee for the Woodhams Stone Collection for the use of the Council Chamber for an open day to be held as part of the National Heritage Open Days Events. This would enable the public to view many exhibits from the collection while at the same time viewing the Council Chamber itself. The Chamber would be required from the 12 to the 14 of September 2013, with the open day itself being on the 14

RESOLVED that the use of the Council Chamber for the Heritage Open Day be approved.

044. (07/13) **RYEDALE BOWLS CLUB**

Members received an update from Councillor Mrs Keal, on progress being made with regard to the future of the Bowls Club.

The Club had now been registered as a Community Asset, and there was a deadline of the 7 of August 2013 for the Club committee to make a written request to Ryedale District Council to be treated as a potential bidder. This would mean that Ryedale District Council could not dispose of their asset during the full 6 month period.

The Bowls Club Committee were putting their bid together but were in need of assistance from people who had practical skills relevant to this process, they were also trying to have the club re-opened and were in talks with the District Council for this purpose.

Noted.

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045. (07/13) **NORTH YORKSHIRE YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICE, GRANT APPLICATION - RYEFEST**

Councillor Mrs Keal had declared an interest in this item

Members considered the merit of awarding a grant that would benefit the local community in accordance with section 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Ryefest was to be a free youth arts event for young people between the ages of 11 and 19 and was due to be held at Brooklyn Youth Centre on Saturday 20 July 2013.

RESOLVED To award a grant of £150.00, but to ask that a full break down of accounts for the event be forwarded to members.

Members received a copy of a letter from Councillor Lloyd-Williams to the organisers of the Ryefest Event, objecting to the inclusion of a 'graffiti art' activity. Noted.

046. (07/13) **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

- (a) Temporary 10mph and 40mph Speed Limit, Norton on Derwent to North Grimston. 10 days duration during the period 5 August 2013 to 28 March 2014. Noted.
- (b) Temporary road closure Pickering to Marton. 5 to 15 days duration, during the period 5 August 2013 to 28 March 2014. Noted.
- (c) Parking Fines - To report a complaint received concerning the issuing of fixed penalty fines for parking longer than the supposed limit allows. Location Commercial Street Norton. The Clerk had spoken to the County Council with regard to this issue, as it was unclear what the status of the parking bay in question was, as there was no time limit posted for that bay. County were investigating. Noted by members.
- (d) Residents Parking – To report a request from a resident of Commercial Street that the Town Council consider actioning support for a residents parking scheme for Commercial Street. Members considered that this issue should be brought to the Five Town Councils meeting as it appeared to be an action that most of the towns were either being asked about, or were asking about themselves. Noted.

047. (07/13) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) York and North Yorkshire Playing Fields Association – Notice of Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Association, the purpose of which was to discuss the proposal that the Association should be wound up. For information. Noted.
- (b) Yorkshire Local Councils Associations - Annual Review 2012/13. Copy available in the office. For information. Noted.

048. (07/13) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

- (a) The Clerk reported on her attendance at:
 - Ryedale Cameras in Action, members received a copy of the notes from the meeting which the Clerk had attended on behalf of Councillor Mennell.
- (b) Councillor Gray reported on a meeting with:
 - P.C. Coning, with regard to the Skatepark Committee, a formal meeting was due to be held once Malton Town Council had appointed their representative.
- (c) Councillor Spencer reported on his attendance at:
 - St Mary's Primary School Governors meeting.
 - Castle Gardens, where a Tree Trail was being introduced along with bat boxes. Yorkshire Wildlife Trust were also in attendance.

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048. (07/13) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS** (continued)

- (d) Councillor Mrs Keal reported on a meeting with:
- Rev. Andy Boxall from Hope Central, concerning a questionnaire that the Churches of Norton had compiled under the name of 'Love Norton 14', and was intended as a survey for the population of Norton, to assist the churches in planning how they could best serve the community. The results of the survey were to be considered at a public meeting due to be held at Norton College on the 26 September 2013. Members were each given questionnaires and invited to attend the public meeting. Noted.

049. (07/13) **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

- (a) Councillor Stone reported that the area around the tree at Springfield Garth was very overgrown with nettles. The Clerk to investigate. Noted.
- (b) Councillor Farndale reported that he had received compliments from the public on the standard of the grass cutting. Noted.
- (c) Councillor Spencer reported that the grass verge in Langton Road was now being cut, Bazley's Lane had still not been cut by the County Council, would it be possible for the Clerk to write to County requesting that this is cut on the grounds of safety. Agreed that the Clerk write.
- (d) Councillor Lloyd-Williams reported that the promotional signs for Malton had now been erected on both the York Road and on the Pickering Road if members could take a look, and that promotional signs for Norton be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Noted.

050. (07/13) **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Town Council be held on Monday, 19 August 2013 at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber.

(Meeting closed at 8.30pm)

_____ (Chairman)