

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held remotely via Zoom
on Monday 19 October 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

086. (10/20) **APOLOGIES**

No apologies all members present.

087. (10/20) **GUEST SPEAKER**

No Guest Speaker

088. (10/20) **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.
Neither councillor requested to speak.

089. (10/20) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of Interest made.

090. (10/20) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting, held on Monday, 14 September 2020 (Minutes 070 to 085 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Note: Councillor King stated that due to connectivity issues during the meeting he had had to log off early, and felt that it had been undemocratic to continue the meeting from that point.

091. (10/20) **CLERK'S REPORT**

Remembrance Sunday – 8 November 2020

To inform members that the Mayor was invited to lay a wreath at the War Memorial in Malton, on behalf of the Town Council, and to attend at 10.45am.

St Peter's Church Norton were to hold a service at 10am, at which a member of the council was invited to lay a wreath, council were however asked to book a seat or seats with the names of the members attending.

St Mary's Priory Old Malton, while no details were available as yet, it was requested that a member might be available to lay a wreath there.

All of the above could be subject to change and it was advised that face coverings should be worn and social distancing measures observed.

Note: Councillor Mrs Di Keal to lay the wreath at St Peter's Church Norton, and the Deputy Mayor Councillor Ann Spencer to lay the wreath at St Mary's Priory Old Malton.

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091. (10/20) **CLERK'S REPORT** (continued)

Hedge Cutting – Langton Road

To report that we had received a letter from a local resident stating that a 'Council Official' had told them to cut the hedge of their paddock overgrowing the path in Langton Road.

Apparently this was not the first time a Council Official had done this, it had been done in previous years.

The hedge in question gets cut every year without fail, without intervention from some official.

As clerk I reminded members that if this was a member of Norton Town Council, telling a member of the public what to do, then permission from the council was required prior to anything being said.

Note: Councillor Lloyd-Williams made the point that an individual councillor could advise members of the public that certain actions should be undertaken, but that there was a difference between being told and being advised.

AJ1 Road Safety Fund – VAS Application

To report that there were changes to the application process for funding of an additional VAS sign for Scarborough Road.

Due to the significantly high volume of applications received, following review and discussion with the Commissioner, County Councillors would be offered the opportunity to feedback on their local electoral division specific applications, prior to the planned multi-agency panel.

This meant a one month delay to the panel meeting, which would now take place at the end of October. Application outcomes would now be confirmed at the beginning of November.

Amount of funding requested £2,408.00 with part match funding from the Town Council to make up the total cost of £3,208.00

Christmas Lights

To report that the Christmas Lights were scheduled for installation and automatic switch on the week beginning Monday 16 November 2020.

No switch on event planned.

CCTV – King George's Field

To report that following a routine service it was found that the recording unit was showing a hard drive fault.

To repair would cost in the region of £250.00 plus V.A.T.

New Unit £495.00 plus V.A.T.

Due to only being able to work with this company, and therefore unable to go out for further quotes, and in order to speed the process an executive decision to purchase a New Unit had been taken.

092. (10/20) **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

North Yorkshire - Devolution

The Mayor reported that the principle authorities wishing to make a proposal had to submit their outline proposal by the 9 November 2020, and a full proposal by 9 December 2020.

The date for the new authority or authorities was likely to be April 2023, although the Devolution White paper had been delayed.

Noted.

Ryedale Environment Week

This was to run from the 23 to the 30 October with online presentations, videos, and other information, covering such topics as Tackling Climate Change, Public Transport, Community Projects, Electric Vehicles, Malton and Norton Circular Economy, and many other topics of interest.

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092. (10/20) **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT** (continued)Westfield Way – Public Hygiene Issues

The Mayor reported on this ongoing issue of people using the wooded area adjacent to Westfield Way as a public toilet. Ryedale District Council with the co-operation of local businesses were taking this matter seriously and were investigating fully.

Norton Scouts – 70 Anniversary

The Mayor reported on this celebration, and stated that he had supported them earlier in the year with a donation from the Mayor's Allowance.

Pavement Improvements – Beverley Road

Improvements to the pavement were taking place opposite the new housing estate in Beverley Road.

Pandemic

The Mayor reported an update from North Yorkshire County Council. Stating that the infection rates in North Yorkshire were increasing although the area remained in the Medium Covid 19 alert level. The highest number of cases were being seen in the younger age groups, although Ryedale itself reported some of the lowest number of cases in the county.

Update from last meeting

The Mayor reported that he had sent a letter of apology to Councillor Duncan, and had sent an email to all members reminding them of the Code of Conduct.

093. (10/20) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**(a) Accounts paid and for payment

The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 124 to 137 inclusive, amounting to £13,023.79 had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED that account nos. 138 to 149 inclusive, amounting to £7,751.46 be paid. Payments to be made accordingly.

(b) Financial report

The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.09.20 to 30.09.20 was received.

(c) Budgetary monitoring

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

094. (10/20) **PLANNING MATTERS**(a) Planning applications referred to the Town Council by Ryedale District Council, for comment and/or recommendation were dealt with as follows: -

20/00887/HOUSE	Erection of single storey side extension with attached garage and external patio. 23 Welham Road, Norton, Yo17 9DS <u>RESOLVED</u> Recommend approval subject to the design and materials used being in keeping with the subject property.
20/00868/73	Removal of condition 01 of planning approval 19/00340/FUL dated 30.05.2019 to allow the permanent use of the building as a dog grooming parlour. 22 Camellia Close, Norton, YO17 8FE <u>RESOLVED</u> Decision should be delayed 3 to 6 months to see the outcome of the pandemic as more people are working from home.

