

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, 15 August 2011 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Councillor Mrs D. Keal (Town Mayor) in the Chair;
Councillors K. Anderson, Mrs J. Denniss, P. Farndale, A.R. Harrison, R. King,
D. Lloyd-Williams, R. Milner, K. Reveley, H. Spencer, J.T. Stone.
Also Mrs R. Tierney.

054. (08/11) **APOLOGIES**

Apologies received and noted by the Clerk
Councillor D. K. Mennell.

055. (08/11) **GUEST SPEAKER**

Mr Richard Marr, North Yorkshire County Council Highways Area Manager

Members were updated on the remaining issues with the Commercial Street scheme, namely the flagging at the junction with Wold Street, and the problems experienced when exiting from Plum Street onto Commercial Street.

While there was no date set at this present time, it was hoped to implement the work as soon as possible, with extra hatching being marked out at the Plum Street junction as a temporary measure until the Traffic Order for double yellow lines was in place.

With regard to flagging under and around the bus shelter, and replacing the broken litter bin, Mr Marr was to obtain a price for the Town Council. Which could then be paid for out of the money in the budget earmarked for Commercial Street.

The work required for St Nicholas Street was programmed for September, although it was still undecided whether it would be re-surfaced or deep patched it would all depend on the price for the work.

Questions from members followed the main points raised being:

- Damaged railings in Church Street, it was asked that if it was possible could they be replaced with vintage type to suit the rest of the street scene.
If price was going to be a problem then perhaps it would be possible for the Town Council to make a contribution to the cost. Mr Marr to look at the price implications and contact the Clerk.
- Commercial Street, motorists ignoring the 20 mile per hour signs, Mr Marr to investigate the possibility of larger signs.
- Blocked drainage gulleys in various locations around the town. These to be made known to the inspector for Norton Mr Lythe.
- Bazley's Lane, the passing places were to be made up to an approved standard but this did not mean that they would be enlarged. The kerbing on the north side to be replaced with flush foundations allowing for drainage on to the open land., and the Traffic Order for Unsuitable For Heavy Goods Vehicles was to be put in place.

On closing the Mayor thanked Mr Marr for sparing the time to attend.

056. (08/11) **PUBLIC SESSION**

Councillor Peter Walker the District Councillor for Norton East Ward was introduced to members, who stated that while not having anything specific to speak to members about he was very interested in listening to the debates by members.

Noted.

057. (08/11) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mrs Keal declared an interest in Agenda item 9 Grant Applications - Next Steps and Castle Gardens.

Councillor Lloyd-Williams declared an interest in Agenda item 9 Grant Applications - Malton Museum Foundation.

Councillor Spencer declared an interest in Agenda item 9 Grant Applications - Castle Gardens and Malton Museum.

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058. (08/11) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 18 July 2011 (Minutes 036 to 053 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

059. (08/11) **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES 036 TO 053 INCLUSIVE**

- (a) Minute 046 Training and Development
Councillor King had asked if it would be possible for him to attend the training event 'What Councillors Need to Know'.
The Clerk to arrange the details.

060. (08/11) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- (a) Accounts paid and for payment
The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 067 to 080 inclusive, amounting to £6501.35, had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.
RESOLVED that accounts nos. 081 to 085 inclusive, amounting to £2507.70 be paid.
Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.
- (b) Financial report
The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.07.11 to 31.07.11 was received.
- (c) Budgetary monitoring
The Clerk's report for the period ending 31 July 2011 was received.

061. (08/11) **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

- 11/00647/FUL Alterations to existing industrial units to include re-roofing with metal composite roof sheets and replacement of asbestos wall sheets with a brickwork skin on three of the elevations with retention of existing openings.
Unit 1 and 2 The Maltkilns Mill Street Norton.
For Redfern Developments & Investments Ltd (Mr Guy Redfern)
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.
- 11/00794/HOUSE Erection of a two storey side extension.
62 Langley Drive, Norton.
For Mr Stuart Calvert.
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.
- 11/00738/FUL Siting of 2no. Portable buildings for use as office accommodation.
Norton College, Langton Road, Norton.
For Norton College (Mr Des MacPhee)
RESOLVED Recommend Approval, with a recommendation that this is granted for the shortest time possible, and that these buildings are not allowed to become permanent fixtures.

