

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, 16 September 2013 at 7.00pm.

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

067. (09/13) **APOLOGIES**

- (a) Apologies received and noted by the Clerk: Councillor A.R. Harrison, Mrs M. Hodgson.
- (b) Vacancy of Councillor for Norton West Ward
The Clerk reported that Ryedale District Council had confirmed that they had not received requests from 10 electors for an election to take place, it was therefore for the Council to co-opt a replacement member to represent Norton West Ward. Noted.

068. (09/13) **GUEST SPEAKER**

No guest speaker.

069. (09/13) **PUBLIC SESSION**

No member of the public present.

070. (09/13) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Spencer declared an interest in;
Agenda item 10 (b) Grants, Derwent Riverside Project, as Chairman of the committee, and
Agenda item 11 Verge Cutting Bazley's Lane, as a resident of Bazley's Lane.

Councillor Mrs Keal declared an interest in;
Agenda item 10(b) Grants, Derwent Riverside Project, as a member of the committee.

071. (09/13) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 19 August 2013
(Minutes 051 to 066 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

072. (09/13) **CLERK'S REPORT**

- (a) Malton to Pickering Rail Link
The Clerk reminded members that a representative from Whitby Town Council was due to address Malton Town Council at their full Council meeting on Wednesday, 25 September 2013, at Ryedale House. To discuss the reinstatement of the rail link between Malton and Pickering.
All members of the Council were invited to attend. Noted.
- (c) Town entrance signs
To report that a Mrs Melanie Farnham, a Highway Improvement Manager had replied to the request to erect two number town entrance signs, and that the first step would now be to arrange a meeting with both the Mayor and Mrs Farnham to ascertain exact locations which would then need to be assessed for road safety. Noted.
- (d) Dog Fouling
The Clerk reported that she had written to Mrs Bingham apologising for the distress caused to her and her family with regard to dog fouling within the cemetery. The letter had also outlined the position as to enforcement. Agreed to write again when a solution had been found. Noted.

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072. (09/13) **CLERK'S REPORT** (continued)(e) Skatepark

It was reported that the half pipe ramp was damaged and in need of repair the estimated cost was to be in the region of £700.

Members considered this to be rather expensive and thought that the District Council should have made sure that the skatepark was in good condition prior to the Town Councils taking over responsibility. The Clerk to write to the District Council asking them to assist with the cost.

The new information sign for the skatepark was now in place.

Members praised P.C. Coning for his dedication and enthusiasm in organising the 24 hour 'skateathon'.

(f) Parish Liaison Meeting

The date for the Ryedale District Council Parish Liaison Meeting was to be Wednesday 23 October 2013, at 7.00pm at Ryedale House. Noted.

(g) Watts Quarry

The Clerk reported that Mr David Watts was happy to meet with members of the Council, to discuss issues raised with regard to the planning application for the proposed Asphalt production plant. The meeting was likely to take place the week beginning Monday 7 October. Members would be kept informed. Noted.

073. (09/13) **TOWN MAYOR/CHAIRMANS REPORT**(a) Allotments

The Mayor reported that a meeting had been arranged for Wednesday 18 September 2013, between Mrs Gault holder of allotment 70, and the holder of allotment 71 to define the boundary between the two allotments and both parties were to agree. Noted.

074. (09/13) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**(a) Accounts paid and for payment

The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 093 to 100 inclusive, amounting to £5084.87, had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED that account nos. 101 to 106 inclusive, amounting to £1928.80 be paid. Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.

(b) Financial report

The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.08.13 to 31.08.13 was received.

(c) Budgetary monitoring

The Clerk's report for the period ending 31 August 2013 was received.

(d) Ryefest Grant

Members received the accounts from North Yorkshire Youth Support Service for the Ryefest Festival held on 20 July 2013.

RESOLVED that the grant awarded for the festival be paid, account no. 087 in the sum of £150.00.

(e) External Audit

To report completion of the External Audit for the year to 31 March 2013. Completed without comment.

075. (09/13) **PLANNING MATTERS**(a) Planning applications referred to the Town Council by Ryedale District Council, for comment and/or recommendation were dealt with as follows: -

No Applications Received.

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075. (09/13) **PLANNING MATTERS** (continued)(b) Planning decisions notified by Ryedale District Council:Approved

13/00903/HOUSE Erection of single storey side extension and front entrance porch.
3 The Avenue, Norton.

