

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held remotely via Zoom
on Monday 26 April 2021 at 7.00pm.

VIRTUALLY PRESENT

Councillor A. Croser (Mayor) in the Chair;
Councillors 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

183. (04/21) **APOLOGIES**

Apologies received and noted. Councillors Mrs L Burr MBE, Ms S. Cawte.

184. (04/21) **GUEST SPEAKER**

Mr Adrian Hamilton, Town Centre Ambassador
Members welcomed Mr Hamilton, who gave a brief overview of his role as
Ambassador. He had been employed by Ryedale District Council in December 2020,
with funding from the Government Covid Recovery Fund, primarily to support the safe
reopening of our high streets and to make sure businesses were operating safely and
were compliant with the covid rules. He was assigned to the Economic Development
Team at the district council, but was also working with Environmental Health,
Community Enforcement and Streetscene teams.
The position was funded until the end of June 2021, with anything beyond this date
unknown at this time.
Following a brief question and answer session members thanked Mr Hamilton for
joining the meeting. Noted

185. (04/21) **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 Councillors Graham Lake,
Kerry Ennis, Sue Hawes and Chris Delaney also from Malton Town Council, along
with Gail Cook Malton Town Council Clerk all logged on to the meeting.
No other member of the public requested access.

No one requested to speak.

186. (04/21) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of Interest made.

187. (04/21) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting, held on Monday, 15
March 2021 (Minutes 167 to 182 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

188. (04/21) **CLERK'S REPORT**

Community Infrastructure Levy

To report receipt of two payments made to the council for the following developments;
17/01517/MREM Keepmoat Homes, Langton Road
Final Payment of £7,369.31
Total received £29,477.24

19/01192/FUL Quarry Farm, Scarborough Road
One full payment of £90.45

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188. (04/21) **CLERK'S REPORT** (continued)

Cemetery Matters – Upgrading the facilities in the compound

To report that the upgrading of the facilities at the cemetery was nearing completion.

VAS Sign – Scarborough Road

To report that the VAS Sign for Scarborough Road had now been installed although it was in need of being turned round to face the other way, this had been requested.

Internal Audit

To report completion of the Internal Audit for the year ending 31 March 2021.

Full report to follow along with the report for the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ending 31 March 2021.

All documents to be approved at the May meeting of the Council.

189. (04/21) **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

Covid Update

The Mayor reported that with the town opening up it was vital that everyone remained vigilant, and continued to follow the guidelines in order that numbers of positive cases remained low.

With the vaccine now being offered to everyone over the age of 40, and the numbers of people being given their second injection also rising optimism for the future was good.

Skatepark

The Mayor reported that as this item was on the agenda and was to be debated fully there was no need to report now.

190. (04/21) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(a) Accounts paid and for payment

The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 254 to 261 and 001 to 011 inclusive, amounting to £12,248.73 had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED that account nos. 012 to 019 inclusive, amounting to £5,292.83 be paid. Payments to be made accordingly.

(b) Financial report

The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.03.21 to 31.03.21 was received.

(c) Budgetary monitoring

The Clerk's report for the period ending 31 March 2021 was received.

(d) End of Year Report

The Receipts and Payments Account for the year ending 31 March 2021 was received.

191. (04/21) **SKATEPARK**

Members resolved to bring the debate on the Skatepark forward. Noted.

Members had all received the Skatepark Report prepared by Councillor John Howard in his professional capacity as an engineer.

Members had also received the ROSPA inspection report for the Skatepark, on the newly refurbished equipment and the large halfpipe as it stands.

It was noted that there would be no decisions made at this meeting as all members needed time to study both reports, it was also noted that contrary to reports on social media there was never any intention to close the Skatepark.

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191. (04/21) **SKATEPARK** (continued)

Councillor Mrs Di Keal raised concerns on the report prepared by Councillor Howard, as it was thought that the report was not fully factual and objective.

Councillor Mrs Keal also raised objections to both reports being sent to Malton before Norton had had time to consider them.

In response it was made clear that all members could draw their own conclusions as to the objectivity of the report, and that as Malton Town Council were partners with Norton in the running of the Skatepark, both reports had to be sent to them at the same time as being sent to Norton members.

Other points made were that safety had to be paramount, and that with the ROSPA Report the requirement as to who was responsible for being compliant, namely the Council or the Contractors needed to be made clear. That would then leave the future of the large halfpipe to be decided.

Standing Orders were suspended

The Mayor of Malton was invited to comment.

He made the point that he also considered safety to be the top priority, and that on reading Councillor Howard's report he found it to be very objective.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

The Deputy Clerk requested permission to release the ROSPA Report to both the contractors working on the Skatepark, and two other interested parties working on the campaign to save the halfpipe.

AGREED the ROSPA Report to be released to the parties named above.

A further meeting to be considered once everyone had studied the reports.