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

- Approved
10/00977/MFUL Erection of 24no. Two-bed dwellings, 39no. Three-bed dwellings, 14no. Four-bed dwellings, 6no. Five-bed dwellings, 6no. Two-bed apartments with associated garages and parking spaces, area of open public space and formation of vehicular accesses.
Cheesecake Farm, Beverley Road, Norton.

061. (08/11) **PLANNING MATTERS** (continued)

Approved

11/00501/ADV

Display of 2no. Internally illuminated fascia name signs, 2no. Non-illuminated wall mounted banners, 1no. Externally illuminated totem sign, 1no. Non-illuminated applied logo name sign, 1no. Light box sign above ATM machine and applied vinyl graphics to existing windows.
Netto Food Stores, Norton Road, Norton.

11/00516/FUL

Installation of pallisade fenced plant enclosure and refrigeration plant to west elevation and installation of automated teller machine (ATM) to east elevation.
Netto Food Stores, Norton Road, Norton.

Appeal

1/00425/HOUSE

Erection of two-storey extension to rear.
132 Welham Road, Norton.
Appeal Start Date 28 July 2011

(c) New Homes Bonus Scheme

Members received a copy of a report outlining the schemes substance and were asked how they would like to proceed.

It was agreed that the Clerk contact the District Council and make them aware of the Councils interest in how the money from the scheme was to be spent, and that they would like to be involved in that process.

Members would also like to see 50% of the money received by the District Council allocated to the Town and Parish Councils, especially those that would be most affected by growth.

062. (08/11) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR MALTON AND NORTON**

- (a) Members had each received a copy of the document based on the consultation results, which had been forwarded to Ryedale District Council, to stand alongside the District Councils Core Strategy Consultation.

Noted.

- (b) Members were asked to consider payment of a proportion of the cost incurred in having a professional consultant planner to guide and advise the Councils through the process to date.

Following a lengthy and heated debate a proposal was put forward that this Council should not contribute to the costs retrospectively. An amendment that a proportion should be paid was defeated, as was a further amendment to at least defer any decision on payment of a contribution.

The proposal that this Council should not contribute to the costs retrospectively was then put, the vote being

- 6 For the proposal
- 4 Against the proposal
- 1 Abstention.

Therefore it was:

RESOLVED that this Council should not contribute to the costs retrospectively.

A second proposal to continue to support the Neighbourhood Plan was passed unanimously therefore it was:

RESOLVED to continue to support the ongoing development of the Neighbourhood Plan working closely with Malton, and to encourage the District Council to apply for funding to continue the work.

063. (08/11) **APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS 2011/12**

Councillors Lloyd-Williams and Spencer had declared an interest in Malton Museum Foundation.

Councillor Mrs Keal had declared an interest in Next Steps.

Councillors Mrs Keal and Spencer had declared an interest in Castle Gardens.

(a) Local Organisations that benefit the community

The Clerk had circulated a list of organisations that had applied for a grant together with a schedule of grants awarded over the past three years.

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 or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure:-

- Malton Museum Foundation £300
- Next Steps £300
- Ryedale District Council Chairman's Charity £100

(b) Castle Gardens

Members received a request for payment of the maintenance grant for the Castle Gardens for the year 2011/12, from the Derwent Riverside Project Group.

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 or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure:-

- Maintenance Grant for Castle Gardens £500

064. (08/11) **REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS, PLACES, AND STATIONS**

Members received a copy of an information leaflet outlining the process of the Review, which was being carried out by the District Council under the Electoral Administration Act.

Members noted the content of the Review, but felt that the one thing that would improve the voting process, would be if it was made compulsory to vote.

