

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, 19 September 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, J.T. Stone.
Also Mrs R. Tierney.

073. (09/11) **APOLOGIES**

Apologies received and noted by the Clerk: Councillor D. K. Mennell, H. Spencer.

074. (09/11) **GUEST SPEAKER**

No Guest Speaker

075. (09/11) **PUBLIC SESSION**

No member of the public spoke.

076. (09/11) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mrs Keal declared an interest in Agenda item 12, Norton Wildlife Group

077. (09/11) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 15 August 2011
(Minutes 054 to 072 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

078. (09/11) **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES 054 TO 072 INCLUSIVE**

- (a) Minute 055 Guest Speaker - Richard Marr, Highways Area Manager.
Councillor Lloyd-Williams reported that on attending the Ryedale Area Committee, Mr Marr
had updated the meeting on the work planned for St Nicholas Street and that it was now
scheduled to take place at the beginning of October 2011. Noted.

079. (09/11) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- (a) Accounts paid and for payment
The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 086 to 094 inclusive, amounting to £4941.27, had
been paid since the last meeting of the Council.
RESOLVED that accounts nos. 095 to 100 inclusive, amounting to £2958.00 be paid.
Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.
- (b) Financial report
The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.08.11 to 31.08.11 was received.
- (c) Budgetary monitoring
The Clerk's report for the period ending 31 August 2011 was received.
- (d) External Audit of the 2010/11 Accounts
The Clerk reported that Mazars had completed the External Audit of the accounts for the
year ending 31 March 2011. Noted
Matters brought to the attention of the Council:
- (i) To ensure Standing orders state the minimum number of tenders that should be sought
on contracts, in line with Financial Regulations.
RESOLVED that Standing Order 30 Financial Matters (c) be amended to include;
iii a minimum of three number tenders are to be sought.
- (ii) Matters raised by the Internal Auditor: Risk Assessment Strategy for staff working in the
Cemetery.
RESOLVED to approve the Risk Assessment Strategy for staff working in the cemetery,
prepared by the Clerk and appended 1 to the minutes.

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080. (09/11) **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

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| 11/00909/HOUSE | Erection of replacement conservatory to the rear elevation.
94 Langley Drive, Norton.
For Mr & Mrs M Tuer
<u>RESOLVED</u> Recommend Approval. |
| 11/00892/HOUSE | Erection of conservatory to the rear.
10 Leahurst Close, Norton.
For Mr David Corner.
<u>RESOLVED</u> Recommend Approval. |
| 11/00928/FUL | Erection of a three-bedroom detached dwelling with detached double garage.
Land Adjacent to 59 Park Road, \Norton.
For Mr & Mrs D.W. Ward.
<u>RESOLVED</u> Recommend Approval. |
| 11/00860/ADV | Display of 1no externally illuminated single sided logo sign mounted on freestanding brick upright.
Lidl Foodstore, 4a Welham road, Norton.
For Lidl UK Gmbh (Mr C Blyth)
<u>RESOLVED</u> Recommend Approval. |

(b) Planning decisions notified by Ryedale District Council:

Approved

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| 11/00524/FUL | Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 2no 3 bedroom dwellings with amenity spaces.
96 Parliament Street, Norton. |
| 11/00633/HOUSE | Erection of single storey extension to rear.
19 Field View, Norton. |
| 11/00794/HOUSE | Erection of two storey side extension.
62 Langley Drive, Norton. |
| 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. |

Refused

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| 11/00626/FUL | Replacement of windows on front elevation with UPVC windows
40 Wood Street, Norton. |
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(c) Draft Ryedale Plan

Members received an update on the progress of the draft publication of the Core Strategy, which due to the release of a draft of the National Planning Policy Framework by the government in July 2011, was now going to be delayed while Ryedale District Council considered the impact of the new government proposals.
For information. Noted.

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080. (09/11) **PLANNING MATTERS** (continued)(d) Development Meetings held jointly with Malton Town Council

Members received notes on the two special development meetings:

- (i) The Simons Group Consultation meeting, on the proposal to build a large retail store on the site known as 'Showfield', held on Monday 5 September 2011.
For information. Noted.
- (ii) The GMI Holbeck Land Ltd Consultation meeting, on the proposal to build a supermarket along with smaller retail outlets, on Wentworth Street Car Park. On Tuesday 6 September 2011.
For information. Noted.

