

## 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, 17 March 2014 at 7.00pm.

### PRESENT

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

### 175. (03/14) WELCOME NEW COUNCILLORS

The Mayor welcomed the newly co-opted Councillors, Carla Barratt-Gibson (East Ward), Antony Croser (West Ward), and Benjamin Mehrtens (West Ward). All had signed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office prior to the start of the meeting.

### 176. (03/14) APOLOGIES

(a) Apologies received and noted by the Clerk: Councillor A.R. Harrison.

### 177. (03/14) GUEST SPEAKER

#### Reverend Rachel Hirst and Reverend Andy Boxall

Members welcomed Reverend Rachel Hirst from St Peter's Church and Reverend Andy Boxall from Elim Ryedale, who gave a presentation on 'Love Norton 14'

The aim of which was to bring the local churches and community together. Events planned for the year included; a Treasure Hunt which was to encourage people to enter each of the churches; a Community Fun Day to be held at Brooklyn on the 7 June 2014, with games and stalls for all ages; a Sports Afternoon in July 2014 hopefully at King George's Field, as well as speakers at various times through the year.

There was also to be the established events such as the Fireworks organised by Elim and the Christmas Tree Festival organised by St Peter's Church.

It was felt that good communication was essential for a successful year, with a quarterly newsletter being delivered to all in the community, a Face Book Page and a Website which would hopefully link to the Norton on Derwent Website.

It was hoped that as long as 'Love Norton 14' was successful and sustainable there could be either a 'Love Norton 15 or 16', with a possibility of involving Malton, or Malton doing something similar. With this in mind a request for assistance and support with funding especially of the newsletter was put to members.

It was agreed that this item be placed on the agenda for the next Council meeting in order to discuss supporting 'Love Norton 14' financially.

In closing the Mayor thanked Reverend Hirst and Boxall for sparing the time to attend the meeting and giving a very informative presentation.

### 178. (03/14) PUBLIC SESSION

#### County Councillor Mrs Elizabeth Shields – Bus subsidies

Councillor Mrs Shields reported that it was now confirmed that Stephenson's would be the firm running the local bus service with a slightly altered timetable, details of which would be posted in all bus Shelters and at all Stops. Bus Passes would continue to be allowed although the cost of tickets was still not known.

Noted.

#### County Councillor Mrs Elizabeth Shields – Whitewall Quarry planning application

Councillor Mrs Shields reported that Ryedale District Council had considered the planning application for the Asphalt Plant at Whitewall Quarry and it had been a unanimous vote to recommend refusal. This had meant that more information and reports needed to be made available to the County Council Planning Committee and due to the volume of the information a decision had been taken to defer consideration of the application which would now go to the County Planning Meeting on Tuesday 13 May 2014.

Noted.

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178. (03/14) **PUBLIC SESSION** (continued)

District Councillor Luke Ives – Whitewall Quarry planning application

Councillor Ives confirmed the decision taken by Ryedale District Council on the Asphalt Plant application and stated that as well as the reasons stated by Councillor Mrs Shields for the delay in County considering the plans, central Government had issued new planning guidance which also needed consideration.

Noted.

179. (03/14) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Lloyd-Williams declared an interest in agenda item 8 planning, as a neighbour to the application 14/00190/FUL for change of use of part dwelling to osteopathic clinic.

180. (03/14) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 17 February 2014 (Minutes 156 to 174 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

182. (03/14) **CLERK'S REPORT**

(a) North Yorkshire County Council – Contacting Highways Department

To report that there had still been no response to the e. mail sent to the highways department on the 15 January 2014, and also the e. mail sent on the 7 February 2014 using the address that Town and Parish Councils had been requested to use.

After repeated phone calls to highways finally managed to speak to both the Area Customer Care Officer and Mr Marr who asked that both e. mails be resent direct to him.

There had still been no response.

It was now a matter of concern that a letter should be sent direct to County Hall.

Noted.

(b) Verge & Footpath Issues – Langton Road

To report that letters had been written to all racing establishments within the town with regard to using the path and not walking the horses on the grass verge especially where the bulbs had been planted.

A verbal reply had been received from Tim Fitzgerald who was very reasonable in his response, in that he would be speaking to his employees and asking them to avoid using the verge. He did say though that it was quite difficult to stay on the bottom path as it was used by members of the public. What he felt was needed was very clear signage to make sure all parties knew which path to use. Noted.

(c) Eastfield Allotments

To remind members that there was to be a meeting with allotment holders on Friday 21 March in the Council Chamber at 7.00pm. To discuss security issues and any other matters raised by allotment holders.

