

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber
Commercial Street, Norton-on-Derwent on Monday 18 February 2019 at 7.00pm.

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

166. (02/19) **APOLOGIES**

Apologies received Councillors Ms S Cawte, R. King.

167. (02/19) **GUEST SPEAKER**

Labyrinth Riverside

Members welcomed the Rev. Peter Clark who gave a presentation on labyrinths in general, with slides showing ones that have been installed in the local area, some permanent some not.

He then moved on to the one laid out on the riverside field, which he had done in October 2018 in sawdust. This was still in good condition although it would be interesting to see how it fared once the grass cutting resumed.

The Reverend felt that maybe the Council would consider some kind of permanent feature in the future. It was agreed that this item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

The Deputy Mayor thanked Reverend Clark for attending.

168. (02/19) **PUBLIC SESSION**

District Councillor Mrs Elizabeth Shields commented that the Senior Citizens Party had been well received and that the change of venue had been welcomed. She said that thanks were due to all those involved in making this such an enjoyable occasion. Noted.

169. (02/19) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors A. Croser and Mrs D. Keal both declared an interest in agenda item 14 S106 Grant Applications. Both as committee members of Ryedale Community Leisure Centre.

170. (02/19) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting, held on Monday, 21 January 2019 (Minutes 150 to 165 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Councillor Hugh Spencer commented that it had been totally inappropriate for the County Councillor for Norton, who was also a District Councillor, to be invited to speak at the Senior Citizens Party, when local council elections were due to be held in a few months' time. It had shown a total lack of respect for other Councillors. Noted.

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171. (02/19) **CLERK'S REPORT**(a) Keepmoat Site – Langton Road

Update from Matthew Lishman – Ryedale Community Officer

I visited the development site on Langton Road this afternoon and had another positive meeting with the site manager there.

Regarding the verges:

I have been assured that every bit of verge which has been damaged, including on the corner of Langley Drive/Langton Road, will be turfed and re-seeded. Landscapers were there this morning assessing damage. The corner damage was caused by a school bus rather than a construction vehicle, but the manager admitted that it was ultimately caused by one of the lanes being closed during that time.

Regarding mud on road:

Two pressure washers have been installed with one currently operational, in order to wash the wagons as they leave the site. I witnessed this happening this afternoon. Meanwhile, a road-sweeper is currently in operation twice a day (at lunch-time and 4pm) ensuring the road is swept, and the appropriate highway signage has been erected. Sweeping is due to be increased to 3-4 times a day, and all day if necessary. In a fortnight's time, the site is due to be laid with a cyclical tarmacked route for construction vehicles to move around on, ensuring that the muddiest parts of the site will no longer be used. What tarmac is there currently is being scraped in order to avoid transference of mud to the highway.

Later, when the development is completed, Keepmoat will be relaying the entire stretch of public highway immediately adjacent to the site in order to make good. I have been advised that an NYCC Highways Inspector is visiting the site daily, so if there is anything not being conducted properly in respect of the highway, or if any adjustments need to be made to the ongoing treatment, it will be insisted upon by that authority. With this in mind, I won't be conducting any further investigation into the matter. Nevertheless, I am very happy to deal with any further complaints that are raised because I have a direct line to the site manager there, and he is extremely open to handling any problems raised by members of the public. Noted.

(b) Environment Forum

Open meeting: 7pm, Wednesday 20 February, Ryedale House Malton

Ryedale District Council is to host an environment forum, to give people a chance to work together on key green issues. The meeting takes place at 7pm on Wednesday 20 February, at Ryedale District Council's offices in Malton. It's part of some work being carried out by the District Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee to look at the climate change and how the authority can have a positive impact on national and international environmental concerns. This session will be a chance for interested groups and individuals to consider how best to work together on these issues to benefit the whole of Ryedale. These discussions will help to inform the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Chair of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Cllr John Clark, will facilitate the meeting. He explained, "This session will be about exploring how we can work together and what our priorities need to be for Ryedale. This is a chance to help shape the way the Council delivers its services and the policies it has in place to support the local environment, as well as our impact on global issues such as climate change and plastics waste."

(c) Compound Fence – Allotments

To report that the fencing around the compound at the allotments had blown over onto the allotments, we were in the process of having it re-erected but would have to install new supporting posts. Costs for the materials needed were in the region of £200.00. Noted.

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171. (02/19) **CLERK'S REPORT** (continued)

(d) Skatepark update

To report that Tim had met with the skate park users on two occasions since the new ramp had been installed.

There were two teething problems to sort but, in essence, the skate park users were happy with the new surfacing.

The metalwork company had been made aware of these issues, which would be addressed.

This was then go forward as part of the grant submission to update the other ramps apart from the large half pipe, deadline 20th February. Noted.

(e) King George's Playing Field update

To inform members that the installers of the new equipment for King George's play area were due to start work on Monday 25 February, work to last approximately three weeks. Noted.

(f) Riverside Field – Damage to Benches

For members to receive a letter of apology from one of the young offenders who sprayed the benches with blue paint.

The young people involved were caught and dealt with by the North Yorkshire Youth Justice Service who accompanied them while they were made to remove the spray paint.

Members agreed that a letter acknowledging the apology be sent. Noted.

