

NORTON-ON-DERWENT TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber
Commercial Street, Norton-on-Derwent on Tuesday, 22 April 2014 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor R. King (Town Mayor) in the Chair;
Councillors Ms C. Barratt-Gibson, A. Croser, P. Farndale, J. Gray,
Mrs D. Keal, B. Mehrtens, H. Spencer.
Also Mrs R. Tierney.

193. (04/14) APOLOGIES

Apologies received and noted by the Clerk: Councillors A.R. Harrison, D.L. Williams,
Mrs M. Hodgson.

194. (04/14) GUEST SPEAKER

No guest speaker in attendance.

195. (04/14) PUBLIC SESSION

County Councillor Mrs Elizabeth Shields – Bus subsidies

The new bus regime had now started though Councillor Mrs Shields did not know at this time
how the villages were going to be affected.

196. (04/14) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest.

197. (04/14) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 17 March 2014
(Minutes 175 to 192 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

198. (04/14) CLERK'S REPORT

(a) North Yorkshire County Council – Highways Department

To report that a meeting had been arranged for Monday 28 April at 1:30pm, in the Council
Chamber. The meeting would be between Officers from the County Highways Office and the
Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Clerk. Other Councillors were encouraged to attend. Highways
issues to be debated, amongst others, included parking issues, the potholes along Church
Street and around the town, the verges on Langton Road and standing water at various
locations.

(b) King Georges Playing Field

To report that Norex fencing was due to install the ball stop fencing to the multi games unit
this week.

(c) Neighbourhood Plan

To consider taking the Neighbourhood Plan forward and deciding who the Norton Council
representatives were to be, and for a meeting with Malton's representatives to be arranged.
Following discussion, the representatives were to be Councillors R. King, Mrs D. Keal,
B. Mehrtens, and Ms C. Barratt-Gibson.

(d) Riverside Fields

It was noted that one of the riverside lampposts was leaning towards the river and some of
the flags to the riverside path were undulating. The clerk had informed the Malton Estate
that there was the possibility of an erosion problem, which could subsequently involve the
Environment Agency who may be required to carry out a river bank assessment to see if
there was an actual erosion problem. This would have to take place prior to Council
committing to any repairs to the street furniture and flags.

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199. (04/14) **TOWN MAYOR/CHAIRMANS REPORT**

- (a) Ryedale Youth Theatre
The Mayor reported on his attendance at the Ryedale Youth Theatre production of Starlight Express at the Milton Rooms. This had been a very enjoyable evening with a truly memorable and professional cast of young people who deserved all the credit for a stunning performance.
- (b) Christmas Lights
Members discussed the possibility of purchasing lights to enhance Norton, although it was felt that overall the lights should remain with Malton and Norton together. This item to be placed on the agenda for a future meeting.
- (c) Cemetery Closure
The Mayor reported that the closure was working well, and there had been no further complaints received. This item to be reviewed at the next meeting of the Council.
- (d) Malton and Norton Community Police Committee
The Mayor reported on his attendance at the Police Committee meeting, although this had been poorly attended by the Police themselves.

200. (04/14) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- (a) Accounts paid and for payment
The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 226 to 231 inclusive and nos. 001 to 012 inclusive, amounting to £10,288.60 had been paid since the last meeting of the Council. RESOLVED that account nos. 013 to 020 inclusive, amounting to £3,565.10 be paid. Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.
- (b) Financial report
The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.03.14 to 31.03.14 was received.
- (c) Budgetary monitoring
The Clerk's report for the period ending 31 March 2014 was received.
- (d) End of Year Report
The Receipts and Payments Account for the year ending 31 March 2014 was received. (subject to Audit).

201. (04/14) **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

14/00316/MREM Erection of 3no. retail units (Use Class A1) and children's day nursery (Use Class D1)
5 Welham Road, Norton, Malton
For: Scothern Construction (Mr Ian Scothern)
RESOLVED Recommend Approval, with a request that if possible the entrance for the Children's Nursery be offset slightly so as to avoid being directly opposite the driveway of a resident of Springfield Garth

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201. (04/14) **PLANNING MATTERS** (continued)

- 14/00383/MOUT Erection of 15no. dwellings (site area 0.7ha).
Land to the north of Sutton Grange, Langton Road, Norton, Malton
For: Mr David Tatham
RESOLVED Recommend Refusal on the following grounds;
- That this development is outside current development limits and that until such time as the sites allocations are completed for the Local Plan no development outside the limits should be allowed.
 - Access on to Langton Road, this development brings yet another junction on to a very congested area of Langton Road and in being close to the access for Norton College makes for serious highway issues on parking etc.
 - Infrastructure issues, more development on to a sewage system that is already over capacity and not fit for purpose. Road congestion throughout the town with even more pressure on Castlegate.
 - School place provision, especially at primary level.
- 14/00392/FUL Erection of 2no. semi-detached 3 bedroom dwellings and formation of parking and amenity areas following demolition of existing derelict dwelling.
West Nook Cottage, 98 Scarborough Road, Norton, Malton
For: Richard Hopkinson
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.

(b) Planning decisions notified by Ryedale District Council:Approved

- 14/00134/HOUSE Erection of two storey extension to the side and demolition of existing extension (revised details to refusal 13/00498/HOUSE dated 23.07.2013).
6 Parliament Avenue, Norton.
- 14/00236/HOUSE Erection of first floor side extension
16 Parliament Avenue, Norton, Malton
- 14/00180/LBC Erection of 2no. three bed dwellings with attached single garages and extension of existing detached garage/store to form 5no. double garages and 1no. single garage (revised details to part of approval 07/01117/LBC dated 19.06.2008)
Sutton Farm, Langton Road, Norton, Malton, YO17 9PU

Withdrawn

- 14/00084/FUL Erection of a 2 bedroomed dwelling attached to no 39, forming a terrace of 3no. dwellings together with widening and division of existing vehicular access.
Land adjacent Number 39 Eastfield Avenue, Norton.

