

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 Monday, 16 December 2013 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Councillor R. King (Town Mayor) in the Chair;
Councillors P. Farndale, J. Gray, A.R. Harrison, Mrs D. Keal, D. Lloyd-Williams, H. Spencer.
Also Mrs R. Tierney.

123. (12/13) **APOLOGIES**

- (a) Apologies received and noted by the Clerk: Councillors K. Anderson, Mrs M. Hodgson.
- (b) Members received the formal resignation of Councillor John Stone.
Councillor Stone had joined the Council in 2002 but had resigned in 2006, before re-joining in 2010.
Tributes were paid to him as a well-regarded and excellent Town Councillor, who would be missed by all members of the Council.
Members were to consider how best to mark his retirement.

124. (12/13) **GUEST SPEAKER**

No guest speaker.

125. (12/13) **PUBLIC SESSION**

- (a) County and District Councillor Mrs Shields reported that the planning application for the Asphalt Plant at Whitewall Quarry was to be considered at the January 2014 meeting of the County Council Planning Committee.

126. (12/13) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest made.

127. (12/13) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 18 November 2013 (Minutes 104 to 122 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

128. (12/13) **CLERK'S REPORT**

- (a) King George's Playing Field
The Clerk reported that there had been vandalism at the playing field, with a tin of paint thrown over the football changing rooms and part of the boundary fencing. This had been reported to the police.
Noted.

129. (12/13) **TOWN MAYOR/CHAIRMANS REPORT**

- (a) Malton School – Celebration Evening
The Mayor reported on his attendance at Malton School Celebration Evening and presentation of Achievement Awards.
Credit was due to all Students, Teachers and the Headmaster Robert Williams.
Noted.
- (b) Five Market Towns Meeting
The Mayor attended the meeting where the Street Scene Manager of Ryedale District Council, Mrs Beckie Bennett had discussed the cost of parking in Ryedale when an 'event' was being held in the area.
There then followed a discussion with Alex Blackman from Welcome to Yorkshire on aspects of the Tour de France 2014. The aims of which were to, turn Yorkshire yellow with flower displays etc., this was to be an ideal opportunity to highlight what Yorkshire has to offer.

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129. (12/13) **TOWN MAYOR/CHAIRMANS REPORT** (continued)

Five Market Towns Meeting (continued)

The Tour de France it was claimed was the largest annual sporting event, and there was a catchment area of about 80miles for accommodation.

A discussion followed on how the five towns might be able to promote the event. Noted.

(c) Ryedale Community Leisure Centre

The Mayor reported on his attendance at a meeting of the Bowls Club Committee and stated that the offer of a bowls challenge was still on the agenda. Noted.

(d) Ryedale Cameras in Action

The Mayor had attended the meeting of the Cameras in Action Committee, and reported that the proposals for updating were very much still 'works in progress. There was to be a further meeting in January when the Mayor would report back.

Noted.

(e) Christmas Lights Switch on

The Mayor thanked all concerned with ensuring the lights switch on was successful, he especially paid a thank you to Councillor Mrs Keal for collecting goods from the traders and businesses of Norton, he also highlighted the generosity of all who had donated.

This event was one that he would personally like to see grow although it would cost money, he would also like to see County Bridge with lights once more, as it was a bridge between the two towns. Noted.

(f) Christmas Tree Festival – St Peter's Church

The Mayor had attended the festival where there had been a display of nearly 30 Christmas trees decorated by organisations from the local community. Credit was due to Reverend Rachel Hirst for organising the event. Thanks were also due to Councillor Mrs Keal for entering a tree on the Town Councils behalf. Noted

(g) Light up a Life Service

The Mayor had attended the 'blessing of the tree' in Malton Market Place, which was in aid of St Catherine's Hospice. Noted.

(h) Derwent Valley Swimming Gala

The Mayor reported on his attendance at the annual Swimming Gala and presentation of prizes. Noted.

130. (12/13) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(a) Accounts paid and for payment

The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 161 to 169 inclusive, amounting to £5535.24, had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED that account nos. 170 to 174 inclusive, amounting to £16345.11 be paid.

Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.

(b) Financial report

The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.11.13 to 30.11.13 was received.

(c) Budgetary monitoring

The Clerk's report for the period ending 30 November 2013 was received.

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130. (12/13) **FINANCIAL MATTERS** (continued)(d) Budget Estimates and Required Precept for 2014/15

The Clerk had circulated a report and draft budget appended 1 to the Minutes, setting out the forecast out-turn for the 2013/14 budget, and the draft estimates for the 2014/15 budget, along with options for the Precept for 2014/15.

(i) RESOLVED the budget for 2014/15 to be £116,775 slightly lower than for 2013/14.

(ii) RESOLVED the Precept required for the year 2014/15 to be £112,000 an increase of £10,000.

With the Grant from Ryedale of £5883.55 the Precept asked for to be £106,116.45 Based on Ryedale District Councils Band 'D' Equivalent the tax for Norton residents works out at the following:

Av. Properties 2360.87, precept asked for £106,116.45 = £44.95 band D Tax + 9.58%

(iii) RESOLVED to carry forward to 2014/15 the Grants received for the following:

Balance for Skatepark £19,468

Riverside £8,912

Town Signs £6,326

131. (12/13) **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

11/00927/MOUT

Erection of retail units (Use Class A1), offices (Use Class B1), petrol filling station, car park and associated landscaping (Revised Details).

Car Park, Wentworth Street, Malton.

For GMI Holbeck Land (Malton) Ltd.

RESOLVED Recommend Refusal on the following grounds;

- This would be a significant overprovision of retail capacity within both Malton and Norton. The proposal would be likely to attract a store providing a very wide range of goods which would most likely be detrimental to a wide range of local independent retailers.
- Access and congestion of the local road network. From Norton this proposed development can only make access through the towns even worse especially considering the issues that exist in Castlegate now. The proposed access for the store itself coming off Pasture Lane is in the opinion of the Town Council totally inappropriate as this road is already heavily used with both Primary Schools being situated on it, and being the link to the Secondary School. It is felt that Pasture Lane does not have sufficient capacity to accommodate the expected number of vehicles.
- Long Stay parking provision, must be seen as a vital element for any town and its workforce, to significantly reduce that provision can only be detrimental to the town. With the car park in Norton having to bear a greater share of long stay parking than can be accommodated.
- Through the work on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan, the public consultation results clearly showed that the vast majority of responses were against this sort of large retail development on this site.

13/01322/73A

Variation of condition 21 of approval 07/01116/FUL dated 11.06.2008 as amended by 13/01225/AMEND dated 08.11.2013 to allow the substitution of originally approved plans 3957/02 Main Barn 3957/03 Main Barn and 3957/04 Main Barn by Drawing Nos PL02 Rev B; Proposed Floor Plans, PL03 Example Section and PL05 Rev B; Proposed Elevations.

Sutton Farm, Langton Road, Norton.

For Palladian (York) Ltd (Mr Simon Gibbons)

RESOLVED Recommend Refusal on the grounds that this is a historic building and should not be altered in any way.

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131. (12/13) **PLANNING MATTERS** (continued)

13/01357/FUL Demolition of workshop
Building Adj to 27 Commercial Street, Norton.
For Mr Paul Sedman
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.

(b) Planning decisions notified by Ryedale District Council:

Approved

13/00005/FUL Erection of 2no. four bed dwellings, 3no. three bed dwellings and 4no. two bed dwellings on plots 65-69 and additional plots 187-190 to replace the existing approved layout for these plots under 09/00829/MFUL dated 05.01.2011
Land at Westfield Nurseries, Scarborough Road, Norton.

13/00006/MFUL Erection of 1no. four bed dwelling, 10no. three bed dwellings, 7no. two bed dwellings and 4no. one bed dwellings on plots 87 and 88, 98-107, 114-118 and additional plots 191-197 to replace existing approved layout for these plots under 09/00829/MFUL dated 05.01.2011
Land at Westfield Nurseries, Scarborough Road, Norton.

