

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 March 2013 at 7.00pm.

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

178. (03/13) **APOLOGIES**

- (a) Apologies received and noted by the Clerk. Councillors K. Anderson, Ms M. Hodgson,
Mrs D. Keal, J.T. Stone.

179. (03/13) **GUEST SPEAKER**

No guest speaker available

180. (03/13) **PUBLIC SESSION**

County Councillor Shaw reported on the meeting held with the local member of Parliament Anne Macintosh, the Environment Agency, the County Council, the emergency services and others, to discuss what had been learned from the recent flooding occurrences within the district. Each body had given a verbal report and while Yorkshire Water had accepted that it had been a little slow off the mark, it was thought that all the different agencies had worked extremely well together.

While this time there had been many pumps available for use around both Malton and Norton, there might not be another time if there were flooding issues elsewhere.

With regard to the legal situation it was noted that the legislation was archaic and there was in fact no legal obligation to pump out properties.

A report was to be produced which would be a public document and would clearly state who was to be responsible for each action required if there was to be any further flooding issues in the future.

Councillor Shaw also reported that he would be meeting with the management of the Bowling Club later in the week, in the hope that there would be some way of assisting with a plan that could see the club remain open.

District Councillor Mrs Shields, also reported that behind the scenes at Ryedale they were still trying to save the club from closure.

All comments were noted by members.

181. (03/13) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest made.

182. (03/13) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 18 February 2013 (Minutes 160 to 177 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

183. (03/13) **CLERK'S REPORT**

(a) Chamber Rent Increase

To report that the review of the rent paid on the Council Chamber to Yorkshire Housing had resulted in an increase of 2.6%. The yearly rent beginning April 2013 would be £6711.01 paid quarterly as opposed to £6541.00 the rent paid at the moment.

The rent would stand for the next four years, therefore the next rent review would be for the year beginning April 2017. Noted.

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183. (03/13) **CLERK'S REPORT** (continued)(b) Highway Concerns

To report that following the letter sent to Mr Marr the Highways Manager, raising the concerns expressed by members at the last meeting. He had replied asking for a date that would be convenient with the Mayor or Deputy Mayor to undertake a walk round town to see first hand the areas of concern, His preference would be that it was after the Easter break. Councillor Shaw had also expressed an interest in accompanying them when it was arranged. Noted.

Members also noted that it had been arranged for Scarborough Road to be resurfaced, although it was supposed to take place on the 16 March, this had not happened.

(c) Neighbourhood Plan Meeting

To report that the meeting had taken place with both Malton and Norton Councillors and Mr Mike Dando from Planning Aid, on Wednesday the 13 March and had been very informative as to the procedures required to move the draft plan forward. This should be an agenda item for a future meeting of the Town Council, when it could be looked at in detail and if required resolutions passed. Noted.

(d) Ryedale Parish Liaison Meeting

To report that the date for the Parish Liaison Meeting was to be Wednesday 29 May 2013. Noted.

184. (03/13) **TOWN MAYOR/CHAIRMANS REPORT**

The Mayor had forwarded a written report as followed:

(a) Ryedale Guides

The Mayor reported on her attendance at the Ryedale Guides Annual General Meeting held at the Market Place restaurant in Malton. Noted.

(b) Neighbourhood Plan Meeting

The Mayor reported on her attendance at the meeting of the joint Councils with Mr Dando, and had found it a very helpful meeting on how the councils can work together in the further development of the plan.

(c) The Cutting Room

The Mayor reported on her attendance at the re-opening of the Cutting Room hairdressing salon which had finally re-opened following the floods.

(d) Charity Event

The Mayor reported that instead of a civic dinner this year she would be hosting a charity event in aid of Louby's Lifeline Appeal. This would take the form of a head to head Malton and Norton's Got Talent competition between Norton College and Malton School. It was to be held at the Milton Rooms Malton at 7.00pm on Friday the 26 April 2013. Tickets were to be £5.00 each and would be available from Malton Tourist Information Centre shortly. Donations and Raffle prizes would be most welcome. Noted.

185. (03/13) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**(a) Accounts paid and for payment

The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 205 to 212 inclusive, amounting to £5161.85, had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED that account nos. 213 to 218 inclusive, amounting to £6664.32 be paid. Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.

(b) Financial report

The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.02.13 to 28.02.13 was received.

(c) Budgetary monitoring

The Clerk's report for the period ending 28 February 2013 was received.

186. (03/13) **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

- 13/00172/FUL Change of use and alteration of shop with flat above to form 1no one bedroom flat and 1no two bedroom flat with amenity areas, to include erection of cycle store to the rear, alteration of rear first floor window to form fire escape window, enlargement of rear dormer window, replacement of front first floor bay window with 2no windows and alteration of existing shop front to include installation of 2no windows and re-positioning of front door.
81 Commercial Street, Norton.
For Mr Lee Wright.
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.
- 13/00189/ADV Display of 1no. temporary non illuminated sign to gable end wall to advertise affordable housing scheme.
2 Priorpot Lane, Norton.
For Mrs Diana Dickinson
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.
- 13/00166/MOUT Mixed development comprising 3no retail units (Use Class A1) and childrens day nursery (Use Class D1) with associated vehicular access, parking and landscaping (site area 0.73 ha).
5 Welham Road, Norton.
For Scothern Construction Ltd (Mr Ian Scothern)
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.
- 13/00213/HOUSE Erection of two storey side extension replacing existing garage.
42 Hambleton Road, Norton.
For Mr M Ralph.
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.
- 13/00264/HOUSE Erection of single storey extension to existing garage to form attached triple garage.
Highfield House, Beverley Road, Norton.
For Mr and Mrs G Horsley.
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.
- NY/13/0058/FUL Erection of a steel/fibre cement clad portal framed building. For the storage and curing of pre-cast concrete construction products.
Whitewall Quarry, Welham Road, Norton.
For W. Clifford Watts Ltd.
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.
- 13/00274/FUL Erection of a two storey extension to provide additional bedroom accommodation and change of use of detached 2no bedroom annex to staff accommodation.
Spring Cottage, Bazley's Lane, Norton.
For Spring Cottage.
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.

