

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber
Commercial Street, Norton-on-Derwent on Monday 17 December 2018 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Councillor R. King (Mayor) in the Chair;
Councillors B. Barrett, Ms S Cawte, A. Croser, J. Howard, D. Lloyd-Williams,
J. Mackenzie, P. Mooring.
Also Mrs R. Tierney, Mr T. Hicks

135. (12/18) **APOLOGIES**

Apologies received Mrs D. Keal, Mrs A. Spencer, H. Spencer. Mrs A. Stokell Beckett.

136. (12/18) **GUEST SPEAKER**

(i) District Councillor Mrs Elizabeth Shields reported that concerns had been raised about the escalating costs relating to the possible relocation to Community House by the District Council. All options were now being looked at again, including the refurbishment of Ryedale House.

(ii) Norton Hive (Library)

Members welcomed the Vice Chairman and the Treasurer of the Hive Committee, who gave an update on the situation with the car park attached to the building. There had long been issues with parking, with many vehicles parked there day and night, whereby the local community had been unable to access the Library due to a lack of space.

With the new regime installed and fines now being issued for unauthorised use the committee were aware that this had caused some ill feeling in the town.

The committee had a duty to increase usage of the library on a year by year basis and with other groups making use of the facility parking could still be an issue. The committee were however open to discussion with the possibility of overnight parking along with a code of conduct being made available. The committee to meet with members of the Council for discussions.

The Mayor thanked the committee members for attending.

(iii) Tom Parsons Trust

Members welcomed Sue Parsons who along with her husband had set up the Trust in memory of their son who had died from a rare heart disease, myocarditis, while on holiday in Greece in 2016. The aim was to raise awareness of the disease, in the hope it doesn't happen to others.

So far the Trust had raised funds to provide a total of six defibrillators at the following locations Derwent Arms Norton, Royal Oak Malton, West Heslerton Village Hall, Norton College, The Croft in Malton, and the latest at One Stop in Norton.

Costs of providing a defibrillator and cabinet were in the region of £1,500, with running costs of roughly £60 to £70 per year.

Starter Kits were about £18 and would require replacing on usage, the same for the pads which were about £30.

The defibrillator would need to be registered with the North Yorkshire Ambulance Service and it was important that it was compatible with the Ambulance Service.

The Trust was on going but any future defibrillators would need to be looked after by the provider.

The Mayor thanked Mrs Parsons for her presentation.

137. (12/18) **PUBLIC SESSION**

County Councillor Keane Duncan reported that the town sign that had been demolished on Langton Road would be relocated further out, along with the 30mph limit, although it would not be of the same material as that did not meet the passive safety protocol. The proposed consultation on the one way system for St Nicholas Street had been cancelled for now, with all options for the junction by the level crossing being looked at and traffic modelled, which it was hoped members would be able to view for themselves.

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137. (12/18) **PUBLIC SESSION** (continued)

Councillor Duncan also informed members that a Southern Bypass for the towns was a listed aspiration and linked in with the Local Plan, although with costs estimated at 20million it was not likely to happen in the near future.

The town bus service had been saved for a further six months and while the service did not need to make a profit it was important that it broke even and did not cost the County Council money to run. One area not covered on the route was Welham Road and this was being looked at in the hope it could be included in the future.

Noted by members.

138. (12/18) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of Interest made

139. (12/18) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

- (a) RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting, held on Monday, 19 November 2018 (Minutes 114 to 130 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
- (b) RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council Budget Meeting, held on Monday, 10 December 2018 (Minutes 131 to 134 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

140. (12/18) **CLERK'S REPORT**(a) Rating Appeal - Chamber

Mark Walker, the Chartered Surveyor instructed to appeal against the rates on the Council Chamber had won a reduction from £9,600 Rateable Value to £6,800 Rateable Value, a 30% drop.

This was an excellent result and as transitional relief reduces over the next few years, this would help make a substantial saving on our rating bills.

