

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, 18 July 2011 at 7.00pm.

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

036. (07/11) **APOLOGIES**

- (a) Apologies received and noted by the Clerk
Councillors Mrs J. Denniss, R. King.

037. (07/11) **GUEST SPEAKER**

Apologies no guest speaker.

038. (07/11) **PUBLIC SESSION**

Mr Cyril Shreeve, a member of the public, noted that after 16 years the Council now had a fully elected body and congratulated members on their election. He felt that in part the interest in standing for election could be down to the residents of Norton being against the proposed merger of the two Town Councils, and he hoped that the Council would vote against the merger. His comments were noted.

039. (07/11) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest made.

040. (07/11) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 20 June 2011 (Minutes 020 to 035 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

041. (07/11) **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES 020 TO 035 INCLUSIVE**

- (a) Minute 025(a) Matters Arising - Queens Diamond Jubilee.
The Mayor updated members on progress being made with organising the committee and stated that a response from Malton Town Council was needed before taking things further.
- (b) Minute 025(b) Matters Arising - Commercial Street
The Clerk informed members that their had been no response at all from Mr Marr the Highways Manager, even though a formal letter had been sent following the last meeting of the Council. The letter had explained all the issues that remained with the completion of the Commercial Street scheme, and asked for some clear indication as to when they would be resolved.
Members asked that the Clerk contact the County Councillor for Norton, Councillor Shaw, and ask if he could obtain some answers from Mr Marr.

042. (07/11) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- (a) Accounts paid and for payment
The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 048 to 059 inclusive, amounting to £7304.71, had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.
RESOLVED that accounts nos. 060 to 066 inclusive, amounting to £6989.78 be paid.
Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.

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044. (07/11) **COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW** (continued)

Following receipt of the results members debated the means by which the consultation had been conducted and it was unanimously felt that the whole process had been flawed with only one vote per household allowed.

A proposal to hold a joint meeting with Malton Town Council, to investigate the means of holding a proper referendum of the towns with one vote per elector, was defeated.

- (b) Members were then asked to consider their response to the amalgamation given the results of the Consultation.

On debating the issue it was felt by some members that it was a backward step to remain with two councils, as there would be many benefits in joining together. Others felt that while the voting process had been flawed the result had to stand and that they would abide by the democratic decision of the voters.

A vote on the proposal to amalgamate the two Town Councils was then taken,

- For Amalgamation 2
- Against Amalgamation 7
- Abstention 1

RESOLVED that Norton on Derwent Town Council has resolved to abide by the democratic decision of the voters, and does not at this time seek to amalgamate as one Council with Malton.

045. (07/11) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR MALTON AND NORTON**

Members had each received a copy of the Analyses of Responses document, prepared by Kathryn Jukes of Directions Planning Consultancy, which was based on the community consultation.

The Mayor reported that both the Analyses of Responses document and the larger Summary of Responses document were now available to the public and that they had been made available to the planners at Ryedale District Council, who were in contact with Kathryn.

It was also reported that due to a change of timetable by Ryedale District Council for their Core Strategy Consultation, which was now to go to their members on the 1st of September, there was insufficient time to complete the re-drafting of the plan.

As it was important that the results of the consultation were included to stand alongside the Core Strategy the Mayor requested that members sanction the group conducting the re-drafting be allowed to meet with the Forward Planners at Ryedale, in order to formulate a report on the consultation which would be capable of fulfilling this function.

Further work on the complete plan could then be undertaken as indicated by the Analyses of Responses, when hopefully there would be funding available.

Agreed by members that the group redrafting the Neighbourhood Plan be allowed to meet with the Forward Planners at Ryedale District Council in order to formulate a document based on the consultation results, to stand alongside the Core Strategy Consultation.

046. (07/11) **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

The Clerk gave details of training events for Councillors being conducted by the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations.

Training events available were; What Councillors Need to Know,
In The Chair, and
The joint Regional Training Conference.

Members interested in attending the 'What Councillors Need to Know' event were,
Councillors Anderson and Reveley.

The Clerk to arrange the details following the meeting.

047. (07/11) **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

047. (07/11) **CORRESPONDENCE** (continued)

- (b) Ryedale Cameras in Action - Agenda and Minutes of previous meeting. Meeting to be held on Wednesday 20 July 2011 at 6.00pm at Ryedale House. Copy available in the office. For information. Noted.
- (c) Malton, Norton & District Road Safety Committee - Agenda and Minutes of previous meeting. Meeting to be held on Wednesday 20 July 2011 at 7.15pm at Norton Town Council Chamber. Copy available in the office. For information. Noted.
- (d) Playing Fields Association - Notice of Annual General Meeting to be held on Saturday 23 July 2011 at 10.30am at Bilbrough Village Hall. Copy of Agenda and Annual Report available in the office. For information. Noted.
- (e) Yorkshire Local Councils Associations - Notice of Joint Annual Meeting to be held on Saturday 23 July 2011 at 2.00pm at Poppleton Community Centre. Copy of Agenda and Annual Review available in the office. For information. Noted.
- (f) Yorkshire Local Councils Associations - Newsletter White Rose Update. For information. Noted.

