

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber
Commercial Street, Norton-on-Derwent on Monday 16 February 2015 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Councillor R. King (Town Mayor) in the Chair;
Councillors K. Anderson, A. Croser, J. Gray, Mrs D. Keal, D. Lloyd-Williams,
B. Merhtens, H. Spencer.
Also Mrs R. Tierney, Mr T. Hicks

186. (02/15) **APOLOGIES**

Apologies received and noted by the Clerk; Councillors P. Farndale, R.A. Harrison

187. (02/15) **GUEST SPEAKER**

No Guest Speaker in attendance.

188. (02/15) **PUBLIC SESSION**

County Councillor Mrs Shields reported on the campaign to keep Norton Library open, and that there had been a positive response from volunteers coming forward who would be keen to offer their services. Plans were being put in place to visit a library that was already being run by the local community, so as to ascertain how it worked. Further meetings were to be planned and it was hoped that other local organisations would come forward with ideas on other uses to run alongside the library itself. Time constraints were that the County Council required the business plan for a community run library to be in place by September or October 2015 in order for consideration to be made for the library to remain open.

Comments noted by members.

189. (02/15) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mrs Keal declared a personal non prejudicial interest as a member of 'Frack Free Ryedale' in Agenda item 8(c) County Council request for a scoping opinion on proposed 'fracking' development at Kirby Misperton.

190. (02/15) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 19 January 2015 (Minutes 166 to 185 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

191. (02/15) **CLERK'S REPORT**

(a) Whitewall Quarry – Asphalt Plant

To report on the current position of the planning application for the proposed asphalt production plant at Whitewall Quarry.

An appeal had now been submitted by the applicant to the Planning Inspectorate for non-determination, and it was now for the appointed Inspector to make the final decision in respect of this application unless it was recovered by the Secretary of State for his own determination.

However the application was still put forward for the County Planning Committee to formally make a decision, which they had now done, voting formally to Refuse Permission.

The County Planning Committee decision along with all existing representations would be sent to the Planning Inspectorate and would be taken into consideration when making the final ruling on this application.

Members noted the report and asked if it was the case that only written representations were to be put before the Planning Inspector. In reply the Clerk reported that it was her understanding that this was what the applicant had requested.

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191. (02/15) **CLERK'S REPORT** (continued)(a) Whitewall Quarry – Asphalt Plant (continued)

In order to clarify the situation over the appeal process, Standing Orders were suspended to allow County Councillor Mrs Shields and District Councillor Ives to comment.

Both Councillors made the point that there was to be an appeal from the County Council to the Planning Inspectorate for a full hearing to be called whereby representations could be made in person.

Standing Orders were reinstated

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the Planning Inspectorate requesting a full hearing be called in order that the full extent of concerns raised by both the local population and local businesses could be heard.

(b) Norton Cemetery – Tree Pruning

To report that in total 8no. Lime trees which border onto the back lane to the cemetery had now been pruned/pollarded. Total cost of which being £1,400.00.

(c) Play Area Inspections

To report that on receipt of the quote for inspections from our present provider Zurich, and obtaining a further quote from RSS Playgrounds a decision was required as to which provided the best value for money as well as providing adequate cover.

RSS Playgrounds quote provided for 3no. quarterly operational inspections per site, and 1no. full annual inspection per site for a cost of £610.00 plus V.A.T.

This was more favourable than the Zurich quote which was for £730.00 plus V.A.T. and only allowed for 2no. inspections per site per year.

RSS Playgrounds had been appointed to carry out the inspections.

(d) Elections – Nomination Packs

To report receipt of Nomination Packs for anyone wishing to stand as a candidate for Town Councillor at the forthcoming Elections.

The nomination period would open on Tuesday 3 March with nominations being accepted at Ryedale House every working day between 10am and 4pm, until Thursday 9 April.

All nomination papers had to be delivered by hand to Ryedale House and it was recommended that an appointment with the Business Improvement team be made (tel 01653 600666 or email elections@ryedale.gov.uk) to ensure that an informal check of papers could be carried out before they were submitted.

(e) Lighting County Bridge

To report an email received from Paul Gilmore the County Council Lighting Officer, informing members that prior to installing the new light columns on County Bridge, that as the existing lanterns were nearly all defective and beyond repair as an interim measure it was intended to remove the existing brackets and install a small LED fitting on each column in order to keep the bridge illuminated until the new columns could be installed. It was hoped to have the LED units installed in the next week or so. The new decorative columns were programmed for May/June 2015.

(f) Malton Town Council – Invitation

All members were invited to attend the next meeting of Malton Town Council at which a presentation was to be given by the Fitzwilliam (Malton) Estate on their plans and projects for the forthcoming year.