13/00950/FUL Erection of 3no 4 bedroom detached dwellings, 1no. 3 bedroom detached dwelling and 2no. 3 bedroom semi-detached dwellings to plots 92-96 and additional plot 197 to replace existing approved layout for 09/00829/MFUL dated 05.01.2011
Land at Westfield Nurseries, Scarborough Road, Norton.

13/01283/TPO To carry out crown reduction to T1 & T2 (Willow) within TPO No. 217/1996 in accordance with submitted annotated photographs.
Karro Foods Ltd Westfield Way, Norton.

Planning Appeal

13/00498/HOUSE Erection of two storey extension to the side and demolition of existing extension.
6 Parliament Avenue Norton.
The Appeal is Dismissed.

132. (12/13) **CEMETERY MATTERS**

- (a) Members considered closing the Cemetery every evening and opening every morning for a trial period.
RESOLVED to close the Cemetery every evening and open every morning for a trial period of three months. With the Cemetery Manager implementing the closures cost for the three months would be minimal as they would be mainly incurred for the weekend closures.
Signage to be put in place as soon as practicable for the trial to begin.
- (b) The updating of the facilities within the compound had been undertaken by the Cemetery Manager, with all the old constructions removed and made good. The Mayor made the point that it had been an excellent piece of work.
There remained the washing and toilet facilities to be upgraded this was to be undertaken in the Spring of 2014.

133. (12 /13) **RYEDALE FIVE TOWNS**

Members received the notes from the Ryedale Five Towns meeting held on Monday, 11 November 2013 in the Council Chamber, Norton. Appended No.2 to the minutes. Noted.

134. (12/13) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Ryedale Safer Neighbourhoods Team – monthly crime statistics for Southern Ryedale, November 2013. For information. Noted.

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134. (12/13) **CORRESPONDENCE** (continued)

- (b) North Yorkshire County Council – Communication with Area Highway Offices. For information. Noted.
- (c) Ryedale Special Families – Annual Report and summary of accounts 2012/13. Copy available in the office. For information. Noted.
- (d) St Peter’s Church – Christmas Tree Festival, Thank you for taking part. Noted.
- (e) North Yorkshire Neighbourhood Watch Association – Information Leaflet. Noted.

135. (12/13) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Councillor Mrs Keal reported on her attendance at:

- A meeting of the Bowls Club (Ryedale Community Leisure Centre), Stating that although there appeared to be some misinformation the bid for purchasing the club was going to Ryedale District Council by the end of the week, be it in a slightly different format.
The club was now being used by many bowlers on a regular basis and with other organisations wishing to be involved it was becoming an all age facility. Noted.

136. (12/13) **MEMBERS’ QUESTIONS**

- (a) Councillor Spencer reported that the Rotary Club had planted bulbs along Langton Road as far as Langley Drive. The Science teacher at Norton College was interested in planting more if the Council would fund the purchase of the bulbs.
As it was considered this would be a minor sum of money the Clerk to pay for the purchase from expenses.

Councillor Spencer also reported that where the utility contractor had dug across the verge in Langton Road, it had been left in a dreadful condition. Could Council write in the strongest terms asking that it be reinstated as it was. Agreed.

- (b) Councillor Mrs Keal commented on her attendance at the flood meeting, stating that she was not impressed, with promises that had been made following the flooding of a year ago not being met. Network Rail had stated that they would be unable to install hollow sleepers under the rail track until 2015 and North Yorkshire County Council had no funds. It appeared that all agencies had now moved on to other things and Malton, Norton and Brawby were no longer a priority. Noted.
- (c) Councillor Spencer asked when it would be possible to fill the vacancies for Councillors in both wards. In reply it was stated that it should be possible to fill all vacancies at the January 2014 meeting of the Council. Noted.

137. (12/13) **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.

RESOLVED to approve the appointment of the Assistant to the Clerk as Mr Tim Hicks, and to approve the Contract of Employment for the Assistant to the Clerk.

138. (12/13) **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Town Council be held on Monday, 20 January 2014 at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber.

(Meeting closed at 8.45pm)

_____(Chairman)

