

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber
Commercial Street, Norton-on-Derwent on Monday 17 September 2018 at 7.00pm.

- PRESENT** Councillor R. King (Mayor) in the Chair;
Councillors B. Barrett, Ms S. Cawte, A. Croser, J. Howard, Mrs D. Keal,
D. Lloyd-Williams, J. Mackenzie, P. Mooring, Mrs A. Spencer, H. Spencer.
Also Mrs R. Tierney, Mr T. Hicks
077. (09/18) **APOLOGIES**
- No apologies, Councillors Ms S Cawte and P. Mooring both joined the meeting after 8.00pm
078. (09/18) **GUEST SPEAKER**
- No Guest Speaker
079. (09/18) **PUBLIC SESSION**
- No member of the public spoke.
080. (09/18) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
- Councillors Mrs D.Keal, R. King, D. Lloyd-Williams, J. Mackenzie, and H. Spencer all declared an interest in agenda item 10 Grants to Voluntary Organisations.
Councillors Keal, King and Spencer as members of Derwent Riverside Project.
Councillors Keal as a member of the Woodhams Stone Collection.
Councillor Keal as Trustee of Next Steps.
Councillor Lloyd-Williams as a Trustee of Malton Museum Foundation.
Councillor Mackenzie as a member of Ryedale Foodbank.
No Councillor had pecuniary interests.
081. (09/18) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**
- (a) RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting, held on Monday, 20 August 2018 (Minutes 053 to 070 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
- (b) RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Staffing and Finance Committee Meeting, held on Tuesday 28 August 2018 (Minutes 071 to 076 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
082. (09/18) **CLERK'S REPORT**
- (a) New CCTV Skatepark
To report that the new security cameras covering the skatepark and riverside field had now been installed and that they were to be viewed by the Deputy Clerk and the police later this week to make sure they met all our requirements. Signage for both sites was in hand.
- (b) Ryedale District Council – Parish Liaison Meeting
To inform members that the Ryedale Parish Liaison meeting was to be held in the Council Chamber, at Ryedale House, on Wednesday 19 September 2018 at 7.00pm.
Noted.

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083. (09/18) **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

- (a) Book Festival
The Mayor reported that the Ryedale Book Festival was taking place this coming week, Friday 21 September and Saturday 22 September. There were many events at various locations around Malton. Noted.
- (b) White Lining
The Mayor reported on the poor condition of the road lining around the town and how this could impact on road safety.
In reply it was noted that highways had begun the process of remarking roads in Malton.
- (c) Charity Ball
The Mayor reported that it was his intention to hold a 'Charity Ball' in May of 2019, more details to follow in due course. Noted.

084. (09/18) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- (a) Accounts paid and for payment
The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 086 to 093 inclusive, amounting to £8,166.00 had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.
RESOLVED that account nos. 094 to 098 inclusive, amounting to £1,108.01 be paid. Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.
- (b) Financial report
The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.08.18 to 31.08.18 was received.
- (c) Budgetary monitoring
The Clerk's report for the period ending 31 August 2018 was received.
- (d) External Audit
To report completion of the External Audit for the year to 31 March 2018. The Annual Governance and Accountability Return was now available for inspection and had been published on the Town Council Web-site.

085. (09/18) **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

- NY/2018/0167/FUL Retrospective application for a 2.4 hectare extension to an inert and demolition recycling area on land at; Whitewall Quarry, Welham Road, Norton.
RESOLVED: Recommend Refusal on the following grounds;
- (i) Members expressed great concern that this had been allowed to happen in the first place and there would appear to be a total lack of enforcement as regards planning or conditions on planning.
- (ii) The quarry site would appear to be turning into a heavy duty industrial based business which in the opinion of this council is far removed from its original use, and should be located on a properly designated industrial estate away from residential properties.
- (iii) Traffic congestion generated from the quarry has increased considerably of late throughout the town and is a major problem which is not helped when all traffic entering or leaving the quarry has to travel either through a largely residential area or use totally unsuitable rural roads.