192. (04/21) **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

21/00471/HOUSE	Erection of timber garden structure to allow formation of an outside eating area with pizza oven (part retrospective) 13 Welham Road, Norton, YO17 9DP <u>RESOLVED</u> Recommend Approval, with concerns on the location of the pizza oven with its proximity to the boundary trees.
21/00558/HOUSE	Erection of first floor front extension over existing ground floor projection, erection of single storey rear and part side flat roof extension. 5 Stirrup Close, Norton, YO17 9JX <u>RESOLVED</u> Recommend Approval.
21/00566/HOUSE	Erection of single storey orangery extension to the rear. 5 Athol Square, Norton, YO17 9EY <u>RESOLVED</u> Recommend Approval.
21/00592/HOUSE	Erection of single storey extension to rear elevation and single storey extension to front elevation. Appletree House, 2A The Avenue, Norton, YO17 9EF <u>RESOLVED</u> Recommend Approval.
21/00615/MFUL	Erection of extension of existing industrial unit to provide automatic continuous freezer, palletizer and loading dock. Karro Foods, Westfield Way, Norton, YO17 9HG <u>RESOLVED</u> Recommend Approval.

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192. (04/21) **PLANNING MATTERS** (continued)

- 21/00507/LBC Installation of wood burning stove and flu
4 Sutton Farm, Langton Road, YO17 9PU
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.
- 21/00631/HOUSE Erection of first floor extension over the existing rear extension
38 Ryedale Close, Norton, Yo17 9DQ
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.
- 21/00593/HOUSE Erection of two storey side extension to include the incorporation of garage
into main dwelling with garage roof altered to flat roof and erection of porch to
front elevation
6 Lakeside Way, Norton, YO17 9PG
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.

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

No decisions received.

193. (04/21) **RIVERSIDE - FLOODING**

Members received a copy of the response from the Environment Agency on issues raised by Councillor Howard on the flooding that occurred in the early part of the year. Councillor Howard requested that he be allowed to draft a reply to the Environment Agency and also to write to the County Council Highways in order to get clarification on various issues and also hopefully arrange meetings with all parties. Agreed that Councillor Howard draft a reply to the Environment Agency and draft a letter to Highways, both to be considered at the May meeting of the council. Noted.

194. (04/21) **MALTON AND NORTON TRAFFIC INFRASTRUCTURE SCHEME**

Members received documentation on the Infrastructure Scheme Consultation. While members welcomed many of the proposals, it was felt that they did not necessarily agree that they would ease congestion in St Nicholas Street and that further measures would be required to encourage the use of Church Street namely that the lights should be phased to favour Church Street over St Nicholas Street. Members also made the point that pedestrians had to be made a priority. RESOLVED that the Clerk to write in response to the consultation.

195. (04/21) **LOCAL PLAN REVIEW**

In preparation for the Ryedale District Council Local Plan Review members were asked to put forward councillors to help form a working party that would undertake the review. RESOLVED that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be put forward and to ask Councillor Mrs L Burr MBE if she would be willing to be part of the working party.

196. (04/21) **BT CALL BOX CONSULTATION**

Members received details of a consultation on the removal of 3 payphones situated in Beverley Road, Scarborough Road, and Commercial Street. RESOLVED that with only the Commercial Street payphone showing any usage, that this one is retained if possible, but that members had no objections to the removal of the payphones in Beverley Road and Scarborough Road. Council did not wish to adopt any of the call boxes.

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197. (04/21) **CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) Walking Routes

Members received a letter from a local resident asking about local public footpaths and rights of way.

Members agreed that in response the resident would need to contact the Rights of Way Officer at the County Council, and that they would also be the correct people to talk to regarding Permissive Rights.

(b) Cemetery WC Provision

Members received a letter objecting to the newly refurbished facilities at the Cemetery.

Agreed that the response should be that this is not primarily a facility for the public, but that this is for staff and the provision had to be brought up to a certain standard.

198. (04/21) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

(a) Councillor David Lloyd-Williams reported that the steering group meeting for the Neighbourhood Plan was to take place on Tuesday 27 April, to begin the process of analysing the responses received to the consultation.

(b) Councillor John Mackenzie reported on the reopening of the Food Bank which had been as planned, and that if everything stayed as it should, then as from the 21 June all restrictions would be lifted and the venues would be fully open.

(c) Councillor Di Keal reported that the Woodhams Stone Heritage Centre was due to open at the end of the month. They were currently promoting Heritage Trails in both Malton and Norton with information sheets in shop windows and other locations around town.

199. (04/21) **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

(a) Councillor John Howard asked if there had been any response to the Byelaw proposal.
In reply it was stated that there had been no responses received. Noted.

(b) Councillor Hugh Spencer reported fly tipping to property adjacent to his own in Bazley's Lane. This had been reported to Ryedale District Council.

(c) Councillor Ray King reported that the Cemetery was looking very tidy, and that the Cemetery Manager was to be commended for it.
It was considered that in order for the uneven paths to be levelled a contractor would be required. Quotes to be obtained.

200. (04/21) **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next ordinary meeting of the Council would be held on Monday, 17 May 2021, at 7.00pm.

This would be held in person in the chamber, unless further legislation was received.

(Meeting closed at 9.05pm)

_____(Chairman)