081. (09/11) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR MALTON AND NORTON**

- (a) Members received a report listing recommendations for changes to the policies contained in the Neighbourhood Plan to reflect the public consultation responses.

With minor alterations:

- Housing - query Dewhirst's Factory site, was rejected for housing due to flood risk (support as a development site).
- Town Development Sites - Eden Road additional wording to read 'Site could be considered as an option for the relocation of the Livestock Market as this would be supported by the farming community'.
- Tourism and Malton Museum - No objection to the removal of the word 'Roman'.

It was:-

RESOLVED To accept the interim document to carry it forward to the next stage.

Other matters brought forward during debate of the document:

- St Nicholas Street Car Park - To ask the District Council if it would be possible to mark out residents only parking bays for the residents of Bruntwood Terrace.
- Library - To ask for the Norton branch to be given longer opening hours if possible.

Members thanked the Mayor and the Clerk of Malton for their work on the document.

(b) Motion to Rescind Resolution

Members received a Motion to Rescind the Resolution that this Council should not contribute to the costs retrospectively, signed by the four Councillors required.

Motion to rescind stated:

In view of the fact that at the meeting of the Town Council on Monday 18 April 2011 the Council passed a resolution which stated:

- To Defer making any payment towards the costs of the project, but to support the draft Neighbourhood Plan for Consultation, provided that there is more representation from Norton Town Council.

It is our belief therefore that making a contribution now would not constitute making a payment retrospectively.

It is also our belief that having professional advice in creating the documents and setting out the timetable for the consultation, and guiding the Town Councils through the process was vital to its success.

It should also not be forgotten that this Council has put its name to the official documents created so far, thus taking advantage of the professional advice received.

Proposed resolution to Council is:

- That Norton on Derwent Town Council should pay a proportion of the costs incurred in having a professional consultant planner to guide and advise the Councils through the process of preparing the Neighbourhood Plan to date.

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081. (09/11) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR MALTON AND NORTON** (continued)

(b) Motion to Rescind Resolution (continued)

Following a debate an amendment to the proposal was put stating:

- That instead of contributing to past work on the M & N NP members agree to be positive and look to the future (as in fact NP is supposed to do according to outline government guidance).

We have heard that the plan is still in effect a draft document and cannot be seen as a proper NP until such time as the legislation supporting process is ratified by government. I would like to propose therefore that the Council agrees a sum of no more than £3,000 that could be used for future work on drafting the final version of NP once legislation is in place and complete guidance is available.

This money to be spent only if members of both town councils are party to the drawing up of a consultants brief and the appointment of any consultants that may be required to carry out future work on the plan.

The amendment was then proposed and seconded and a vote was taken

- 5 votes for the amendment
- 5 votes against the amendment
- The casting vote of the Mayor being for the amendment.

RESOLVED that the amendment be approved.

082. (09/11) **APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS 2011/12**

Malton and Norton Christmas Lights Appeal

Members received a request for a grant in support of the Malton and Norton Christmas Lights Appeal for 2011.

RESOLVED that a grant of £2000.00 be awarded.

083. (09/11) **RYEDALE FIVE TOWNS MEETING**

Members received a copy of the notes of the Five Town Councils meeting, hosted by Norton on Derwent Town Council on Thursday 8 September 2011. For information. Noted.

084. (09/11) **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

(a) North Yorkshire County Council - Prohibition of Heavy Vehicles, Bazley's Lane

Members received a consultation document on the proposed prohibition of heavy commercial vehicles along Bazley's Lane, Norton.

AGREED that the Clerk write in favour of the proposed prohibition.

(b) Highways Agency

Members received an announcement that the A64 was due to be closed in part for resurfacing work which was scheduled to take place between Friday 7 October and Monday 10 October.

As North Yorkshire County Council were due to close the Pickering Road, it was agreed that the Clerk contact the Highways Area Manager to confirm there would be no clash of dates.

