

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber
Commercial Street, Norton-on-Derwent on Monday 15 November 2021 at 6.30pm.

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

102. (11/21) **APOLOGIES**

No apologies received

103. (11/21) **PUBLIC SESSION**

Members of the public asked when the skate park was discussed later in the meeting, could members please update on the latest position with the Rospa report and also the latest position on getting the park repaired and reopened.

104. (11/21) **GUEST SPEAKER**

No Guest Speaker.

105. (11/21) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of Interest made.

106. (11/21) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting, held on Monday, 18 October 2021 (Minutes 086 to 101 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Under Minute 094, Councillor Lloyd-Williams noted that he had been in communication with Carl Les and that meeting had been favourable. He asked when it would be considered by Ryedale Planning. Councillor McKenzie confirmed a date had not been set yet but would keep us informed. Councillor Burr added that in respect of Local Government Reorganisation that Carl Les, or a colleague, was likely to attend Malton to give a briefing and it was suggested that it would be sensible if we hold at joint meeting at that time.

107. (11/21) **CLERK'S REPORT**

No clerks report from the deputy.

108. (11/21) **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor reported on the following;

Remembrance Day Poppies

The Mayor had been in Morrisons taking donations for the Remembrance Poppy Appeal, for a few hours last week.

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Remembrance Sunday

The Mayor had attended the War Memorial in Malton on Remembrance Sunday, where there was a memorial service to remember the fallen. The Mayor laid a wreath on behalf of Norton on Derwent.

Councillor Keal noted that a Malton Councillor was not in attendance at the Norton Remembrance Service, it was agreed that the deputy clerk and councillor Burr would speak with the Malton clerk in connection with this.

109. (11/21) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(a) Accounts paid and for payment

The RFO reported that accounts nos. 167 to 180 inclusive, amounting to £8,968.95 had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED that account nos. 181 to 187 inclusive, amounting to £2,678.72 be paid. Payments to be made accordingly.

(b) Financial report

The financial report for the period 01.10.21 to 31.10.21 was received.

(c) Budgetary monitoring

The monitoring report for the period ending 31 October 2021 was received.

110. (11/21) **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

21/01385/HOUSE Erection of single storey side extension
20 Rosedale Avenue Norton Malton YO17 9DL
RESOLVED Recommend Approval

21/01424/HOUSE Erection of a single storey side extension and conversion of garage into
additional living space on the east elevation
19 Honeysuckle Court Norton Malton North Yorkshire YO17 8FF
RESOLVED Recommend Approval

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

No Decisions Received.

111. (11/21) **SKATE PARK**

Members received a verbal update as follows. The council are currently seeking best advice and quotes from two professional ramp companies. One should have inspected the park already but due to illness postponed. This is to be rearranged. The other company requires the deputy clerk to take some photographs and dimensions at the park. These companies, as well as quoting on new equipment will be asked to look at standard repairs required to the existing equipment. Members discussed the Rospa report. Members acknowledged the latest email correspondence from Rospa. Members to go back to Rospa with the latest question raised by Councillor Howard.

112. (11/21) **CEMETERY FLAGSTONE LEVELLING**

Members received a quotation for levelling the flagstones in the cemetery.
RESOLVED to accept the quotation for lifting and relaying existing flagstones approximately 114 in total for the sum of £2,708.00 plus V.A.T. Also to replace broken flagstones at a cost of £34.00 each plus V.A.T.

113. (11/21) **BIN RE-SITING**

Members received a quotation for re-siting the litter bin at the corner of Bazley's Lane and Langton Road.
Members deferred making any decision as it was considered that the quotation cost was on the high side, the deputy clerk to ask the contractor if they would revise the quote.

114. (11/21) **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Members received notification of proposed prohibition of waiting carriageway markings for Wood Street and Beverley Road, the prohibition to be at certain times of the day.
RESOLVED to accept the proposal and report back to highways.

115. (11/21) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Yorkshire Local Councils Associations, White Rose Update dated 5 November. For information. Noted.
- b) Yorkshire Local Councils Associations, White Rose Update dated 29 October. For information. Noted.
- c) Ryedale District Council, Local Plan pre-consultation submitted sites letter. For information. Noted.

116. (11/21) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Food Bank. Councillor McKenzie and Councillor Keal are to have a joint meeting with key parties to discuss the way forward. Members of the council were disappointed at the closure by the Elim Church and were also concerned that they had donated substantially to the organisation over the years. Councillor King suggested writing a letter. Deputy clerk to prepare.

117. (11/21) **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

Councillor Croser asked what elections were being held in May.
Councillor Keal responded with New Unitary authority and Town / Parish elections.

Councillor Keal asked members if they would write a letter of support to Next Steps in connection with a grant application for therapeutic gardening. Members agreed.
Deputy clerk to prepare.

Councillor King gave an update on the Christmas Light Switch on. The deputy clerk asked for a show of hands who would be able to attend and assist on the day. 7 members agreed.

Councillor Keal raised the issue of poor street lighting between St Nicholas Street, Springfield Garth and Lakeside. The deputy clerk thought the lighting belonged to the district in that area but would check. Councillor McKenzie said the lighting through the Chase / Kingston Drive was particularly bad also. Again deputy clerk to check ownership in this area.

Councillor Farndale confirmed that given a declining membership, the British Legion is closing its local branch. Councillor Farndale went on to add that Mr Brosnan would be continuing with the poppy appeal and ordering the wreaths.

118. (11/21) **EXCLUDED ITEM**

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

Members to discuss the interim staffing structure. RESOLVED members accepted the proposed interim staffing structure and also agreed to have the clerk role and deputy clerk role appraised by the local councils association.

119. (11/21) **DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED that the next ordinary Meeting of the Council be held on Monday 20 December 2021, at 6.30pm, in the Council Chamber.

RESOLVED that the budget precept Meeting of the Council be held on Monday 6 December 2021, at 2.00pm, in the Council Chamber.

(Meeting closed at 8.45pm)

_____(Chairman)