

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 16th June at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Councillor R. King (Town Mayor) in the Chair;
Councillors K. Anderson, P. Farndale, J. Gray, A.R. Harrison, Mrs M. Hodgson, Mrs D. Keal,
D. Lloyd-Williams, B. Mehrtens, H. Spencer.
Also Mrs R. Tierney and Mr T. Hicks

Prior to the start of the meeting members held a minutes silence as a mark of respect for Mrs Margaret Taylor, who had sadly passed away. She had been a member of Norton on Derwent Town Council from 1995 until retirement in 2006, serving as Mayor from 1999 to 2001.

029. (06/14) **APOLOGIES**

Apologies received and noted by the Clerk
Councillors Ms C. Barratt-Gibson, and A. Croser.

030. (06/14) **GUEST SPEAKER**

No guest speaker in attendance.

031. (06/14) **PUBLIC SESSION**

- (a) County Councillor Mrs Elizabeth Shields – Libraries
Councillor Mrs Shields reported that due to the County Council having to cut services in order to save money, they were looking at ways in which libraries could be better utilised, by offering other services and encouraging other community groups to make use of the premises. Norton's library, when open was very active with the computers always in use, however if members of the Council could consider any other forms of use or community groups looking for premises this would be helpful so as to be ready for when the County Council began consulting on the issue.
In order that members might be well informed on all aspects regarding library services it was agreed that Julie Blaisdale Assistant Director of Library and Community Services at North Yorkshire County Council be invited to speak to members. The Clerk to contact County. The Mayor thanked Councillor Mrs Shields for her comments.
- (b) Lynn Humpleby – Vine Street Allotments
Mrs Humpleby raised the question of what was happening with the Bowls Club, as in the last few days the District Council had placed a chain across the entrance to the Club car park, thus making it difficult for the allotment holders to access their plots from this direction.
In reply Councillor Mrs Keal stated that the sale of the Bowls Club was proceeding and that the chain had been placed across the entrance as a legal requirement of vacant possession for the sale. Once the sale was complete the new Bowls Club owners would be in a position to speak to local residents and the allotment holders on how they might proceed.
Mrs Humpleby was thanked for raising this issue.
- (c) Chairman and District Councillor Luke Ives
Councillor Ives apologised for not being able to attend the Annual Town Meeting, but if any member wished to raise any questions with him he would be happy to answer them.
No questions were raised. The Mayor thanked Councillor Ives for attending.

032. (06/14) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations received

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033. (06/14) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

- (a) RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 19 May 2014 (Minutes 001 to 023 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
- (b) RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 28 May 2014 (Minutes 024 to 028 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

034. (06/14) **CLERK'S REPORT**

- (a) King Georges Playing Field
To report that Norex fencing had now installed the ball stop fencing to the multi games unit.
- (b) St Nicholas Street Car Park
The Clerk reported that a formal letter had been sent to Mr Phil Long, head of Environmental services, at Ryedale District Council, who were the owners of the car park, requesting permission to allow the Town Council to install six number parking bollards for the residents of Bruntwood Terrace whose properties front onto St Nicholas Street Car Park.
To date there had been no response.
Costs for the bollards would be approximately £100 plus V.A.T. and installation costs.
- (c) CCTV Allotments
The order for the new camera and hard drive, plus other accompanying materials had been placed with Graham Coulson at GMC, and we were awaiting their response as to timescale for the installation.
Maintenance costs covering the Allotments and King George's Field would be roughly £300.00 per year.
- (d) Fitzwilliam Malton Estate – Ward Walk
Along with the Deputy Clerk and Councillor Lloyd-Williams the Clerk had attended the Ward Walk hosted by Mr R Bushell the Estate Manager and held on Tuesday 10 June 2014, also in attendance were Councillors from Malton and Ryedale District Council.
The walk had been interesting and informative covering large parts of Malton centre, taking in the newly established Brass Castle Brewery, Malton Cookery School and the new food production outlets on Yorkersgate which had already had interest shown from a variety of businesses. The walk was rounded off by a stop at the Talbot Hotel.
- (e) Ryedale District Council Parish Liaison Meeting
Topics covered included;

New Leader Programme for the rural community - While there was not much detail as yet, it was stated that the programme was to be more business orientated than leisure when it was up and running in the new-year. Both Malton and Norton were to be placed together in the North Yorks Moors Coast and Hills programme.