202. (04/14) **CEMETERY MATTERS**

Members considered the purchase of a new mower for the Cemetery.
RESOLVED to proceed with the purchase of a new mower for the cemetery, model Husqvarna LB553Se, heavy duty petrol driven commercial transmission mower at a cost of £766.67 including VAT.

203. (04/14) **RYEDALE FIVE TOWNS MEETING**

Members received the notes of the Five Towns meeting along with various other notes on items raised at the meeting and which members gave consideration to;

- (a) Library and Information Service – The Council was to keep a watching brief, until further consultation information came forward from the County Council.

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203. (04/14) **RYEDALE FIVE TOWNS MEETING** (continued)

- (b) Action For Market Towns – The Council to keep a watching brief, until the responses of other Town Councils become apparent.
- (c) Civil Parking Enforcement – noted.

204. (04/14) **SKATEPARK MATTERS**

- (a) The mayor reported on the agreement to use Lightmain for the new piece of skate park equipment, at a cost of £5,405.00 which equated to £405.00 for the re-siting of the benches and bins and £5,000.00 for the creation and installation of the new piece of equipment.
- (b) Councillor J Gray reported on a meeting at the Police Station about the skate park which included Malton Councillor Mrs J Ford, PC Coning, the Skate Park User Group and Councillor R. King. The new equipment had been made possible due to a £5,000 grant from the Police Community Fund. A visit to the skate park by Julia Mulligan, Police and Crime Commissioner, was to take place on 7th May 2014 (10.00am to 11.00am) to see how the money had been spent. It was reported that 2 out of the 3 lights over the park did not function and there was concern over the electricity bill. The Council would be looking to the provision of lighting with timers / sensors. PC Coning was obtaining a quote from Lighmain for the replacement of the majority of the skaterlite surfacing on all the apparatus. Events and funding raising were being considered including a 24hr skateathon, football match and an event for Ryedale special families.

205. (04/14) **GRANT FUNDING – LOVE NORTON 14**

Members considered the merit of awarding a grant towards the funding of the leaflets promoting 'Love Norton 14'

RESOLVED that the Council, in accordance with its powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which in the opinion of the Council was in the interests of the area and its inhabitants and would benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure:-

- Love Norton 14 grant awarded £410.00, which would fund 2 sets of the quarterly leaflets. The brochures should bear the acknowledgement 'funded by Norton on Derwent Town Council'.

206. (04/14) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Ryedale Safer Neighbourhoods Team – monthly crime statistics for Southern Ryedale, March 2014. For information. Noted.
- (b) Yorkshire Local Councils Associations – Newsletter White Rose Update. For Information.
- (c) Woodhams Stone Collection – Letter thanking the Council for their generous grant. For information. Noted.
- (d) Mr Brian Dunn – letter in reply to the Council's concerns regarding dog fouling. For information. Noted.
- (e) Safer Ryedale – minutes from the meeting of the Crime in the community steering group. For information. Noted.

207. (04/14) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

- (a) Councillor Mrs D Keal reported that any confirmation on the acquisition of the Norton Bowls Club had been delayed until the 15th May 2014. This was due to the next Ryedale Council meeting being postponed until that date.

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208. (04/14) **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

Councillor Gray commented about the condition of the verge and presence of boulders on Langton Road, near the Bright Steels industrial building. This was noted as one of the points to be addressed at the meeting with Highways on Monday 28 April.

Councillor Gray asked about the lighting on County Bridge and the repairs therein required. In reply it was stated that the lights belonged to the County Council and that they were aware of the associated problems.

Councillor Mrs Keal reported that the invitation to view Castle Gardens had been altered to the 7 May at 6.00pm. For convenience it was suggested to meet at The Lodge car park.

Councillor Mrs Keal commented that the pot holes near the entrance to Norton St Nicholas Street car park which were sizeable had been identified as being the responsibility of Ryedale District Council, and that they would be making repairs.

209. (04/14) **EXCLUDED ITEM**

RESOLVED that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, members of the press and public were excluded for the following item of business as the Council considered that the nature of the business to be transacted was prejudicial to the public interest.

Eastfield Allotments The Mayor updated the Council on the allotment CCTV provision and cost. The cost was £4,890 + VAT to include, column, recorder and 360 degree dome camera. This cost could increase by £500 to £1,000 depending on the range and type of sensor. Since quoting, Bright Steels had kindly offered to accommodate the allotment CCTV equipment by incorporating this together with King Georges. The Mayor and Deputy Clerk were to speak with the CCTV provider to get a revised quote in the light of this.

210. (04/14) **DATE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next Annual Meeting of the Council be held on Monday, 19th May 2014, on the rising of the Annual Town Meeting or 7.00pm whichever is the later, in the council chamber.

211. (04/14) **DATE OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND DATE OF THE NEXT EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the Annual Town Meeting be held on Monday, 19th May 2014, at 6.00pm, in the council chamber.

RESOLVED that the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council be held on Wednesday, 28th May 2014, at 7.00pm, in the council chamber.

(Meeting closed at 8.55pm)

_____(Chairman)