065. (08/11) **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

North Yorkshire County Council -Winter Maintenance Scheme for Parish and Town Councils

Members received a copy of a letter outlining the scheme, along with a guide to clearing snow and ice from pavements and public spaces.

It was agreed by members that while the scheme was probably manageable for village communities, it would not work for a town. As the Five Towns Meeting was scheduled for early September it would be interesting to know the views of the other Town Councils with regard to this matter.

Agreed to report back on the scheme at the next Council Meeting.

066. (08/11) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Ryedale Safer Neighbourhoods Team - Monthly Crime Statistics for the month of July 2011, for Malton and Norton. For information. Noted.

(b) Safer Ryedale Partnership - Newsletter. For information. Noted.

- (c) Ryedale District Council - Parish Update. For information. Noted.

- (d) Ryedale District Council - Streetscene Factsheet 4, Planned changes to kerbside recycling, Plastic bottles, and cardboard. For information. Noted.

- (e) Norton Cemetery - Complaint from a member of the public regarding anti social behaviour. Members noted the complaint, and while having sympathy for the persons position felt that it was a police matter. The Clerk to write in response.

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067. (08/11) **CLERK'S REPORT**

(a) Removal of Hanging Baskets

All of the hanging baskets hired for the summer had been taken down and the baskets stored in a safe place ready for collection. The displays had been so poor that it was the only option available. The Clerk reported that she was in contact with Plantscape, who had verbally admitted that Malton and Norton were not the only places to have complained, and that they were of the opinion that it was down to bad compost. The Clerk had taken photographs as evidence and would be continuing to press Plantscape for some kind of compensation.

Scarborough Council had agreed to discontinue the maintenance without penalty.
Noted.

(b) Honorary Titles

The Clerk reported receipt of the 'Free-man Medals. Noted.

(c) Street Naming

- (i) Members were asked to consider whether they approved of the name 'Freers Court' for the development being constructed to the rear of the former Freers Butchers in Commercial Street.

RESOLVED to recommend the approval of the name 'Freers Court'

- (ii) The Clerk reported receipt of an E. mail from a member of the public, who had noted signs for the new development at Cheesecake Farm, stating that the name for this new development was to be 'Welham Park'. He went on to ask that in view of this development being off Beverley Road and not in the vicinity of Welham Road, had the Council any views with regard to this matter.

It was agreed that the Clerk contact the developers Shepherd Homes, and point out to them how confusing it would be having a Welham Park in this vicinity and would they think again.

068. (08/11) **TOWN MAYOR/CHAIRMANS REPORT**

The Mayor reported on her attendance at:

- Orchard Fields The Roman Festival held at the
- held in Wakefield. The Yorkshire Day Festivities
- aid of Next Steps. The Castle Gardens event held in

069. (08/11) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

No reports received.

070. (08/11) **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

- (a) Councillor Mrs Denniss asked why it was taking so long to update the Chairman's Board. The Clerk replied that she was in the process of finding someone to do the work. The previous person the Council had used had now retired.

- (b) Councillor Milner reported that the fallen trees in the river had mainly been removed there appeared to be only one still under the bridge. The Clerk agreed to make enquiries.

- (c) Councillor Farndale asked if it was possible to make a ruling banning members from abstaining when voting was required. It was agreed that this was not possible.

071. (08/11) **EXCLUDED ITEM**

RESOLVED that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, members of the press and public are excluded for the following item of business as the Council considers that the nature of the business to be transacted is prejudicial to the public interest.

Access Road at Allotments

Members received an estimate for forming a hardcore access road at the Allotments adjacent to the Bacon Factory Car Park.

RESOLVED to accept the estimate from Menzies Brothers Contractors in the sum of:

- £2,895.00 plus V.A.T.

072. (08/11) **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Town Council be held on Monday, 19 September 2011 at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber.

(Meeting closed at 9.40pm)

_____(Chairman)