(b) Planning decisions notified by Ryedale District Council:

Approved

- 12/01129/FUL Erection of nine stables, covered passage and feed store.
Long Row Stables, Beverley Road, Norton.
- 13/00004/HOUSE Erection of single storey extension to rear and side elevations.
68 Welham Road, Norton.

186. (03/13) **PLANNING MATTERS** (continued)(b) Planning decisions notified by Ryedale District Council:continuedApproved

- 13/00064/HOUSE Erection of single storey extension to side and rear elevations together with demolition of detached garage.
52 Ryedale Close, Norton.
- 13/00112/HOUSE Replacement of garage door with window to allow conversion of garage to additional domestic accommodation.
34 Langley Drive, Norton.
- 13/00138/HOUSE Erection of two storey infill extension to north and west elevations.
113 Langton Road, Norton.

Refused

- 13/00020/HOUSE Erection of two storey extension to the rear.
54 Langton Road, Norton.

187. (03/13) **NORTON ON DERWENT WEB SITE**

Councillor King gave an update to members stating that there had been a soft launch of the web site so as to enable any problems to be put right before it's official launch in a few weeks time.

He asked all members that were able to, to visit the site and also to visit it on Facebook and click on like this site. The link to the site being www.nortononderwent.co.uk

188. (03/13) **SKATE PARK**

The Clerk gave an update on progress being made, the draft lease between the Fitzwilliam Malton Estate and the Town Council was now with the solicitors as the Heads of Terms had been agreed.

Following a meeting between the Mayor of Malton and the Malton Town Clerk and Norton's Mayor and Clerk it had been agreed that the District Council would be asked to continue with the daily litter pick at a cost for the year of £2340.00.

It was also agreed that inspections of the site and equipment would be carried out by the two Town Councils, following special training by Digley Associates specialists in Skateparks. The personnel to be trained would be the Malton Town Clerk and Malton's two operatives, the Norton Town Clerk and Norton's one operative as well as P.C. Coning. Cost for this would be in the region of £200.00

The Public Liability insurance for the park was now in place on Norton Town Council's policy, with cover of £10million on any one event. The cost for a full year would be £94.94 for this year with it not being a full year the cost was £85.58

All the above points noted by members.

189. (03/13) **NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - RYEDALE AREA COMMITTEE**

Members had each received a covering letter and a nomination form to enable them to stand for election to the Ryedale Area Committee.

The successful candidates would be co-opted as Parish Representatives and while they would be allowed to speak on items of business they would not be allowed to vote.

Nomination forms were to be returned direct to the County Council, closing date for nominations being 3 June 2013.

The ballot papers for the election would be posted to the Town Council on 25 July 2013 for return by 22 August 2013.

Noted by members.

190. (03/13) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Ryedale Safer Neighbourhoods Team - monthly crime statistics for February 2013, for Malton and Norton. For information. Noted.
- (b) Ryedale District Council - acknowledgement of letter regarding Indoor Bowling Club. For information. Noted.
- (c) Cllr Stephen Shaw - E. mail re. Highway concerns letter to Mr Marr the Highways manager. For information. Noted.

191. (03/13) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Councillor Mennell reported on his attendance at the meeting of the Ryedale Cameras in Action. Main points being the British Telecom contract had now finished although they were still maintaining the system while other avenues were being considered. There was to be no action for the present on the cameras in Pickering, as other means of funding for them was being sought. Noted.

192. (03/13) **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

- (a) Councillor Gray reported on the work carried out in the cemetery to smarten the waste bin areas, stating that the wooden surrounds looked so much better and the quality of the work was of a high standard, The Cemetery Manager was to be applauded on his work.

Councillor Gray also reported on the dreadful condition of Church Street, which with all the potholes meant that in bad weather pedestrians had difficulty in walking without being drenched from spray thrown up by passing vehicles.
County Highways were aware of the condition of the road.

- (b) Councillor Spencer asked if it was possible for the issue of parking on verges and dog fouling to be an agenda item for the next month.
It was agreed that this be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

- (c) Councillor King asked how the digital mapping of the cemetery was progressing.
In reply the Clerk stated that the second draft map was being checked which would then be forwarded to Pear Technology ready for the next stage.

Councillor King also asked that the upgrading of the facilities at the Cemetery be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
Agreed that this item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

193. (03/13) **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.

Review of Salaries for both the Clerk and the Cemetery Manager

Members received a briefing on the salary scales for both the Clerk and Cemetery Manager along with a request for a scale increase for both.

RESOLVED to accept the request and implement a 1 point scale rise for the Clerk and a 2 point scale rise for the Cemetery Manager.

194. (03/13) **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Town Council be held on Monday, 15 April 2013 at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber.

(Meeting closed at 8.30pm)

_____ (Chairman)