

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber
Commercial Street, Norton-on-Derwent on Monday 18 May 2015 at 7.00pm.

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

001. (05/15) **ELECTIONS TO OFFICE**

- (a) Election of Chairman (Town Mayor)
Councillor Ray King was proposed and seconded, there being no other nomination it was;
RESOLVED that Councillor Ray King be elected to the office of Chairman of the Council and Town Mayor for the council year 2015/16.
Councillor King thanked members for electing him for a further year in office.
- (b) Declaration of Acceptance of Office (Town Mayor)
RESOLVED Councillor Ray King signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and this was recorded.
- (c) Election of Vice Chairman (Deputy Mayor)
Councillor Antony Croser was proposed and seconded, there being no other nomination it was;
RESOLVED that Councillor Antony Croser be elected to the office of Vice Chairman of the Council and Town Mayor for the council year 2015/16.
Councillor Croser thanked members for electing him for a further year in office.
- (d) Declaration of Acceptance of Office by Councillors
RESOLVED It was recorded that all members had signed with the exception of Councillor Mehrstens who could sign at the end of the meeting, or before the next full council meeting.

002. (05/15) **APOLOGIES AND ATTENDANCE RECORD**

- (a) No apologies received.
- (b) Members received a copy of their attendance record for the year 2014/15. Noted.

003. (05/15) **THANK YOU TO MEMBERS, AND CO-OPTIONS TO COUNCIL**

- (a) Outgoing Members Service To Council
Councillors Farndale and Harrison were thanked for their years of service on the council. Members agreed to mark their years of service with a presentation.
- (b) Co-option of New Members
Members received two co-option applications from Mrs Wright and Mrs Spencer.
RESOLVED Mrs Wright be co-opted to serve as councillor for East ward and Mrs Spencer be co-opted to serve as councillor for West ward.

004. (05/15) **GUEST SPEAKER AND PUBLIC SESSION**

- (a) No Guest Speaker.

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004. (05/15) **GUEST SPEAKER AND PUBLIC SESSION** (continued)(b) County Councillor Mrs Elizabeth Shields

Councillor Mrs Shields reported that she had been chair of the Childrens and Young Persons Committee at North Yorkshire County Council and that she would no longer be chair but would continue to serve on the committee. Mrs Shields also served on the Corporate and Properties Committee which encompasses libraries. Mrs Shields reported positive feedback in connection with the campaign to save the library, they have had some excellent meetings with 15 to 20 people regularly attending the meetings and that they have drafted a letter of intent to present to North Yorkshire County Council in June, and that County were very much aware of Norton's intentions, extending services to incorporate extended hours, books and possibly a café. Mrs Shields felt that the future of the library was looking positive.

District Councillor Luke Ives

Councillor Ives reported on an enjoyable year as Chairman of the District Council, having been all over Ryedale, and had much praise for public sector workers. Councillor Ives reinforced his position on the Whitewall Quarry planning application and stated that he would be speaking against the appeal at the hearing in July. Councillor Ives added he had worked closely with Councillor Keal against the planning application for the ATS site although it had been given permission. He added continued support for the proposed Beverley Road application and his desire to see the new school located there, this would help fend off the Gladman interest in the Langton Road site. He was enthused to note more young people had stood for election.

District Councillor Keane Duncan

Councillor Duncan reported that he was looking forward to working with the Town Council and looking forward to help raise the profile of Norton.

005. (05/15) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of Interest made.

