

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held remotely via Zoom  
on Monday 15 June 2020 at 7.00pm.

**VIRTUALLY PRESENT**

Councillor A. Croser (Mayor) in the Chair;  
Councillors Mrs L Burr MBE, P. Farndale, Mrs D Keal. R. King, J. Howard,  
D Lloyd-Williams, J. Mackenzie, P. Mooring, Mrs A Spencer, H. Spencer.  
Also Mrs R. Tierney, Mr T. Hicks

021. (06/20) **APOLOGIES**

Apologies received and noted Councillor Ms S. Cawte

022. (06/20) **GUEST SPEAKER**

The Ryedale District Council Community Officer for Norton and Malton, had been due to attend, but had been unable to log on, he had therefore forwarded a statement updating members on various matters relating to Norton. This had been read to members and noted.  
Appended 1 to the Minutes.

023. (06/20) **PUBLIC SESSION**

Details of the remote meeting, and how to access via Zoom had been posted on the web site and noticeboard.  
Councillor Paul Emberley the Mayor of Malton, and Councillor Graham Lake also from Malton Town Council, both logged on to the meeting.  
No other member of the public requested access.

Neither councillor requested to speak.

024. (06/20) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mrs Lindsay Burr MBE declared an interest in Agenda item 9b correspondence, relating to land adjacent to land owned by herself.  
Councillor John Mackenzie also declared an interest in Agenda item 9b as he had been approached by the writer of the correspondence for guidance.

025. (06/20) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Agenda item 013 (05/20) Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Scheme should have stated that the Stronger Communities Team was part of North Yorkshire County Council and not Ryedale District Council as written in the minutes.  
Otherwise it was;  
RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on Monday, 18 May 2020 (Minutes 001 to 020 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

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026. (06/20) **CLERK'S REPORT**

Community Connect

Over the past few months in response to the pandemic, various groups including local authorities had come together under the community connect banner, in order to support vulnerable members of the community, and look at ways the community could move forward. As part of this initiative there had been weekly, now fortnightly, dial in meetings where all participants can raise issues as well as generally inform others of what was happening in their own areas.

In moving forward I had completed an analysis form outlining issues that related directly to the Town Council, as follows;

<p><u>Play Areas</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At this moment are still officially closed, although there have been minor issues, on the whole this has worked well.</li> </ul> <p><u>Open Spaces</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>These have all remained open throughout, no issues reported.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Both of these present problems for the immediate future, with keeping within the guidelines on social distancing as well as using the play equipment safely and hygienically.</li> </ul>
<p><u>Allotments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have remained open throughout, with monitoring on adhering to the guidelines.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to monitor for social distancing, and safe use of shared water supplies.</li> </ul>
<p><u>Cemetery</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has remained open throughout, with monitoring for social distancing.</li> <li>Funerals held with the undertakers being responsible for those attending.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to monitor for social distancing, and safe use of shared water supplies.</li> </ul>

**Councillors and Meetings**

These had been held remotely and would continue as such until such time as we can meet safely within the guidelines.

**Staff**

Continue to work adhering strictly to the guidelines.

**Community, Voluntary, Charitable Sector**

Many council members were representatives on various committees of these types of organisations, which feedback relevant information to the council.

During this time this has resulted in the council supporting the Ryedale Foodbank with a donation of £5,000;

The Milton Rooms with a donation of £1,200.

All enquiries with regard to assisting vulnerable members of the community are forwarded to [communityconnect@Ryedale.gov.uk](mailto:communityconnect@Ryedale.gov.uk) .

Wood Street – Wold Street Corner

The new planter and litter bin for this corner had now been installed by the District Council, and we were awaiting a quote for laying paving slabs and repairing the concrete fence. We would then be in a position to complete this area with more planters, perhaps made by our own craftsman.

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026. (06/20) **CLERK'S REPORT** (continued)Christmas Lights

It was originally thought that even though we had reached the end of the rental agreement with 'LITE', that due to covid we would have to keep the same lights on a one year extension. However they are now back at work and with a meeting being arranged it was hoped that some changes could be made including the potential for lights on the bridge. .

Malton, Norton and Old Malton Flood Alleviation Scheme

To report that the flood alleviation scheme was now at delivery stage and as part of the scheme a Community Client Group was to be set up with representatives from North Yorkshire County Council, Ryedale District Council, Environment Agency, LEP, and Malton and Norton Town Councils. The group was to meet quarterly with the main objective of keeping the community informed and engaged in the process.

Due to time constraints it was agreed with the Mayor that our representative would be Councillor Mrs Di Keal, especially as she had been involved with this issue from the start. Noted.

027. (06/20) **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**Pandemic

The Mayor reported that as he worked for North Yorkshire County Council he received weekly updates from the Chief Executive of North Yorkshire, who gave details of how the pandemic was affecting the county as a whole.

There were definite signs that the virus was receding with all figures across all situations falling, but as it was still present in the community the message therefore had to be one of constant vigilance, maintain social distance and continue enhanced hygiene regimes. Figures showed that over 430 people had died from covid across North Yorkshire in Hospitals and Care Homes.

With the opening of non-essential retailers this would make little difference in footfall for Norton as the majority of shops had been open throughout.

With Ryedale being heavily dependent on tourism, it was hoped that it would not be too long before the hospitality industry could re-start as it was reported that there was quite a lot of interest for bookings.