Members expressed their hope that once the quarrying permission expires all other uses on this site are curtailed and removed to a more suitable location.

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085. (09/18) **PLANNING MATTERS** (continued)

- 18/00848/HOUSE Alteration to existing garage to form additional living accommodation to include installation of 1no. window to ground floor (retrospective).
31 Becksde, Norton.
RESOLVED While members have no objection to the alteration of the garage, they have concerns that this is yet another retrospective application and object to the lack of any recourse that might be available.
- 18/00598/FUL Erection of a single storey pitched roof extension to form 3no. additional residents bedrooms (overall net increase of 2no. residents bedrooms) following internal alterations to form Managers accommodation.
Wellington House, 63 Wood Street, Norton, YO17 9BB
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.
- 18/00821/FUL Change of use from 1no. four bedroom flat and 1no. one bedroom flat to a seven room HMO (house of multiple occupation) including conversion of the attached garage to a room.
41 Wood Street, Norton.
RESOLVED Recommend Refusal. Members consider this to be a gross overdevelopment of the property with a lack of any amenity area.
- 18/00784/FUL Retention of site for use as a hand car wash with retention of associated equipment to include two containers, car port, two static signs and entrance/exit gates.
5 Church Street, Norton.
RESOLVED Recommend Approval for a limited time, preferably limited to one year, due to flood prevention management works being required in this area in the future.
- 18/00915/TPO Crown thin horse chestnut by 15%.
Chestnut View, 127c Langton Road, Norton, YO17 9AE
RESOLVED Recommend Approval

(b) To receive decisions notified by Ryedale District Council.

Approved

- 18/00738/HOUSE Erection of two storey extension to front elevation.
7 Mallard View, Norton, YO17 9EW.
- 18/00709/HOUSE Erection of single storey extension to rear elevation and single storey extension to side elevation to include formation of pitched roof.
Anise, 64 St Nicholas Street, Norton, YO17 9AQ.

086. (09/18) **STAFFING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- (a) Standing Orders
RESOLVED that the updated Standing Orders be confirmed as approved by the staffing and finance committee.
- (b) Financial Regulations
RESOLVED that the financial regulations be confirmed as approved by the staffing and finance committee.
- (c) System and Terms of Reference for the Internal Audit
RESOLVED that the system and terms of reference for the internal audit be confirmed as approved by the staffing and finance committee.
- (d) System of Internal Control
RESOLVED that the system of internal control be confirmed as approved by the staffing and finance committee.

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087. (09/18) **GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS**

RESOLVED that due to financially sensitive information being presented all grant applications to be considered as an exempt item at the end of the meeting.

088. (09/18) **MALTON MUSEUM REPRESENTATIVE**

As it was impossible for the current representative to attend meetings of the Museum Committee, due to work commitments, it was agreed that a new representative be appointed.

RESOLVED that the Malton Museum representative be Councillor John Howard. Details to be forwarded to the Museum Committee.

089. (09/18) **PROPOSAL TO CATEGORISE FRACKING AS PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT**

Members received details of the Government Consultation on the proposal to categorise fracking as permitted development thus removing any local decision making. They are also proposing to bring the production phase of fracking under Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects, to be decided centrally by government and the planning inspectorate. These proposals would over-ride local plans, local planning and local democratic decisions.

RESOLVED the following;

1. This council endorses local control of fracking by Mineral Planning Authorities;
2. This council supports the current North Yorkshire Minerals and Waste Joint Plan;
3. This council will respond to the government consultation on these proposals, by rejecting the changes proposed for Permitted Development and Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects as inappropriate and with the view that the North Yorkshire Minerals and Waste Joint Plan should have primacy for all planning decisions at all stages of fracking;
4. Norton Town Council will write to North Yorkshire County Council to ask that it supports this opposition to the government proposals on the use of Permitted Development and Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects when related to fracking.

Note: Members voted for this resolution by a majority;
Councillor John Howard voted against.