It was expected that P.C. Coning would be attending.

Noted.

(d) Leader Funding Programme Meeting

To report a request from Ryedale District Council for a representative to attend a LEADER funding programme meeting to be held at Ryedale House on Wednesday 16 April 2014 at 4.00pm.

Councillor Mrs Keal to attend on behalf of the Council.

(e) Renovation of Notice Board – Church Street

To inform members that the Notice board in Church Street, by the entrance to the car park, had now been renovated. This work was carried out by Mr Cliff Hicks to a very high standard who was only asking for expenses in return.

The Clerk to write thanking Mr Hicks for an excellent job well done.

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182. (03/14) **CLERK'S REPORT** (continued)

- (f) Malton and Norton Community Police Committee  
To report the meeting of the CaP group was to be held on Wednesday 2 April at 7.00pm at Ryedale House. An Agenda would be available on the night.  
Noted.
- (g) Ryedale Five Towns Meeting  
To report the next meeting of the 5 town councils was to be on Tuesday 25 March at Church House, Kirkbymoorside, at 7.00pm. Items on the agenda would include; NYCC Budgets and Policies, Libraries, Fracking, retention of Precept Grant, and Car Parking.

183. (03/14) **TOWN MAYOR/CHAIRMANS REPORT**

- (a) Presentation of Awards  
The Mayor thanked all who had attended the Afternoon Tea with the presentations made to former Councillors, held at the The Old Lodge Hotel Malton. This had been a very enjoyable occasion for all concerned.
- (b) Christmas Lights  
The Mayor reported that he had contacted Mr Denys Townsend to organise a meeting to discuss the future of the lights. He had had no response to date.  
Noted.
- (c) Commemoration of the start of World War 1  
The Mayor asked if anyone had any knowledge of events organised to mark the start of World War 1.  
In reply Councillor Farndale stated that the British Legion were organising a commemoration event to be held at Eden Camp.
- (d) Dog Fouling – King George's Field  
It was reported that dog fouling at King George's Field was now horrendous with the local football team manager having to physically clean up prior to every match.  
It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Dog Warden at Ryedale District Council asking if it would be possible for him to make some regular inspections of the field, which would hopefully deter offenders.
- (e) AMP Awards  
On behalf of the Mayor, Councillor Mrs Keal reported on her attendance at the AMP Awards held at the Barbican York on the 3 March 2014. These awards were for young musicians from Colleges across the whole of North Yorkshire.  
The local band 'New Strings' from Norton College came a very creditable second, which deserves congratulations from the Council.

184. (03/14) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- (a) Accounts paid and for payment  
The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 213 to 221 inclusive, amounting to £5854.83 had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.  
RESOLVED that account nos. 222 to 225 inclusive, amounting to £2388.20 be paid.  
Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.
- (b) Financial report  
The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.02.14 to 28.02.14 was received.
- (c) Budgetary monitoring  
The Clerk's report for the period ending 28 February 2014 was received.

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185. (03/14) **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

- 14/00179/73A      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 3957/01 Site plan, 3957/05 Single storey houses, 3957/06 Proposed single storey houses, 3957/09 Proposed garages, by drawing Nos. SK10 Rev B Site plan, SK11 Rev B New single storey dwellings, SK12 Rev B New single storey dwellings, SK15 Rev D Upper site garages  
Sutton Farm, Langton Road, Norton, Malton, YO17 9PU  
For: Grantside Homes LLP (Mr Peter Callaghan)  
RESOLVED Recommend Refusal
- 14/00180/LBC      Erection of 2 no. three bed dwellings with attached single garages and extension of existing detached garage/store to form 5 no. double garages and 1 no. single garage (revised details to part of approval 07/01117/LBC dated 19.06.2008  
Sutton Farm, Langton Road, Norton, Malton, YO17 9PU  
For: Grantside Homes LLP (Mr Peter Callaghan)  
RESOLVED Recommend Refusal
- 14/00190/FUL      Change of use of part dwelling to an osteopathic clinic (use class D1) with associated signage.  
St. Johns House, 1 Langton Road, Norton, Malton, North Yorkshire, YO17 9AD  
For: Mr William Slann.  
RESOLVED Recommend Approval but with the proviso that the signage is discrete and in keeping with the building and the area, bearing in mind this is within the Conservation Area of Norton.
- 14/00236/HOUSE      Erection of first floor side extension.  
16 Parliament Avenue, Norton, Malton, YO17 9HF  
For: Mr Andrew Taylor  
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.