Ryedale Local Plan Sites Allocations – Jill Thompson from Ryedale District Council forward planning team, gave an update on how the District was to start consulting with the Service Villages, and that dates were set for this.

Garden Waste update – Beckie Bennett Ryedale District Council Streetscene Manager told the meeting that there had been about a 40% uptake on the new garden waste scheme.

Comments from the floor included;

Dog Fouling – this appeared to be an issue for all parishes both large and small, the District Council agreed to look into putting more resources into tackling this problem.

Fracking – nobody had been in attendance from the County Council to give any information on this issue. Councillors from parishes attending the meeting felt that it could be quite difficult to get an unbiased view on the topic, while others that had attended the meeting arranged for the five towns felt they had been given an even handed view by the National Parks organisation. This item to be looked at again by the District Council.

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034. (06/14) **CLERK'S REPORT** (continued)

(e) Ryedale District Council Parish Liaison Meeting (continued)

Grass Cutting – This was an issue for all parishes, and the County Council were still looking at how it might be possible for volunteers to undertake this work, although there were issues around health and safety, insurance etc..

035. (06/14) **TOWN MAYOR/CHAIRMANS REPORT**

(a) Christmas Lights

The Mayor reported that he had viewed a selection of reconditioned LED lights priced in the region of £60 to £120 pounds. He was awaiting pictures of others and would like to see some large displays at either end of the town's display, prices for these need to be confirmed. The Mayor to report back on this item.

(b) Skatepark - Lighting

The Mayor reported that costs had been received for new LED Lighting and time clocks, but a meeting needed to be arranged with Malton Town Council and Campbells before proceeding further. This item to be placed on the agenda for a future meeting.

(c) Youth Councils

Councillor Mehrtens was working with a group of young people between the ages of 16 and 18, although it was not clear yet just how the Council might engage with them, or if it might be better to widen the age group and have a better cross section of views. It was agreed to look into this further and then bring it back to Council.

036. (06/14) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(a) Accounts paid and for payment

The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 040 to 049 inclusive, amounting to £6,478.19 had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.
RESOLVED that account nos. 050 to 054 inclusive, amounting to £5,496.95 be paid. Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.

(b) Financial report

The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.05.14 to 31.05.14 was received.

(c) Budgetary monitoring

The Clerk's report for the period ending 31 May 2014 was received.

037. (06/14) **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

14/00586/HOUSE Erection of single storey bay window to front elevation.
11 Mallard View, Norton, Malton, YO17 9EW
For: Mr & Mrs Little
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.

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, YO17 8AE
For: Mr Richard Hopkinson
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.

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037. (06/14) **PLANNING MATTERS** (continued)

14/00615/HOUSE Erection of part two storey/part first floor extension to side and rear elevations.
20 Field View, Norton, Malton, YO17 9AZ
For: Mr & Mrs R M Jacques
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.

14/00622/CLEUD Certificate of Lawfulness in respect of building works as approved by application 07/00370/FUL dated 10.07.2007 were substantially completed more than four years before the date of this application
Asda Stores, Norton Road, Norton, Malton, YO17 9RD
For: Asda Stores Limited
RESOLVED that the Council has no further evidence to provide, the application is however formally noted.

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

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)

Refused

14/00096/MOUT Residential development of 18no. dwellings following demolition of existing agricultural type buildings (site area 0.54ha)
Agricultural Contractors, Welham Road, Norton, Malton, North Yorkshire
For: Thomas Crown Associates Ltd

038. (06/14) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Members were updated on the meeting held with Jill Thompson, Forward Planning Officer with Ryedale District Council, and members of Malton Town Council.

