

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held remotely via Zoom  
on Monday 21 December 2020 at 7.00pm.

**VIRTUALLY PRESENT**

Councillor A. Croser (Mayor) in the Chair;  
Councillors Mrs L Burr MBE, Ms S. Cawte, 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

121. (12/20) **APOLOGIES**

No Apologies all councillors present.

122. (12/20) **GUEST SPEAKER**

No Guest Speaker

123. (12/20) **PUBLIC SESSION**

Details of the remote meeting, and how to access via Zoom had been posted on the  
web site and noticeboard.  
Councillor Graham Lake from Malton Town Council, logged on to the meeting.  
Did not ask to speak.

124. (12/20) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of Interest made.

125. (12/20) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting, held on Monday, 16  
November 2020 (Minutes 103 to 117 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the  
Chairman.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council Budget Meeting, held on Monday  
30 November 2020 (Minutes 118 to 120 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the  
Chairman.

126. (12/20) **CLERK'S REPORT**

Fairtrade Town - Signs

The Clerk reported that we had been asked if it would be possible to attach signage  
on the town entrance signs stating 'Norton on Derwent Fairtrade Town'.  
We were looking at how this could be done and at how it would be funded, firm  
proposals would be put to council in the New Year.

Ryedale District Council – Civil Enforcement Officers

To report that the District Council had now employed two Community Civil  
Enforcement Officers, looking at local problems of dog fouling, fly tipping, graffiti,  
noise and other environmental issues.

Email to report an issue: [civilenforcement@ryedale.gov.uk](mailto:civilenforcement@ryedale.gov.uk)

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126. (12/20) **CLERK'S REPORT** (continued)

Census 2021

To report on the Government Census for 2021; Households across the country will soon be asked to take part in Census 2021. The census is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941. It will be the first run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets. Census day will be on March 21, but households across the country will receive letters with online codes allowing them to take part from early March. The census will include questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity. And, for the first time, there will be a question asking people whether they have served in the armed forces, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity. Results will be available within 12 months, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years, kept safe for future generations.

Norton in Bloom - Seating Project

To report that a roadside compliant contractor from the County Council list of approved contractors had been found, and Ryedale Landscapes had been instructed and were due to undertake installation of the seats and planters in late January 2021.

127. (12/20) **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

Christmas Lights

The Mayor reported that he was receiving very good feedback from the public on the festive lights and would like to thank Councillor King and the Deputy Clerk for all their work in ensuring a good display.

Budget Meeting

The Mayor thanked all members that had logged on to the meeting.

Neighbourhood Plan Meeting

The Mayor reported that good progress had been made and that the timetable for advancing the plan was a lot clearer.

Pandemic

The Mayor reported an update from North Yorkshire County Council. Stating that the County Council could see at least another six months of restrictions, with a third spike in January. There was still concern over the infection rate in Scarborough, although with much more testing taking place this could be impacting on the numbers, but the hospital admissions were also rising. The economic impact was now massive especially on the hospitality industry, which made up a large section of business in North Yorkshire. With the vaccine now beginning to be available and the first ones given from Derwent Surgery there was optimism for the future.

Note. Members expressed some concern with the procedures in place for administering the vaccine, although further sites for mass vaccination were due to open in the New Year.

North Yorkshire - Devolution

The Mayor reported that the proposals from both North Yorkshire County Council and the District Councils had now been submitted, and the public consultation would begin in February 2021.

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127. (12/20) **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT** (continued)Other Items of Note.

The Mayor reported on the loss of two prominent local business men in recent weeks, Mr Ian Beecham, and Mr Mick Barker.  
Our thoughts go to their families.

The pavement on Beverley Road, beyond the Town Entrance Sign had now been cleaned of mud.

The Tidy Group reported that over the past year they had collected almost 500 bags of litter along with other materials, across both Malton and Norton.

128. (12/20) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**(a) Accounts paid and for payment

The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 175 to 189 inclusive, amounting to £14,152.86 had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED that account nos. 190 to 194 inclusive, amounting to £574.57 be paid.  
Payments to be made accordingly.

(b) Financial report

The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.11.20 to 30.11.20 was received.

(c) Budgetary monitoring

The Clerk's report for the period ending 30 November 2020 was received.

(d) Budget for the Year 2021/22

RESOLVED that the Budget for the year 2021/22 be confirmed as set out in the Minutes of the Budget Meeting dated 30 November 2020.