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

Approved

- 13/01448/73A      Variation of condition 19 of approval 07/01116/FUL dated 11.06.2008 to state "Occupation of the two new-build dwellings hereby approved shall not be allowed until the change of use and alteration of the main barn has been completed in accordance with the approved plans." – to allow commencement of construction of the two dwellings.  
Sutton Farm, Langton Road, Norton.
- 13/00901/LBC      Installation of 2 no. retractable awnings above ground floor shop windows  
49/51 Commercial Street, Norton, Malton, YO17 9HX
- Withdrawn
- 13/01458/CLEUD      Certificate of Lawfulness in respect of the occupation of Farfield Cottage as a single dwelling (Use Class C3) in excess of 10 years before the date of this application.  
Farfield Cottage 3 Highfield Farm Cottages, Beverley Road, Norton.

186. (03/14) **CEMETERY MATTERS**Cemetery Closure

Members were updated on the closure of the cemetery overnight during the week and at weekends. They also received a copy of an e.mail from a member of the public asking if it would be possible to open earlier on a Sunday morning to accommodate the early church service.

It was agreed to just monitor the situation until the end of the three month period when the whole closure would be evaluated. The Clerk to inform the member of the public of the decision made.

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187. (03/14) **NORTON IN BLOOM – SUMMER 2014**

Members received a report as appended to the minutes (Appendix 1), detailing the proposals and costings for the floral displays in Commercial Street, Church Street and on the County Bridge for summer 2014.

**RESOLVED** that the Council in accordance with its powers under section 137 and 139 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.

Total costs for the baskets and barrier baskets being £1,010.00 plus V.A.T.

Watering and maintaining for a period of 14 weeks being £1,050.00

188. (03/14) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Ryedale Safer Neighbourhoods Team – monthly crime statistics for Southern Ryedale, February 2014. For information. Noted.
- (b) Yorkshire Local Councils Associations – Newsletter White Rose Update. For information. Noted
- (c) Mr & Mrs J.T. Stone – Letter thanking the Council for his service recognition as a member of the Council and his role in preserving the history of the local area. For information. Noted.
- (d) Mr Cyril Shreeve – Letter thanking the Mayor for his invitation to Afternoon Tea at the Lodge. For information. Noted
- (e) Ryedale Group Ramblers Association – Parish Footpath Survey Team, E.Mail outlining the appraisal of the Public Rights of Way within Norton on Derwent. For information. The Clerk to write in support of the work the Ramblers Association have carried out with regard to the public footpaths within Norton.
- (f) Integrated Highway Services – A64 Brambling Field Ditch Improvement Scheme, note outlining the proposed works and closure of the eastbound exit slip road. Work expected to commence Monday 17 March 2014. For information.

189. (03/14) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

- (a) Churches Together in Southern Ryedale  
Members received a report from a meeting held at Saville Street Methodist Church on exploring the need for a Horseracing Chaplaincy in Ryedale. Noted.
- (b) Ryedale Market Towns Promotion  
Members received the notes from the Market Towns Promotion meeting held on the 4 March 2014. Noted.
- (c) Skatepark  
Councillor Gray reminded members of the meeting arranged by P.C. Coning with the user group arranged for 6 April 2014 at 1.00pm at Malton Police Station. Noted.
- (d) Derwent Riverside Project  
Councillor Mrs Keal invited all Councillors along with members of Malton Town Council, to visit Castle Gardens. The visit was arranged for the 10 April 2014. Noted.

190. (03/14) **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

Councillor Farndale asked that in order for the new Councillors to be updated on recent issues affecting the Council could they be given copies of previous meetings Minutes. Agreed.

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190. (03/14) **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS** (continued)

Councillor Gray asked about the broken fence on Scarborough Road, by the old railway bridge.

In reply it was stated that this had been reported to the highway department, but no response as yet. It was agreed to report it to the Housing Association as well, as owners of the property adjacent to the fence in question. Noted.

191. (03/14) **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.

King George's Playing Field – Multi Games Unit, Ball Stop Fencing.

Members received a revised quotation from Simon Naylor Fencing for ball stop fencing to be installed on the Multi Games Unit.

This was considered along with a previous quote from Norex Fencing.

RESOLVED that the quotation from Norex Fencing be accepted.

Note: Revised quotation was received from Norex which was slightly higher than their original quote, total now being £2,520.00 plus V.A.T.

192. (03/14) **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Town Council be held on Tuesday, 22 April 2014 at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber.

(Meeting closed at 8.55pm)

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