(b) Section 106 Grants

To report that the S106 grant Applications to Ryedale District Council, for both the King George Play Area upgrade, and the Riverside Field paving upgrade had both been approved.

King George's Field being in the sum of £44,274.00 with a total upgrade cost of £46,604.77

Riverside Fields being in the sum of £5,000.00 with a total cost of £5,650.00

(c) Ryedale Car Parking Strategy

To inform members that Ryedale District Council would be appointing consultants to undertake development of a Ryedale Car Parking Strategy, and at an early stage of the work would like to engage directly with key stakeholders so that they can better understand the issues faced by each town.

The intention was to hold a series of one to one sessions of approximately 30 - 45 minutes each, therefore they had asked that the Town Council nominate one or two representatives knowledgeable about parking issues within the town, who would be willing to attend one of the sessions.

Proposed dates: Thursday/ Friday 24-25 January; or

Monday/ Tuesday 28-29 January.

It was proposed that in order for the representatives to be able to fully participate on behalf of the Council that this item be placed on the agenda for the January meeting, when members would be able to formulate a strategy approved by the meeting.

Agreed that the Representatives be Councillors David Lloyd-Williams and Ray King the Mayor. Preferred date Thursday 24 January.

Noted.

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141. (12/18) **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**(a) Christmas Light Switch On

The Mayor thanked all members who had assisted with the switch on especially the Deputy Clerk Tim Hicks and his father without whose assistance the event would not happen.

Speaking with Rob Davies from Ryedale Special Families, they had around 80 entries into the Santa races this year, an increase from last year, so hopefully their support has been secured for next year.

(b) Tree Festival – St Peter's Church

The Mayor thanked Tim and his father for a great tree presentation with an original idea.

Noted.

(c) Ryedale Environmental Group

The Mayor reported that Pickering were to set up their own town group and it was hoped that the other towns would follow both Kirkbymoorside and Pickering in setting up their own groups, who would then exchange ideas and feed into the Ryedale group.

This was still very much in its infancy but should any one wish to engage the next meeting was to be in Norton Council Chamber on Tuesday 22 January 2019 at 7.00pm. It was hoped that Beckie Bennett from Ryedale District Council would be in attendance to answer questions.

(d) Malton School – Christmas Show

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor had both attended Malton School for the Christmas Show. This was an excellent production and it never ceases to amaze just how much talent we have on our doorstep.

Credit to the new music teacher, Mr Woodrow, Malton being his first teaching position.

(e) Tour De Yorkshire

The Mayor was sorry to see that Ryedale had been excluded from the Tour de Yorkshire for 2019, and hoped for better news the following year.

(f) Ryedale Parish Liaison Meeting

The Mayor reported that the play area at the Riverside had been refurbished and that the District Council were initiating a 'Smoke Free Play Area Campaign' for which signage had been supplied. While this was not enforceable in law and was on a voluntary basis it was to be encouraged for the health of the children.

The North Yorkshire Highways Customer Communication Officer reported on speed management and stated that should anyone have an issue with speeding there was a 'speed concern form' available on line. It should be noted though that once an area had been surveyed unless there were significant alterations to the area it would not be investigated again for three years.

(g) Quarry Visit

The Mayor along with Councillors John Howard and Philip Mooring reported on the visit to the quarry and stated that their host had been most accommodating and was prepared to answer any questions.

In order to overcome concerns from the community the Mayor had requested a further site visit when 'blasting' was being undertaken and were able to view the readings from the blast. This would only be available to Council Members.

There was still an issue with the number of vehicle movements.

The representative from the quarry would be prepared to attend any meeting if members wished.