There was to be a question and answer session following the presentation which Norton members would be able to join in.

The meeting was on Wednesday 25 of February 2015 at Ryedale House, and the presentation would start at 6.45pm

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191. (02/15) **CLERK'S REPORT** (continued)(g) Joint Meeting

It was proposed to hold a joint meeting of both Malton Town Council and Norton Town Council here in Norton on Monday the 9 March 2015 at 7.00pm. Topics to be discussed would be Christmas Lights, Tour de Yorkshire, and the Neighbourhood Plan.

Details to be confirmed in due course.

192. (02/15) **TOWN MAYOR/ CHAIRMANS REPORT**(a) Malton Town Council

The Mayor reported on his attendance at Malton Town Council meeting at which the suggestion had been made to hold a joint meeting with Norton, to discuss various topics of mutual interest.

(b) Tour de Yorkshire

The Mayor reported on two meetings concerning the cycle tour of Yorkshire the first was an informal meeting held in the Norton Council Chamber, and the second was hosted by Jos Holmes of Ryedale District Council at Ryedale House. Details were to be discussed as an agenda item later.

(c) Norton Community Primary School

The Mayor along with Councillor Gray and the Clerk had attended the Public Meeting held at the Primary School, which was to discuss the proposal for creating additional school places by developing the County Council Brooklyn site on Langton Road as an extension creating one school split over two sites. This proposal to be discussed as an agenda item.

(d) Malton and Norton Neighbourhood Plan

The Mayor reported on a meeting held in the Council Chamber with members from Malton Town Council Cllr Denys Townsend and Mike Skehan the Town Clerk, also present was the Norton Town Clerk.

The discussion centred around the proposed Neighbourhood Plan and what would be the best way forward, it was felt that there needed to be a wider input from the local community and that a broader committee should be sought. The discussion group felt that a possible Chairman of the committee could be Councillor Lloyd-Williams if he was willing.

In the meantime Councillor Gray and Councillor Townsend would liaise with each other in re-formulating the existing draft plan to bring it up to date.

Noted.

193. (02/15) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**(a) Accounts paid and for payment

The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 203 to 212 inclusive, amounting to £6,478.69 had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED that account nos. 213 to 218 inclusive, amounting to £4,609.98 be paid. Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.

(b) Financial report

The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.01.15 to 31.01.15 was received.

(c) Budgetary monitoring

The Clerk's report for the period ending 31 January 2015 was received.

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194. (02/15) **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

- 15/00054/FUL Change of use to form a 5 bedroom dwelling
ATC Headquarters, Beverley Road, Norton, Malton, YO17 9BQ
For: Mr Benjamin Knight
RESOLVED Recommend refusal on the grounds of inappropriate conversion of existing timber structure, 5 bedrooms could give rise to a densely populated property with no ancillary living support from inadequate external garden areas and total lack of parking provision.
- 15/00059/HOUSE Erection of a part single storey/part two storey side extension
31 Ryedale Close, Norton, Malton, YO17 9DQ
For: Mr Ray Marklew
RESOLVED Recommend Approval

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

- Approved
14/01220/FUL Change of use land and buildings to a non-residential education and training Centre (Use Class D) to include a change of use and alteration of outbuilding to form training and workshop areas for use by Acorn Community Care to include kitchen and toilet facilities and sensory room together with replacement of main entrance doors and installation of a removable access ramp to side entrance (part retrospective application).
Whinflower Hall, Scarborough Road, Norton.
- 14/00521/HOUSE Removal of shop front window and replacement with uPVC double glazed window in smaller opening.
15 Church Street, Norton.
- 14/01111/FUL Erection of a four bedroom dwelling with 2no. parking spaces and vehicular access.
Land at 6 Parliament Street, Norton.

195. (02/15) **PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES IN NORTON**

At the January council meeting members had received a consultation paper and questionnaire from North Yorkshire County Council in connection with creating extra primary school places in Norton. This was proposed to be on the County Council premises and land at Brooklyn in Langton Road and by creating either an extension to the existing school or if a separate school as an Academy, a Free School or a Voluntary Aided School (Faith School). It would not be possible under current government legislation to open a new Community School run by the Education Authority unless all the other options had been exhausted.

There had since been a public meeting held at Norton Community Primary School on Tuesday 10 February 2015, which was attended by the Mayor, Councillor Gray and the Clerk. Notes from the meeting were tabled for members.

