

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber
Commercial Street, Norton-on-Derwent on Monday 19 February 2018 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Councillor R. King (Mayor) in the Chair;
Councillors B. Barrett, Ms S. Cawte, A. Croser, Mrs D. Keal, D. Lloyd-Williams,
P. Mooring, Mrs A. Spencer, H. Spencer.
Also Mrs R. Tierney, Mr T. Hicks

166. (02/18) **APOLOGIES**

Apologies received and noted, Mrs A. Stokell Beckett.

167. (02/18) **GUEST SPEAKER**

North Yorkshire Police - Inspector Martin Dennison

Members welcomed Inspector Martin Dennison, the inspector for Ryedale and Whitby. In introducing himself he stated that he had lived in Ryedale for 30 years, and still had 17 years' service left, so had a vested interest in the area. He acknowledged there were many challenges facing the force, with a slight increase in crime and criticism of the way in which crime was recorded, but felt that overall there were enough resources to maintain Ryedale as one of the safest places to live.

Local officers were encouraged to make themselves visible to the local community by being out and about around the town, and by being approachable and contactable.

In answering member's questions especially with regard to policing the Fracking site at Kirby Misperton, he stated that officers were drawn from all over the force and that the frontline impact on Ryedale was that this could effect maybe one officer a day, with local targets still being met. With regard to the financing of the operation Inspector Dennison felt unable to comment as this was not part of his remit.

The Mayor thanked Inspector Dennison for sparing the time to attend the meeting. Noted by members.

168. (02/18) **PUBLIC SESSION**

District Councillor Mrs Elizabeth Shields informed members that the Annual General Meeting of Norton Hive Library and Community Hub, was to be held on Wednesday 21 March at 7.00pm all were welcome to attend. The trustees would all be up for election and if anyone felt they would like to put themselves forward as a trustee they could do so. At the present time there were 7 trustees and the constitution allowed for 12.

With regard to the planning application for the re-cladding of the buildings on the Rawlings site to the rear of Springfield Garth, and the concerns raised by this council, Mrs Shields stated that she had abstained on voting when it had been put to the Planning Committee of Ryedale District Council, but that this had been passed anyway.

Noted by members.

County Councillor Keane Duncan reported that the town bus service was now running again with the operating being undertaken by North Yorkshire County Council themselves, although there would be slight changes to the timetable.

The Heavy Goods Vehicle Prohibition Order was due to come into force on the 26 of February 2018, this would see any vehicle over 7.5 tonnes banned from using Norton Level Crossing. Councillor Duncan stated that he had many concerns with the ban as it could potentially put more traffic through the traffic lights in Malton and also over Highfield Road in Malton where both Primary Schools were located. Signage for the ban was to be the most effective with large signs being erected on highways surrounding the town's perimeters. The issue of banned vehicles actually reaching the crossing from Castlegate and having to make an illegal turn into Norton Road had already been raised with Highways. Trading Standards would be monitoring the ban from day one.

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168. (02/18) **PUBLIC SESSION** (continued)

Councillor Duncan also reported on the work on Langton Road, with the signage not being correct and having to be altered, and the speed cushion not being in place and having to follow at a later date. The Primary School had written to all the bus companies serving Norton College asking that they do not mount the pavements in Langton Road under any circumstances, although the outcome of this unknown at present.

The traffic study on the junctions around the level crossing had now been completed although the outcomes were not known as yet.

Members raised the question of traffic using Bazley's Lane as a consequence of the changed priorities to the junctions, and asked if highways would consider speed cushions for this area. Councillor Duncan stated he would be pleased to talk to highways on this matter.

Noted.

169. (02/18) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of Interest made.

170. (02/18) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

- (a) RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 15 January 2018 (Minutes 146 to 160 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
- (b) RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Extraordinary Town Council meeting held on Monday 29 January 2018 (Minutes 161 to 165 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

171. (02/18) **CLERK'S REPORT**

- (a) Skatepark - lease
To report that the lease on the Skatepark had finally been completed, this was confirmed to 5th April 2021, at a rent of £1,850 per year, payable on a quarterly basis of £462.50 in April, July, October and January.
Noted.
- (b) Riverside - lights
To report that the lights on the riverside which are were working and the ones that were leaning, had been reported to the County Council who would make repairs and invoice the Town Council once completed.
Noted.

172. (02/18) **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

- (a) CAP Meeting
The Mayor attended the CAP meeting on the 18th January, where Inspector Dennison was in attendance. There was a pub watch update and a CCTV update. The Mayor encouraged other members to attend future meetings.
- (b) Aladdin at Milton Rooms
On the 25th January the Mayor attended the production of Aladdin at the Milton Rooms, which was a great performance by one and all.
- (c) Norton Seniors Party
This took place on the 27th January. The Mayor thanked all who had helped at this event. He would have liked to have seen the entertainers use the stage. He would like to see a sing along with song sheets incorporated as part of the entertainment.

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172. (02/18) **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT** (continued)(d) Ryedale Market Towns Project

The Mayor attended the meeting of the Market Towns Project on the 31 January 2018 with Julian Rudd from the District Council, stating that budget cutbacks had seen Tourism Information centres close. Ryedale Market Towns Project were looking at building a Ryedale brand with a budget of £45,000 and officer time, highlighting what Ryedale had to offer, shopping, arts, activities, history, amongst others. Major players in the area needed to engage with this project. The Mayor had doubts that this would materialise. The visitor economy of Ryedale was worth £291 million and Ryedale welcomed 4.3 million visitors a year providing over 6,900 jobs in the district. The Mayor felt that this group should be supported as and when the need arose.