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094. (10/20) **PLANNING MATTERS** (continued)

20/00860/FUL Change of use of former job centre (Use Class E) to retail pharmacy (Use Class F2).
 Malton Job Centre, Norton Road, Norton, Yo17 7RD
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.

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

Approved

20/00785/HOUSE Erection of two storey rear extension and detached single storey garden room following removal of existing garden store.
 43 The Grove, Norton, YO17 9BW

095. (10/20) **SENIORS NEW YEAR PARTY 2021**

Members considered the annual senior citizens party traditionally held at the end of January.
RESOLVED that due to the current pandemic and all the restrictions associated with it that the party was to be cancelled for the foreseeable future.

096. (10/20) **PARKING ON VERGES**

Members received a copy of an email from a member of the public in regard to the proposed byelaw.
 This was following the article in the Gazette, and whereby four responses had now been received two in favour of the byelaw and two against.
 Members considered the possibility of limiting the byelaw to the main arterial routes through town namely Welham Road, Langton Road, Beverley Road, and Scarborough Road.
 Agreed that some further research was needed, and that Councillor Howard would be happy to undertake this.

097. (10/20) **RENTAL OF GARAGE**

Members received a report on the rental of a secure garage for the storage of large items, such as Chairs, Tables, Christmas Lights, and various event items.
 Garage while not having power or light was secure and dry.
 The rental agreement would be for 1 year on a rolling year on year basis, rates and building insurance covered by the landlord.
 Contents insurance to be paid by the Town Council.
RESOLVED to approve the rental of the garage at a cost of £35.00 per calendar month, £420.00 per year.
 Rental agreement to commence on the 1 November 2020 with payment for the year made in advance.

098. (10/20) **NORTH YORKSHIRE DEVOLUTION**

Members received a report following the meeting held on Wednesday 23 September 2020, which outlined the information available to date and the possibility of sending a joint letter with Malton Town Council to further explore the possibility of delivering additional services in the future.
RESOLVED Not to support the sending of the joint letter at this time, but that a letter to all parties be sent stating that Norton on Derwent Town Council feel that this is not the time to be making fundamental changes to local government and would ask that at the very least the members of all our local authorities take note and bring pressure to bear on central government to defer this whole process until such time as there is some semblance of normality within our communities.

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098. (10/20) **NORTH YORKSHIRE DEVOLUTION** (continued)

Following receipt of the report members were informed that there was to be an Extra Ordinary Meeting of Ryedale District Council to be held on 5 November, where the decision on whether to submit the bid to Government from the District Councils to stand alongside the County Councils bid would be made.
Noted.

099. (10/20) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Letter from Coop Funeralcare, Closure of Malton Branch. For information.
- (b) Letter from Next Steps. Thank you for Grant. For information.
- (c) Email from Malton Museum. Thank you for Grant. For information.
- (d) Email from Malton, Norton and District Lions. Thank you for Grant. For information.

100. (10/20) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

- (a) Councillor Mrs Ann Spencer reported that the Milton Rooms was now open and that the opening productions had been successful.
The volunteers had worked tirelessly painting and generally refreshing the premises. Following the Annual General Meeting a new team of trustees was now in place.
Noted.
- (b) Councillor Ms Sharon Cawte reported on Ryedale Community Transport, stating that they had been awarded Charity of the Year by the Pride of Malton and Norton Awards.
Noted.
- (c) Councillor J. Howard reported that the railings on the war memorial in Malton were now complete.
- (d) Councillor Mrs Lindsay Burr MBE gave the following update for Norton in Bloom
Thanks to Malcolm, Tim and Hugh for replacing the old summer stock and replacing with winter stock.
Beverly Road site will be planted out in a couple of weeks.
Grasses have been ordered to create more interest in our planters these will be grown on and planted when ready.
Bench Trail update
Ground works were progressing slowly via RDC, however we do seem to have made progress in the last week.
Now this is resolved the benches will be ordered.
Memorial bench in St Peters grounds has now been given approval from the church commissioners so this will be ordered this week. One final site visit will be needed on that site.
In general things were progressing as expected which was all positive news.
- (e) Councillor H. Spencer reported on Castle Gardens, stating that the District Council had agreed to collect on a daily basis bags of rubbish, if left at the main entrance.

101. (10/20) **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

- (a) Councillor Mrs Di Keal informed members that the Lions Club Santa's Sleigh would still be happening, although in a different way. It would still be touring round the routes but there would be no knocking on doors for fund donations. There was to be an online presence with various activities and a childrens colouring competition in conjunction with Morrisons.

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101. (10/20) **MEMBERS QUESTIONS** (continued)

- (b) Councillor D. Lloyd-Williams reported that he had sent a letter to the Highways Area Manager, asking for traffic calming measures to be installed in St Nicholas Street as speeding was becoming a significant problem. He hoped that members would support the sending of the letter.

Members all acknowledged significant problems had been created at various points in town, following the change of priorities to the junction by the level crossing.

It was understood there was to be a meeting of authorities on the 2 November to discuss the long awaited Traffic Report for Malton and Norton, although it was not open for Town Councillors

- (c) Councillor Mrs D Keal asked if the project at the cemetery was progressing, and also did members of the committee wish to meet in the near future.

In response it was stated that the quotes for the project were awaited and that as soon as they were in place members would be informed.

If members wished to meet in the meantime this would be arranged.

102. (10/20) **DATE OF THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next ordinary meeting of the Council would be held Virtually on Monday, 16 November 2020, at 7.00pm.

Unless there was Government advice to the contrary.

(Meeting closed at 8.35pm)

_____(Chairman)