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142. (12/18) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- (a) Accounts paid and for payment
The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 151 to 160 inclusive, amounting to £9,141.89 had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.
RESOLVED that account nos. 161 to 170 inclusive, amounting to £2,623.59 be paid. Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.
- (b) Financial report
The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.11.18 to 30.11.18 was received.
- (c) Budgetary monitoring
The Clerk's report for the period ending 30 November 2018 was received.
- (d) Budget and Precept for the Year 2019/20
RESOLVED that the Budget and Precept for the year 2019/20 be confirmed as set out in the Minutes of the Budget meeting dated 10 December 2018.
With a Budget of £150,028 and a precept of £154,000 which represents an increase of 3.17% over 2018/19
- (e) Internal Audit Report
The Internal Audit Report for the first visit for the year 2018/19 was received.
- (f) Cemetery Fees
RESOLVED that the revised Cemetery Fees for the year 2019/20 be confirmed as set out in the Minutes of the Budget meeting dated 10 December 2018.

143. (12/18) **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

18/01308/FUL Retention of site for use as a hand car wash with retention of associated equipment to include two containers, car port, two static signs and entrance / exit gates (revised opening time details to approval 18/00784/FUL dated 08.10.2018)
5 Church Street, Norton

N.B. Current opening times 0900 – 1900.
Requested opening times 0800 – 1900 Mon to Sat, 0900 – 1900 Sun.
RESOLVED Recommend approval of opening hours. Recommend use permission reviewed every three years.

- (b) To receive decisions notified by Ryedale District Council.

Approved

18/00887/HOUSE Erection of a detached double garage
Rosdale, 185 Welham Road, Norton

18/00210/OBL Modification to the planning obligation dated 18.08.2016 in relation to refusal 15/00099/MOUT dated 22.07.2015 as allowed under appeal APP/Y2736/W/15/3136233 dated 22.07.2016 to allow deletion of Paragraph 4 (Affordable Housing) of Schedule 2, amendment of Clause 6.2 and insertion of a new Schedule 5 (the Council Covenants with the owner) as outlined in the submitted Deed of Variation.
Land to the North of Sutton Grange, Langton Road, Norton

Refused

18/00848/HOUSE Alteration to existing garage to form additional living accommodation to include installation of 1no. window to ground floor (retrospective)
31 Becksde, Norton, YO17 8AR

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144. (12/18) **RAISED BUS STOPS**

Further to research undertaken by Councillors David Lloyd-Williams and Mrs Abigail Stokell Beckett, members discussed the issues of non-raised areas at certain bus stops around the town.

RESOLVED to write to the Highway Authority and make them aware of the concerns from the local community at the lack of raised areas at certain bus stops around the town.

145. (12/18) **GRASS CUTTING CONTRACTS**

North Yorkshire County Council Verges

The contract was for two years with a one year extension if agreeable by both parties, extra cost for the year's extension being based on the contract price adjusted by the increase in the Retail Price Index.

RESOLVED to accept the tender from Scarborough Borough Council at a cost of; Price per cut £882.51 = 10 cuts = £8,825.10 plus V.A.T.

Play Areas and Open Spaces

The contract was for two years with a one year extension if agreeable by both parties, extra cost for the year's extension being based on the contract price adjusted by the increase in the Retail Price Index.

RESOLVED to accept the tender from Scarborough Borough Council at a cost of; Price per cut £250.63 = 10 cuts = £2,506.30 plus V.A.T.

146. (12/18) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Ryedale District Council, Blue Box Re-cycling Trial, Lakeside – For information. Noted.

147. (12/18) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Councillor Howard reported on the meeting of the Malton Museum committee, stating that they had been awarded an Arts Council Grant of £24,500. They were also actively recruiting an Exhibition Manager. Noted.

Councillor Lloyd-Williams reported that the Neighbourhood Plan was progressing and that it would be out for public consultation early in the New Year. Noted.

Councillor Barrett reported that the Malton Endowment Governors were now short of one Norton Representative. It was agreed to wait until after the Elections in May before appointing anyone further.

148. (12/18) **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

Councillor Mooring reported cars on Scarborough Road continually parking on double yellow lines.

It was agreed that Councillor Mrs Cawte would report the details to the police.

149. (12/18) **DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next ordinary meeting of the Council be held on Monday 21 January 2019, at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber.

(Meeting closed at 8:45pm)

_____(Chairman)