With a budget of £169,142 an increase of £3,936 on the budget for this year or an increase of approximately 2.38%

(e) Precept for the Year 2021/22

For 2021/22 the tax base for Norton based on Ryedale District Council's Band 'D' Equivalent had gone down by 91.40 properties, from 2602.28 for 2020/21 to 2510.88 for 2021/22 which was a decrease of 3.51%.

RESOLVED that the Precept for the year 2021.22 be confirmed as £153,000 which represents a Band 'D' tax of £60.94, an increase of 0.36% over 2020/21.

129. (12/20) **PLANNING MATTERS**(a) Planning applications referred to the Town Council by Ryedale District Council, for comment and/or recommendation were dealt with as follows: -

20/01082/HOUSE      Erection of single storey extensions to rear following removal of existing attached outbuildings.  
25 Vine Street, Norton, YO17 9JD  
RESOLVED Recommend Approval subject to neighbour satisfaction.

20/01143/HOUSE      Erection of single storey rear extension following removal of part of existing rear extension and conservatory.  
10 Woodlands Avenue, Norton, YO17 9DB  
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.

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129. (12/20) **PLANNING MATTERS** (continued)

20/01159/FUL           Erection of CHP\* unit to replace the existing unit following demolition of existing buildings  
 Karro Foods, Westfield Way, Norton, YO17 9HG  
RESOLVED Recommend Approval subject to stringent testing to ensure noise measurement levels are acceptable.

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

No decisions received.

130. (12/20) **CEMETERY MATTERS**

Members received a report on the quotes received for the provision of new Disabled Toilet Facilities to be installed in the compound at the Cemetery. Detailed information had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. RESOLVED to accept the quotation from J. Robinson and Son Builder in the sum of £26,242.63 plus V.A.T.

131. (12/20) **CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence received.

132. (12/20) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

- (a) Councillor David Lloyd-Williams reported on the Neighbourhood Plan and stated that we were now moving to the last consultation process which would be going to all household at the beginning of February and run until the middle of March, following which it would move to the District Council for the next stage.
- (b) Councillor John Mackenzie reported on the Food Bank stating that with new rules from the Trussell Trust life was very difficult, and that with not being open for face to face appointments they were having to rely on making deliveries with teams phoning to assist the public as much as possible.  
 The numbers making use of the Food Bank had risen considerably this year with probably double the numbers from last year. There were concerns for the New Year.
- (c) Councillor Mrs Ann Spencer and Councillor King reported that the Milton Rooms was doing well and that there had been some well received productions in the last week. There was now a good team of Trustees and Volunteers who were working well with each other.
- (d) Councillor Ms Sharon Cawte informed members that Ryedale Charities Together were working closely to make people aware of the help that was available.

133. (12/20) **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

- (a) Councillor John Howard reported that he had received an apology from the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government with regard to the Byelaw, in that they were unable to give a definitive response to the application at this time.
- (b) Councillor Ray King reported that he had heard through social media that lorries were arriving in Lidl car park outside permitted hours and were unloading 'black bags'. This needed to be verified which the Mayor agreed to do by liaising with the police. Noted.

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133. (12/20) **MEMBERS QUESTIONS** (continued)

- (c) Councillor Ms Sharon Cawte reported on a mugging that had taken place in a snicket adjoining Westfield Way, this was an exceptionally dark area with a lack of adequate street lighting. This had been reported to the Leader of the District Council who was also the County Councillor for Norton, with both authorities being responsible for street lights within the town.  
Noted.

- (d) Councillor Mrs Di Keal apologised for not managing to organise a meeting of the Cemetery Committee but this should now happen in the early part of next year.

Councillor Mrs Keal also informed members that as part of her job she was helping to organise Christmas Dinners to be distributed to local residents in need, this was courtesy of local business including Karro and Morrisons.

- (e) Councillor Paul Farndale asked if there was an update from the meeting of principal authorities that discussed the Traffic Report for Malton and Norton.  
While no official update had been received our District Councillors informed us that basically it would be traffic lights at the level crossing, which in theory should alleviate problems at St Nicholas Street. There was to be a consultation but as yet no timescale for it.  
Noted.

134. (12/20) **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next ordinary meeting of the Council would be held Virtually on Monday, 18 January 2021, at 7.00pm.  
Unless there was Government advice to the contrary.

(Meeting closed at 8.35pm)

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