076. (09/13) **NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – RYEDALE AREA COMMITTEE**

Members received the result of the ballot for four number vacancies for non-voting Co-opted Members representing the Town And Parish Councils on the Ryedale Area Committee.

Candidates Co-opted:-

- Councillor Philip John Chapman of Hovingham with Scackleton Parish Council
- Councillor Elizabeth Mary Fairburn of Newton-upon-Rawcliffe and Stape Parish Council
- Councillor Kenelm Storey of Settrington Parish Council
- Councillor David Lloyd-Williams of Norton-on-Derwent and Malton Town Councils.

077. (09/13) **GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS**

Councillor Spencer had declared an interest in Derwent Riverside Project, as Chairman of the Committee.

Councillor Mrs Keal had declared an interest in Derwent Riverside Project, as a member of the Committee.

(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:-

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| • Malton Museum Foundation | defer to next meeting awaiting accounts |
| • Malton White Star Band | £1,000.00 |
| • Norton Christmas Lights switch on | defer to next meeting awaiting information |
| • Ryedale District Council Chairman's charity | £100.00 |

(b) Malton and Norton Christmas Lights Appeal

Members received a request for a grant in support of the Malton and Norton Christmas Lights Appeal for 2013

RESOLVED that a grant of £2,500.00 be awarded.

Ryedale Cameras in Action

Members deferred a decision on a grant towards Cameras in Action until such time as information was available as to how the cameras were to be funded in the future.

Derwent Riverside Project – Castle Gardens

Councillors Spencer and Mrs Keal had both declared an interest in the following item

To consider the request from the Derwent Riverside Project for the grant towards the maintenance of Castle Gardens

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 £500.00

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078. (09/13) **GRASS VERGE CUTTING**

Members considered the possibility of the Town Council taking responsibility for cutting the bank-side in Bazley's Lane alongside the contract already in place for verges within the town. RESOLVED to take responsibility if it is possible. The Clerk to ask the County Council highways if it can be done, and to ask the contractors responsible for the other verge cutting if they would have the capacity to include Bazley's Lane, which would only require two cuts per year.

This item to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting for clarification and costings.

079. (09/13) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Ryedale Safer Neighbourhoods Team – monthly crime statistics for Southern Ryedale, August 2013. For information. Noted.
- (b) Yorkshire Local Councils Associations – Newsletter, White Rose Update. For information. Noted.
- (c) North Yorkshire County Council – Health and Adult services, Extra Care Housing in North Yorkshire. Briefing Note. For information. Noted.

080. (09/13) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Councillor Stone reported on his attendance at:

- The Malton Museum Foundation committee meeting, stating that they had been offered accommodation by Ryedale District Council.

Councillor Lloyd-Williams reported on his attendance at:

- The Malton and Norton Area Partnership meeting, stating that the £2000.00 earmarked for Norton signage was meant for external signs not internal signs. This item to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Councillor Mrs Keal, thanked the Woodhams Stone Collection committee for the exhibition put on in the Council Chamber the previous Saturday, this had been well received and very well attended.

081. (09/13) **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

- (a) Councillor Stone reported on the proposed cuts in subsidies by the County Council to the town bus service.
Members agreed that it was so important to try and save the service, that a joint letter with Malton Town Council should be formulated and sent in response to the consultation.
This item to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
- (b) Councillor Spencer asked about further bulb planting in Langton Road, stating that he had spoken to the new rural science teacher at Norton College, who would be very interested in getting the school involved with planting.
This item to be placed on agenda for next meeting.
- (c) Councillor Mrs Keal asked about the updating of facilities at the cemetery.
In reply it was stated that the Mayor and Clerk were due to meet with the Cemetery Manager to discuss the issue on Wednesday 18 September 2013. A report would be brought back to council next month.

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082. (09/13) **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.

Insurance Claim

Members received a recommendation from the Council's insurance company, that the liability claim would ultimately rest with the Council.

RESOLVED to settle the claim on the best possible terms.

Voting being: 3 For the motion to settle the claim

5 Abstentions

083. (09/13) **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Town Council be held on Monday, 21 October 2013 at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber.

(Meeting closed at 8.50pm)

_____(Chairman)