Malton and Norton Rotary Club

The Mayor reported that the Rotary Club were to have a 'Young Champions Award' celebrating the contribution made to the local community by the nominees.

The Mayor had agreed to support this event along with the Mayor of Malton.

Noted.

Norton in Bloom

The work of the group was continuing with a clean-up of Church Street and Commercial Street, thank you to all the volunteers who were contributing to making the town both floral and clean.

The Tidy Group had also re-started and it was hoped that the next litter pick would be in Norton.

028. (06/20) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**(a) Accounts paid and for payment

The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 034 to 045 inclusive, amounting to £11,095.00 had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED that account nos. 046 to 051 inclusive, amounting to £2,064.58 be paid. Payments to be made accordingly.

(b) Financial report

The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.05.20 to 31.05.20 was received.

(c) Budgetary monitoring

The Clerk's report for the period ending 31 May 2020 was received.

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029. (06/20) **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

20/00455/HOUSE      Erection of single storey rear extension following removal of existing sunroom  
Blink Bonny, Langton Road, Norton, YO17 9PZ  
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.

20/00512/HOUSE      Erection of a two storey side extension to north east elevation.  
53 Hambleton Road, Norton, Malton, YO17 9DH  
RESOLVED Recommend Approval subject to Party Wall Agreement consent  
of neighbour.

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

No decisions received.

030. (06/20) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Mill Street speed and traffic concerns - members received an email from a resident of Mill Street detailing various concerns.

Members agreed that the issues raised were of concern and that the details would be forwarded to the County Highway Department. The final point raised however was incorrect, although the link road was vital for the future.

The Clerk to reply explaining the facts and that all other concerns would be passed to the Highway Department.

- (b) Land to the rear of Commercial Street – members received a letter from the owner of the land in question asking about funding for development of the site and how it related to the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Clerk to reply stating that any funding for development was only available through either the District or County Council, and that the Neighbourhood Plan while indicating sites that could be available for specific purposes, it was not part of the plan to either allocate sites or commercially advance them.

031. (06/20) **CEMETERY MATTERS**

Members discussed suggestions put forward by Councillor Mrs Di Keal, for improvements that could be made at the cemetery, these included updating the signage, paving to be improved, look at old chapel of rest and generally tidy the old part of the cemetery.

Members agreed to make a site visit with this item placed on the agenda for next month.

032. (06/20) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Councillor John Mackenzie reported on Ryedale Food Bank, stating that the number of people being helped in April was 496, in May it was lower with only 141 helped but the Food Bank was closed for part of May. Figures for June appeared to be rising again. Noted.

Councillor Mrs Di Keal reported that during this time the Community Kitchen was providing between 65 and 70 meals per week for vulnerable residents.

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032. (06/20) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS** (continued)

Councillor Mrs Lindsay Burr MBE gave an update on Norton in Bloom as follows; Update on the bench scheme, this has not been finalised as of yet, we are still deciding on which benches to purchase, we are still keen to provide a VE bench of some sort. I still hope to bring a bench proposal very soon to the council.

Big thanks to all our waterers who are ensuring that the new planters are all being watered during lock down, looking really good

We have had one call to action since the last meeting this took place on Sunday morning the 24th May. We ensured that social distancing was adhered to, and we worked on tidying Commercial Street and Church Street up, we prepared the swimming pool wall for the planters and tidied the two areas at the bottom of Church Street. All planters on the pool wall are looking good. Thanks to all the volunteers as usual.

We now have a plan to tidy the abandoned piece of land next to the car wash.

The planters have been put on the bridge and look so much better this year continuing right to the end of the bridge instead of stopping half way.

Regarding the wood street / wold street corner I'd like to pick up on the (providing a feature area idea) at this corner and provide a very large tree with lights.

This will be a big expensive tree, David has agreed to put in £50 and I will also put in £50 towards this, if any Cllr's want to add that would be welcomed.

I would like general views as we need to push forward with this scheme.

I'm hoping now that the shops are re-opening, although most of our shops on Commercial Street have remained open are enjoying the floral displays

Our aim on the committee is to encourage residents to shop and stay local and enjoy where they live.

Councillor Hugh Spencer reported on Castle Gardens, stating that they had now secured the services of Mr Piercy to carry out certain garden duties for a few hours. It was noted that many more people were using the gardens during lockdown.

Councillor Ray King stated that with regard to the Foodbank, the Lions had given £5,000.00 to their appeal.

033. (06/20) **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

Councillor Mrs Di Keal stated that she had finally contacted the right person to look at the overgrown conifers on the boundary of the BP Site by Springfield Garth. It was hoped that this problem could be remedied quickly now.

Councillor Mrs Di Keal also stated that she had been contacted by a resident of Scarborough Road, who was angry at people parking vehicles on the pavement and verge.

It was agreed to re-look at the possible By Law and place this item on the agenda for next month.

Councillor Hugh Spencer asked if it was possible for the verge running along Bazley's Lane to Whitewall to be cut.

Clerk agreed that this should be done.

034. (06/20) **DATE OF THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next ordinary meeting of the Council would be held Virtually on Monday, 20 July 2020, at 7.00pm.

Unless there was Government advice to the contrary.

(Meeting closed at 8.30pm)

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