006. (05/15) **REPRESENTATION ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

RESOLVED that the following members be appointed to serve as the Council's representatives on the organisations listed below, for the year 2015/16

Christmas Lights Committee	Mrs D Keal, Mayor and J Gray
Derwent Riverside Project	H Spencer
Malton and Norton Community Police Comm.	K Anderson and Mayor
Malton and Norton Area Partnership Executive	D Lloyd-Williams
Malton and Norton Area partnership	P Mooring
Neighbourhood Plan Committee	B Mehrtens, Mrs D Keal, Mayor and J Gray
Malton Museum Foundation	A Croser
Malton School Endowment Governors	H Spencer ad K Anderson
Milton Rooms Management Committee	Mrs D Keal
Ryedale Cameras in Action	Mayor and K Anderson
Ryedale Five Towns Meetings	Mayor and A Croser
Ryedale Market Towns Promotion	Mayor and D Lloyd-Williams
Ryedale Skatepark	Mayor and B Mehrtens
Yorkshire Local Councils Assoc. Ryedale Br.	Mayor
Woodhams Stone	Mrs D Keal and Mayor
Malton and Norton Chamber of Trade	Mayor

007. (05/15) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 20 April 2015 (Minutes 224 to 240 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

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008. (05/15) **CLERK'S REPORT**

- (a) Future Primary Provision for Norton
The formal consultation on the enlargement at Norton Community Primary School had started on 13 May 2015 and would run for four weeks. The County Councils position was to still proceed with Brooklyn, however they were now mindful of the Beverley Road site, as at a meeting of the NYCC Executive, part (c) of the Resolution passed stated: that officers continue in parallel with the formal consultation, to explore with the District Council and developer the potential timescales and terms around the acquisition of an alternative school site to allow a consideration of these issues at the point of determination of the proposal in July.
- (b) Ryedale Parish Liaison Meeting
The date for the next Ryedale Parish Liaison meeting was to be Wednesday 10 June, at 7.00pm at Ryedale House.
- (c) Yorkshire Local Councils Associations Ryedale Branch Annual Meeting
The Annual meeting of the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations was to be held on Tuesday 16 June, at 7.00pm at Ryedale House.

009. (05/15) **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

- (a) Malton and Norton Chamber of Trade.
The mayor thought it encouraging to note that Norton was now recognised by all members. The group were set to move events forward in the area and the mayor believed we should all support and embrace the group, as there were many items in which both communities had a common interest.
- (b) Tour de Yorkshire
The mayor reported on a great day and acknowledged the support of Ryedale District Council during the recent tour. The mayor stated that he would like to build on this, supporting groups such as the Tidy up Group and see some pride return to the environment. Thanks were given to councillors and officers who helped organise the day. Special thanks to the AGA shop for the loan of the stage and to Mr Rushworth at the Derwent Arms. It had been very encouraging to experience the community spirit in the town. Anyone with ideas for events in the town should see the Mayor.
- (c) Christmas Lights Switch on Event
The mayor would like to build upon the Christmas lights switch on and increase the range of festivities. Meeting to be announced and held shortly.

010. (05/15) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- (a) Accounts paid and for payment
The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 022 to 034 inclusive, amounting to £7,228.03 had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.
RESOLVED that account nos. 035 to 046 inclusive, amounting to £9,913.68 be paid. Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.
- (b) Financial report
The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.04.15 to 31.04.15 was received.
- (c) Budgetary monitoring
The Clerk's report for the period ending 31 April 2015 was received.
- (d) Bank Mandate and Signing of Cheques
RESOLVED that Councillor Antony Croser be added to the list of cheque signatories.
- (e)(i) Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2015
The Clerk had circulated copies of the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet for the financial year ending 31 March 2015
RESOLVED that the accounts for the financial year ending 31 March 2015 be approved.

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010. (05/15) **FINANCIAL MATTERS** (continued)(e)(ii) Annual Return to the External Auditor for the year ending 31 March 2015

The Clerk had circulated copies of the Annual Return completed as far as was appropriate prior to approval of the accounts by the Council

RESOLVED that:

- (i) The Annual Return be approved and that the Statement of Accounts of the Annual Return to the External Auditor be duly signed by the Clerk in her capacity as Responsible Financial Officer and Councillor King in his capacity as Chairman of the meeting.
- (ii) The Annual Governance Statement in Section 2 of the Annual Return be approved and signed by the Chairman of the meeting and the Clerk;
- (iii) The completion of section 4 of the Annual Return – Annual Internal Audit Report be noted;
- (iv) The Annual Return be submitted to the External Auditor.