085. (09/11) **NORTON WILDLIFE GROUP**

Members received a request that Norton on Derwent Town Council supports the Norton Wildlife Group in attending the United Nations Young Peoples Conference on the Environment, taking place in Indonesia. Members were assured that there were no financial implications for the Council.

RESOLVED to give the Town Council's support for the Norton Wildlife Group to attend the Conference.

086. (09/11) **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

(b) Riverside - Members received a letter pointing out that 'Himalayan Balsam' was growing along the river bank, and that there was a vagrant who it seemed had taken up residence on one of the benches on the riverside
It was agreed that the Clerk inform the relevant authorities of both these matters.

087. (09/11) **CLERK'S REPORT**

- (a) British Telecom

The Clerk reported on proposed changes to the Classified entry in the Phone Book. It was proposed that there would continue to be a free entry in the A-Z section of the Phone Book, but that the entry in the classified section would be charged for at a rate of £11.49 per quarter.

Agreed that the entry in the classified section be withdrawn.

- (b) Chase Play Area

The Clerk reported that one of the large trees at the Chase had come down in the gales of the previous week.

It was now in the process of being removed and that the area had been inspected to make sure there was no danger to any person or property either from the remains of the tree that was still standing or from the part that had come down. Noted.

- (c) Ryedale Plan - Draft Site Selection Methodology Consultation

Members were asked to consider if they wished to comment on the consultation.

The consultation document was intended to objectively screen and then assess development sites taking into account a wide range of factors to guide choices over site selection.

It was agreed that perhaps the Mayors and Clerks of both Malton and Norton should consider the consultation together.

- (d) Digital Mapping

Members were asked to consider the possibility of having a presentation done on the mapping of the cemetery, by the same company that had given a presentation to the Five Town Councils.

Agreed that a presentation on the mapping of the cemetery be arranged.

088. (09/11) **TOWN MAYOR/CHAIRMANS REPORT**

- (a) The Mayor reported on her attendance at:

• The Five Towns meeting

- (b) The Mayor invited members to attend the Annual General Meeting of Next Steps, which was to be held on the 10 October 2011 at 3.00pm. Noted.

- (c) Planters Riverside - The Mayor asked if the planters could be emptied and re-planted up for summer next year. Agreed.

- (d) The Mayor informed members on two items that she had been dealing with on behalf of local residents:

- The Redrow Estate was not served by the Town Bus, on contacting the County Council it was stated that the route of the bus could not be extended. Noted.
- Parking issues on Vine Street, this issue was still ongoing.

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089. (09/11) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Councillor King reported on his attendance at:

- The Training Day - 'In the Chair' held by the Local Councils Associations.

090. (09/11) **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

- (a) Councillor Harrison reported on the potholes at the junction of Kingston Drive and Hambleton Road.
The Clerk to report this matter to the Highways Department.
- (b) Councillor Milner asked if it would be possible for the Council to invest in a viewing screen as it had been very difficult watching the presentation at one of the development meetings.
The Clerk agreed to make enquiries as to price.
- (c) Councillor Reveley reported that he had been asked about the land at the top of Vine Street, as the residents adjacent to this land would be interested in acquiring it.
In answer it was stated that as far as the Council was aware the land was not officially owned by anyone. The Mayor offered to put Councillor Reveley in contact with an officer at the District Council, who could be able to help.
- (d) Councillor King reported that the parking restrictions on Commercial Street were not being adhered to and could anything be done about it.
The Clerk to contact the relevant authority.
- (e) Councillor Stone reported that the railings outside Fletchers on the corner of Wold Street had been damaged.
The Clerk to report the matter.
- (f) Councillor Farndale asked if it was possible to contact the owner of the land at the 'One Stop' shop and ask that the frontage be repaired.
The Clerk to make enquiries.
Councillor Farndale also asked when the awards for 'Freeman' were to be held.
The Mayor in answer stated that they would be held on the day of the Civic Service.
- (g) Councillor Mrs Denniss asked if any progress had been made with the celebrations for the Queens Jubilee.
No progress to report.

091. (09/11) **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Town Council be held on Monday, 17 October 2011 at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber.

(Meeting closed at 9.20pm)

_____(Chairman)