(e) Malton Seniors Party

The Mayor assisted at Malton Seniors Party held on the 2nd February, the Mayor stated that it was interesting to see the different approach and noted that the event was not as big as the Norton event.

(f) Yorkshire Local Councils Association – Ryedale Branch Meeting

The Mayor attended this meeting on the 6 February. Inspector Dennison was in attendance again. Personal data control was discussed and the new legislation would bring in new challenges for the council. We were awaiting further advice from the association.

(g) Fracking Meeting

This was held on the 9 February. The mayor thanked Councillor Brian Barrett for his involvement with this event. Whilst the hall was full, the Mayor added that he would have liked to have seen more members of the younger generation present. The Mayor stated that any support for fracking was questionable after the presentation of the material and the government ought to rethink their position.

(h) Legally Blonde

The Mayor attended the production of Legally Blonde by Norton College, which was excellent and added that the college should promote their events better.

173. (02/18) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**(a) Accounts paid and for payment

The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 200 to 208 inclusive, amounting to £7,372.56 had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.
RESOLVED that account nos. 209 to 216 inclusive, amounting to £35,556.03 be paid. Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.

(b) Financial report

The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.01.18 to 31.01.18 was received.

(c) Budgetary monitoring

The Clerk's report for the period ending 31 January 2018 was received.

174. (02/18) **PLANNING MATTERS**(a) Planning applications referred to the Town Council by Ryedale District Council, for comment and/or recommendation were dealt with as follows: -

18/00071/HOUSE Erection of single storey rear extension
24 St Nicholas Street Norton Malton YO17 9AQ
For: Mr & Mrs K Howe
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.

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174. (02/18) **PLANNING MATTERS** (continued)

18/00070/FUL Change of use of land to allow formation of manege for private domestic use.
Land North of Welham Hall, Welham Road, Norton
For: The Hon Simon Howard
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.

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

No Decisions Received.

175. (02/18) **RYEDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL – STREETSCENE SERVICES**

Members debated the issue of overflowing litterbins, the lack of general tidiness and debris on roads and footpaths which was beginning to be really noticeable. All agreed that as these services were the responsibility of Ryedale District Council a letter outlining members concerns, and an invitation to attend the next meeting of the Council be sent to Beckie Bennett the Delivery and Frontline Services Lead, at the District Council.

RESOLVED to write inviting Mrs Bennett to attend the next meeting of the Town Council.

176. (02/18) **NORTON IN BLOOM – SUMMER 2018**

Members received a report detailing proposals and costings for the floral displays in Commercial Street, Church Street and both County and Railway Bridge for summer 2018.

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 is in the interests of the area and its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.

Baskets and Barrier Baskets to be hired fully planted from Plantscape.

Total costs for the baskets and barrier baskets £2,080.00 plus V.A.T.

Watering and maintaining for a period of 14 weeks approximately £678.00 plus V.A.T.

177. (02/18) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Norton and Malton Crime Statistics – January 2018. For information. Noted.
- (b) North Yorkshire County Council – Notification of level crossing closure. For information. Noted.
- (c) Ryedale District Council – Litter Pick Event. The Clerk to inform the District Council that 5 members would be in attendance. Noted
- (d) Ryedale District Council – Dog fouling focus, part of the District Councils don't be a waster campaign. Members were in favour of this, and Councillor Mrs Keal offered to be involved on behalf of the Council. Noted.
- (e) North Yorkshire County Council – Prohibition of Heavy Commercial Vehicles, Norton Level Crossing. For information. Noted.

178. (02/18) **HERITAGE LIGHTS – COUNTY BRIDGE**

Members received the proposed designs for the heritage lights to be installed on County Bridge, with concerns being raised with the design it was felt that if there was still time could this be checked and a possible alternative proposed and could it also be confirmed that the electric sockets for the Christmas Lights were to be installed. The Clerk to make urgent enquiries.

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179. (02/18) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Councillor Barrett reported on the Fracking meeting held at Church House, stating that there had been 163 people in attendance, and that he felt it had achieved its aim of informing the community. He thanked Councillor Lloyd-Williams for chairing the meeting, and asked if a letter of thanks could be sent to Frack Free united for the informative nature of the meeting. Agreed by members.

Councillor Lloyd-Williams updated members on the Neighbourhood Plan, stating that the Conservation Area Appraisal for Old Malton had now been received, and that Huttons Ambo Parish Council had been given a month to read the draft plan, as part of York Road Industrial Estate in Malton was in their parish. This would hopefully then allow the boundaries of the plan to be set and the draft document put out to consultation. Noted.

Councillor Mrs Spencer reported that the Milton Rooms had received a grant from the District Council from the S106 money, and a grant from Malton and Norton Lions. These were to fund new sound and lighting equipment. Noted.

Councillor Ms Cawte reported that the Women's Institute were planning a further Coffee Morning to further their campaign against loneliness, all were welcome.

180. (02/18) **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

Councillor Spencer reported that the grass verge by the entrance to Spring Cottage Stables had been damaged by vehicles mounting the grass, and asked if it would be possible to send a letter asking that more care is taken. It was agreed that a letter be sent.

181. (02/18) **CONFIRMATION OF DATE**

RESOLVED that the next ordinary meeting of the Council be held on Monday, 19 March 2018, at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber.

(Meeting closed at 9:05pm)

_____(Chairman)