011. (05/15) **PLANNING MATTERS**(a) Planning applications referred to the Town Council by Ryedale District Council, for comment and/or recommendation were dealt with as follows: -

15/00320/FUL Erection of single storey lean to side extension
For: Ms Louise Phillips
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.

14/00419/REM Erection of a 2 bedroom dwelling with parking and amenity areas together with formation of vehicular access (outline approval 12/00357/OUT dated 02.07.2012 refers)
For: Ms Susan Major
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.

(b) Planning decisions notified by Ryedale District Council:

Approved

15/00253/FUL Erection of extensions to southwest and southeast elevations together with formation of outside terraced area.
Malton and Norton Golf Club, 128 Welham Road, Norton
For: Malton and Norton Golf Club

14/01199/LBC Soundproofing of 4no. internal windows by infilling with sound grade plasterboard and timber stud, surface fixed.
Harrison House, Norton Road, Norton
For: Ryedale District Council

Refused

15/00251/HOUSE Erection of two storey extension to west elevation
104 Parliament Street, Norton
For: Miss L A Scholefield

012. (05/15) **SKATE PARK**

Members were informed of a meeting arranged with the users of the skatepark, the police and representatives of both town councils. Meeting to be held at Norton Council Chamber on Thursday 21 May 2015 at 4.30pm.

Members were asked to appoint 2 representatives to serve as members of a Joint Council Skatepark Group.

Members received a quotation from Enviroplay in connection with repairs needed to the Skate Park following both wear and tear and some vandalism.

RESOLVED that Councillor King and Councillor Mehrtens be appointed as representatives on a Joint Council Skatepark Group, and that all the repairs necessary in making the skatepark safe be carried out subject to a satisfactory outcome of the meeting with the users.

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013. (05/15) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) North Yorkshire Police and Ryedale Safer Neighbourhoods Team – Local Crime Update and monthly crime statistics for Southern Ryedale, for April 2015. For information. Noted.
- (b) Sarah Tyson, Ryedale Book Festival Director – invitation to attend the Ryedale Book Festival Annual General Meeting to be held at Malton Library, at 6.00pm on Wednesday 3 June 2015. For information. Noted.
- (c) North Yorkshire Police – Malton and Norton Police Committee Meeting at Ryedale House, at 7.00pm on Thursday 18 June 2015. For information. Noted.

014. (05/15) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Malton and Norton Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Gray reported that the structure behind the Neighbourhood Plan was now taking shape. At the last meeting Mike Dando from Directions Planning had been in attendance together with representatives of Malton and Norton Town Councils and Jill Thompson from Ryedale District Council. The next meeting was to be held on the 17 June 2015.

Malton and Norton Area Partnership

Councillor Lloyd-Williams reported 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 and local villages could come together and discuss ideas for improving the area and find out what people wanted going forward. Date of meeting 25 June in the evening. A press release was due to be issued in May.

015. (05/15) **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

Councillor Mrs Keal asked if a dog bin could be situated near the entrance to the Bowling Club. The clerk to investigate.

Councillor Spencer asked when a police inspector was coming to address the meeting. The clerk advised July 2015.

Councillor Croser asked if we had formal feedback from the tour organisers. The clerk confirmed we had not.

Councillor Anderson raised the issue of drivers racing along Beverley Road now that the humps had been removed for the Tour. The clerk advised it was thought that they were going to be replaced at some stage.

Councillor Spencer asked if the contractor could cut the bank on Bazley's Lane. The clerk confirmed this was acceptable.

Councillor Gray asked if there had been a response from Ryedale District Council in connection with the Community Infrastructure Levy queries. The clerk confirmed no response to date and would enquire again.

016. (05/15) **DATE OF THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next ordinary meeting of the Council be held on Monday, 15 June 2015, at 7.00pm, in the council chamber.

(Meeting closed at 8.35pm)

_____(Chairman)