090. (09/18) **EASTFIELD ALLOTMENT GARAGE SITES**

Members reviewed the cost of ground rent on the Eastfield Garage site.

RESOLVED that as from April 2019 the ground rent would rise to £25.00 per annum. To be reviewed annually.

091. (09/18) **RAISED PAVING AT BUS STOPS**

Members were made aware that certain bus stops within the town were lacking appropriate paving, which made it difficult for certain residents to enter or disembark from the bus.

Agreed by members that before progressing on this matter, councillors would undertake a survey of all bus stops within the town and ascertain which ones required attention. This item to be placed on the agenda for a future meeting.

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092. (09/18) **PERIMETER FENCING TO MULTI USE GAMES AREA, KING GEORGE'S FIELD**

Members received a report on the repairs needed to the fencing surrounding the Multi Use Games Area at King George's Field, along with three quotations for repairing the same.

RESOLVED to approve the quotation received from Lightmain in the sum of £5,251 plus V.A.T. this to provide extensions to three sides of the court in medium duty sports fencing.

093. (09/18) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Norton and Malton Crime Statistics – August 2018. For information. Noted
- (b) Letter requesting the installation of a labyrinth made from sawdust on the Riverside Field. – Members to allow the installation. Noted.
- (c) North Yorkshire County Council request for volunteers to assist in monitoring the HGV restriction at the level crossing – members noted the request, no volunteers forthcoming.
- (d) NHS Scarborough and Ryedale Clinical Commissioning Group, invitation to attend an event known as the 'Commissioning Maze' to be held at Malton and Norton Rugby Club on the 24 October 2018, at 6.00pm – members to inform the Clerk of their intentions to attend. Noted.

094. (09/18) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Councillor Lloyd-Williams updated members on the Neighbourhood Plan, stating that the steering group were hoping to have the plan ready for public consultation in January. More funding had been applied for. Noted.

Councillor Spencer reported that the Castle Garden open day had been successful and was well attended. Noted.

Councillor Mooring reported that the new CCTV system for the town was in the process of being installed. Noted.

095. (09/18) **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

Councillor Mrs Spencer, reported on the 'Fun Day' held at King George's Field, organised by local churches together. It had been a great success and was well attended by the local children. Noted.

Councillor Mrs Spencer also complemented the tidy group, of which Councillor Croser was a member, on the voluntary work undertaken by them, in clearing the footpath along Langton Road. Noted.

Councillor Mrs Keal reported that it was good to see that the 'Duck Crossing' sign had now been installed on Welham Road, and that data for the speeding signs was still ongoing. She also asked if the sign banning cycling on the public right of way from Lakeside could be replaced as it was in an appalling condition. Noted.

096. (09/18) **EXCLUDED ITEM**

RESOLVED that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, members of the press and public be excluded for the following item of business as the council considers that the business to be transacted is prejudicial to the public interest.

(a) Grants to Voluntary Organisations

The Clerk had circulated a list of organisations that had applied for a grant together with a schedule of grants awarded over the past three years.

RESOLVED that the council in accordance with its powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which in the opinion of the council is in the interests of the area and its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure:-

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096. (09/18) **EXCLUDED ITEM** (continued)

(a) Grants to Voluntary Organisations

• Dickens Gift to Yorkshire	No Grant Awarded
• Malton Museum Foundation	£300.00
• Next Steps	£1,000.00
• Ryedale Foodbank	£1,000.00
• St Catherine's Hospice	£200.00
• Welham Bowls Club	£100.00
• Moorsbus Community Interest Company	£100.00
• Woodhams Stone Collection	£500.00

(b) Derwent Riverside Project – Castle Gardens

To consider the merit of awarding a grant under sections 9 and 10 of the Open Spaces Act 1906:-

RESOLVED to award a grant of £500.00 for grounds maintenance purposes.

097. (09/18) **DATE OF THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next ordinary meeting of the Council be held on Monday 15 October 2018, at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber.

(Meeting closed at 9:25pm)

_____(Chairman)