In formulating a response to the questionnaire members noted their concerns that a school split over two sites, given the age of the pupils was far from ideal, especially when taking into account the fact that Langton Road would need to be traversed at least twice a day. Congestion in Langton Road at the point it would have to be crossed was already at a dangerous level, and for the County Council not to have consulted with the Highway Office, leaving any concerns to be answered through the planning process, was not considered satisfactory. Members also considered the whole project to be a temporary expedient and that a completely new school on a new site was a much preferred option for the long term.

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196. (02/15) **RYEDALE CAMERAS IN ACTION**

The Mayor reported that Inspector Everitt and Councillor Dales were still trying to find a solution as to who would be responsible for the BT contract on the cameras which was due to end on the 31 March 2015.

Councillor Dales was to ask the District Council for an extension of time in order that some other arrangement could be put in place.

It was agreed that no action be taken by the Council at the present time, with no contribution being given. This item to be looked at again in a few months' time.

197. (02/15) **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

Members received an update on the possible future for the Christmas Lights, options could be that Norton had its own lights and gave a donation to Malton, or possibly look at hiring a package between the two towns, other funding sources to be explored. All options to be fully considered and costed and this item brought back to Council following the elections in May.

198. (02/15) **TOUR DE YORKSHIRE**

Members received the notes of the Norton on Derwent Tour De Yorkshire Working Group meeting held on Monday 2 February 2015 and were updated on the meeting held at Ryedale District Council meeting held on 12 February 2015. The mayor reported that we had been let down by Highways as they would not be resurfacing Church Street prior to the tour but only undertaking essential repairs. Members considered that a letter to Highways in the strongest possible terms expressing our disappointment and asking for the work to be done should be sent. Members noted that the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Clerk had approached most of the local businesses en route. It was noted that Trinity Methodist Chapel and Rev. Rachel Hirst were keen to be involved as well as Malton Wheelers. Members discussed that an appropriate budget should be set to cover decorations, banners, bunting and a civic function. It was noted that this was to be a massive and exciting opportunity for the businesses and community of Norton. It was noted that the Welcome To Yorkshire Roadshow was to be held on 5 March 2015 at the Ryedale Community Leisure Centre (Bowls Club)

RESOLVED Members agreed that a budget of £5,000 should be allocated to cover costs and purchases related to the Tour.

199. (02/15) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Ryedale Safer Neighbourhoods Team – monthly crime statistics for Northern and Southern Ryedale, January 2015. For information. Noted.
- (b) North Yorkshire County Council Grit Bins – location of serviced bins. For information. Members had concerns that it appeared known locations of bins were not on the list supplied, a survey of all locations to be carried out by Councillor Croser, so as to ask the County Council the reasons for their omission. Noted.
- (c) Ryedale District Council – response to fracking statement. Noted.
- (d) Malton and Norton Chamber of Trade – minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3 February 2015 at The Yard. For information.

200. (02/15) **INSURANCE PROVISION**

Members received a copy of the proposed insurance policy schedule for the year from 1 March 2015 to 29 February 2016. Members considered that the scope and level of cover was appropriate and;

RESOLVED to continue with Zurich Municipal Insurance and renew the policy for the year as stated.

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201. (02/15) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Malton and Norton Area Partnership

Councillor Lloyd-Williams reported on the meeting of the Area Partnership stating that a meeting had been arranged to take place at the Milton Rooms in Malton this coming June, in order that all organisations within the two towns could come together and discuss ideas for improving the towns going forward.

Date of meeting 25 June in the evening.

Malton Museum Foundation

Councillor Lloyd-Williams reported that the Museum was in the process of disposing of display cabinets which had been stored at Whinflower Hall and were no longer required by the Museum. He also reported that there were to be further exhibitions over the summer held at the Subscription Rooms Yorkersgate.

202. (02/15) **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

Councillor Croser asked if a path through the Cemetery should be gritted in icy conditions.

In answer it was stated that rock salt had been purchased for this purpose and that the Cemetery Manager would be contacted to make sure it was done in future.

Council Spencer commented on the cars parking on the grass verges at various locations around town, and felt that the Council should be more pro-active in trying to stop this from happening.

With the large delivery lorry that regularly parked on the verge in Commercial Street, even though there were double yellow lines at this location, Councillor Spencer was to ascertain who the company responsible for the lorry was and contact them.

Councillor Mehrtens informed members that he had been approached by a local resident of the Redrow Estate, who had complained about the litter that was strewn around the estate. In reply it was stated that the local 'Tidy up Group' could perhaps look at this area in future.

203. (02/15) **DATE OF NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next ordinary Meeting of the Town Council be held on Monday, 16 March 2015, at 7.00pm, in the council chamber.

(Meeting closed at 9.05pm)

_____(Chairman)