With this meeting being a preliminary one to explore how to move the plan forward it was agreed that there would need to be a whole series of meetings in order to bring the neighbourhood plan to a position where it could be tested.

A suggestion was made that the Town Councils might like to take full responsibility for site selections for the plan, this was however felt to be beyond the Council's expertise and a better way would be to work with the District Council in influencing site selections.

The first meeting to begin work on the plan was to be on Thursday 19 June 2014 at 6.30pm at Ryedale House. Noted by members.

039. (06/14) **PROMOTIONAL SIGNS FOR NORTON**

Members considered the proposal that the Town Council has two number promotional signs installed on the approaches to Norton, one on the side of the A64 from Scarborough and one on Beverley Road.

There would be a certain amount of funding available from the Malton and Norton Area Partnership, through the Portas Fund. The signs would be to match the two installed by Malton Town Council on the approaches to the Malton side.

RESOLVED to approve the installation of two promotional signs for Norton, and to begin the process of finding out what would be involved in facilitating the installation.

040. (06/14) **NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – RYEDALE AREA COMMITTEE**

Members received a covering letter and nomination form for co-option to the Area Committee as a Parish Representative.

There was no limit to the number of nominations that could be put forward from the Council, and it was therefore left to members to decide if they wanted to put themselves forward or not. There would be a formal election once the number of nominations was known.

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041. (06/14) **VERGE CUTTING - SCOTTS HILL**

Members were updated on the cutting of the banking along Scotts Hill, this had been carried out by the contractor employed by the landowner.

The cost for the work was to be £75 plus V.A.T. but in order that this process could be formalised for the future it was agreed that the contractor contact the Clerk.

042. (06/14) **LITTER BINS AND DOG BINS**

Members received a report and quotation detailing the installation of replacement litter bins at various locations around town and the installation of new dog bins.

RESOLVED to accept the quotation from Ryedale District Council and install the following;

2no. Wybone Dog Waste bins and posts located at Norton Grove industrial Estate,
2no. replacement Wybone litter bins located at Beverley Road and St Nicholas Street,
1no Copperfield litter bin with concrete base located at King George Playing Field as well as removal of 2no concrete ring bins.

Total cost £729.91 plus V.A.T.

043. (06/14) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Ryedale Safer Neighbourhoods Team – monthly crime statistics for Southern Ryedale, May 2014. For information. Noted.
- (b) Wetherby District Lions Club – The Great Yorkshire Bike Ride, Saturday 21 June 2014. For information. Noted.
- (c) 14 – 18 Now WW1 Centenary – Lights Out 10-11pm 4 August 2014. Invitation to join with and share a moment of reflection in remembering the centenary of the start of World War 1. Noted.

044. (06/14) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Yorkshire Local Councils Associations

Councillor Farndale reported on his attendance at the meeting, where some of the rural parishes reported that they had been filmed during council meetings, and this had then been taken out of context and posted on You Tube. It was hoped that once the legislation covering this was in place, guidance on how to deal with this problem would be forthcoming.

045. (06/14) **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

- (a) Councillor Harrison asked who was responsible for the spraying of weeds in the roadside gutters. The clerk confirmed that this was County Councils responsibility.
- (b) Councillor Anderson reported that there had been a spate of criminals syphoning petrol from vehicles, by drilling holes in the petrol tanks. All were French models that had plastic petrol tanks thus avoiding the risks of sparks. Noted.
- (c) Councillor Mrs Keal informed members of the forthcoming Ryedale's Got Talent which was being staged at the Milton Rooms on Friday 4 July 2014 at 7.00pm. It was to feature performers from Lady Lumleys School Pickering, Malton School and Norton College. Tickets were £5 and the charity it was supporting was Acorn Community Care, Norton. Noted.
- (d) Councillor Farndale asked if there had been any progress with the updating of facilities at the Cemetery. No progress to date.

046. (06/14) **DATE OF NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next ordinary Meeting of the Council be held on Monday, 21 July 2014, at 7.00pm, in the council chamber.

(Meeting closed at 8.40pm)

_____(Chairman)