048. (07/11) **CLERK'S REPORT**

- (a) New Homes Bonus Scheme
Implications for town and parish councils.
The Clerk Reported that this new government scheme to encourage house building and help bring empty properties back into occupation by paying to local authorities an amount equal to the national average council tax band for each new home was now up and running. The first payment from the scheme had already been received by Ryedale District Council. Town and parish councils had not been included specifically in this scheme as the government expected local authorities to work closely with town and parish councils With this in mind and as Ryedale were still in the process of developing a policy with regard to this payment scheme, it was felt that members may wish to make a submission for a percentage of the payment to be made to the Town Council.
Submissions to Ryedale District Council should be made before the end of August 2011. A report by Paul Creswell of Ryedale District Council would be going to the Policy and Resources Committee on the 29 September 2011.

If members were minded to make a submission a full report would be put before the Council at the next meeting on the 15 of August 2011.
Agreed that the Clerk prepare a full report for the next meeting of the Council.
- (b) Town Guide 2011/12
Members each received a copy of the new Towns Guide for 2011/12 which would be distributed to every household in the Spring of 2012 along with the Annual Report. Noted.
- (c) Development to the rear of Howe Road
Members were asked to consider 1no. appropriate street name for the new development of five number properties being constructed on what was the old garage site to the rear of Howe Road.
Request had been received from Ryedale District Council.
RESOLVED to recommend the name 'Howe Court'
- (d) Temporary Road Closures - Roman Festival Parades
Members received a plan showing the temporary road closures, which were to be put in place for sufficient duration at each location to allow the parade to pass or cross on Saturday 23 July 2011 and Sunday 24 July 2011.

048. (07/11) **CLERK'S REPORT** (continued)

(e) Malton Museum - Fifty Favourite Finds

A new exhibition of fifty favourite objects from among the collections, chosen by people who know and love the museum was to go on display in the upper gallery in mid October. In view of the support given to the museum by the Council over the years, members were asked if they would like to make a particular choice of an item to be one of the fifty. Agreed that members make a visit to the Museum during the next few weeks, so that at the August meeting a choice of an item could be made.

(f) Grants to Voluntary Organisations

The Clerk reported that Grants would be considered at the August meeting of the Council, and that it was expected that audited accounts accompanied any application. Noted.

(g) Ryedale Five Towns Meeting

The Clerk reported that the date for the next meeting of the five Towns was to be Tuesday 8 September 2011 at 7.00pm, and that Norton would be hosting in the Council Chamber. Noted.

049. (07/11) **TOWN MAYOR/CHAIRMANS REPORT**

The Mayor reported on her attendance at:

- The Collation Service at St Peter's Church for the Reverend Rachel Hurst the new Vicar of St Peters.
- The start of the 160 mile cycle race from Norton College, in aid of Ryedale Special Families.

050. (07/11) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Councillor Spencer reported on his attendance at:

- St Mary's Primary School, following his appointment as a School Governor.
- Service at St Michael's Church for the visit of the Arch Bishop of York.
- The meeting of the Castle Gardens Committee.

051. (07/11) **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

- (a) Councillors Harrison reported that the trees planted on Beverley Road next to the new development Briarwood Court, appeared to be either dead or dying. The Clerk agreed to look into the matter.
- (b) Councillor Milner asked if the residents of the cottages in Church Street who had hedges overhanging the footpath could be asked to prune them back, as it was becoming dangerous with the footpath being so narrow. The Clerk agreed to contact the residents involved.
- (c) Councillor Farndale asked what progress was being made with the awards for service to the town. The Clerk to make enquiries.

052. (07/11) **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.

Damage to a member of the public's personal property

A report had been received from a member of the public with regard to a torn coat, the damage to which had been caused by a litterbin that had come loose on its mounting. Having ascertained that this was a genuine case, and that members had been able to inspect the damage for themselves, the member of the public was seeking compensation. RESOLVED to compensate for the damage in the sum of £47.40 the full cost of the coat. The litterbin in question had been re-fixed.

053. (07/11) **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Town Council be held on Monday, 15 August 2011 at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber.

(Meeting closed at 8.30pm)

_____(Chairman)