(g) Ryedale District Council - Parish Liaison Meeting

To inform members that the next Parish Liaison Meeting was to be held on Wednesday 6 March at Ryedale House at 7.00pm.

172. (02/19) **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor had forwarded a report as follows

(a) I sincerely thank all of you who assisted at the Seniors Annual Party.

Tim and I are very pleased with the final outcome of the day and felt that the venue lends itself to this type of celebration.

I believe that those who attended appreciated the more relaxed environment along with the entertainment and the excellent food supplied by Julie Copeland and her staff.

Thank you all and I look forward to working with you all again.

173. (02/19) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(a) Accounts paid and for payment

The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 185 to 196 inclusive, amounting to £7,763.96 had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED that account nos. 197 to 203 inclusive, amounting to £25,757.01 be paid. Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.

(b) Financial report

The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.01.19 to 31.01.19 was received.

(c) Budgetary monitoring

The Clerk's report for the period ending 31 January 2019 was received.

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174. (02/19) **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

- 19/00115/HOUSE Erection of two storey part front / part side extension.
58 Fletton Road, Norton, Malton, YO17 8BB
RESOLVED Recommend Approval subject to no objections from neighbours.
- 19/00129/HOUSE Erection of single storey front porch.
27 Leahurst Close, Norton, Malton, YO17 9DF
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.
- 18/01381/HOUSE Installation of 12no. timber double glazed windows to replace existing single glazed timber windows.
5 Sutton Farm, Langton Road, Norton, YO17 9PU
& 18/01332/LBC refers.
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.
- 19/00176/HOUSE Alterations to dwelling to include single and two storey extensions to provide additional living accommodation and formation of vehicular access including dropped kerb.
47 Langton Road, Norton.
Members requested more time to consider and view this application and forward a response next week.

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

No decisions received.

175. (02/19) **ELECTION NOMINATION PACKS**

Members received nomination packs for the local council elections due to take place on Thursday 2 May 2019.
All packs contained nomination forms and guidance on how to complete them.
All completed forms to be returned to Ryedale District Council.
Noted by members.

176. (02/19) **FUNDING REQUEST – ST PETER’S CHURCH**

Members further considered the request from St Peter’s Church asking for funding towards a replacement boiler for the church.
While members considered this to be a request worth considering, it was made clear that any request to contribute towards church property was prohibited by the Local Government Act 1894 which still applied, and as such would be an illegal use of council funds.
RESOLVED that with regret the Town Council was unable to support the request.

177. (02/19) **NORTON IN BLOOM – SUMMER 2019**

Members received a report detailing proposals and costings for the floral displays in Commercial Street, Church Street and both County and Railway Bridge for summer 2019.
RESOLVED that the Council in accordance with its powers under section 137 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 and its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.
Baskets and Barrier Baskets to be hired fully planted from Plantscape.
Total costs for the baskets and barrier baskets £1,410.00 plus V.A.T.
Watering and maintaining for a period of 14 weeks approximately £1,144.00 plus V.A.T.

178. (02/19) **SPEEDING – WELHAM ROAD**

Members debated the issue of speeding on Welham Road, with Councillor Mrs Keal pointing out that she had been reporting this since last spring, and while the police had carried out monitoring in November which had shown that there was a lot of speeding with well over 60% at certain times nothing else had been done.

Having spoken to the Police and the County Highways they had pointed out that it would be possible for the Town Council to purchase a speed matrix sign although they would have to maintain it themselves.

It was agreed to invite the Police Inspector and the 95 Alive people to a future meeting, and that the clerk would obtain costings for matrix signage along with maintenance costs.

179. (02/19) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Ryedale District Council Chairman's Charity Fund – Thank you for contribution. For information. Noted.
- (b) Senior Citizens Party – Thank you note. For information. Noted.
- (c) Ryedale District Council Press Release – Electric vehicle charging points coming to Malton and Norton. For information. Noted.

180. (02/19) **SECTION 106 GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Members were asked to consider support or otherwise, of grant applications received by Ryedale District Council relating to schemes affecting both Malton and Norton. Applications had been circulated to members who made the following recommendations:

RESOLVED that the applications listed are both supported;

- Welham Bowling Club (S106 Grant)
- Ryedale Community Leisure Centre (S106 Grant).

181. (02/19) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Councillor John Howard reported on the meeting of the Malton Museum Committee stating that their exhibition 'Malton Horse Power' was due to open in April in the Assembly Rooms Malton. They were also being given the opportunity to open a Charity Shop for two weeks to help raise funds for the Museum, all donations welcome. Noted.

Councillor David Lloyd-Williams reported that there had been a few problems with the Neighbourhood Plan Consultation questionnaire, but these had now been rectified with the period allowed for the return of the questionnaires extended to the end of the week. Noted.

182. (02/19) **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

Councillor Howard asked that with the improvement of air quality in Castlegate Malton, had there been a corresponding down turn in quality in Norton. No one knew the answer. Noted.

183. (02/19) **DATES FOR THE NEXT MEETINGS**

- (a) RESOLVED that the date for the Annual Town Meeting be confirmed as Monday 18 March 2019, at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber.
- (b) RESOLVED that the next ordinary meeting of the Council be held on Monday 18 March 2019, at 7.00pm or on the rising of the Annual Town Meeting, in the Council Chamber.

(Meeting closed at 8:45pm)

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