

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber
Commercial Street, Norton-on-Derwent on Tuesday 23 July 2019 at 7.00pm.

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

039. (07/19) **APOLOGIES**

No Apologies received.

040. (07/19) **GUEST SPEAKER**

Tony Galloway, Deputy Chief Executive Officer for Ryedale District Council

Members welcomed Tony Galloway, who, rather than give a prepared presentation was willing to answer any questions members might have on matters relating to the District Council.

Members felt that there were areas of the town that had a very un-kept look and were quite scruffy with weeds and detritus left to grow in the gutters, and the grass around St Nicholas Street Car Park left uncut. Mr Galloway was unsure of responsibility but would find out.

Traffic congestion was a major problem within the town especially around the level crossing, and with train services set to increase later in the year members felt that this would only make things worse. Traffic modelling around the level crossing junctions was being undertaken by the County Highways prior to any solutions being found and would it be possible for the District Council to put more pressure on County to bring this modelling forward. Mr Galloway agreed that the District Council would continue to pressure the County Highways in order to find some solutions.

Linked to the congestion problems was the air pollution issue which was monitored by an Officers Technical Group set up in 2012 between County and District. This reported to Defra on an annual basis, and it was understood that the air pollution in the affected area had been below the threshold for the last three years. While this was welcomed everyone was aware that once the train services increased it could have a detrimental effect on the findings, so careful monitoring was essential. Members asked if they, as town representatives, could be included in any groups or committees that would cover any issues relating to the town as they had first-hand knowledge of how the town was or would be effected. Mr Galloway to report members wishes.

Finally Mr Galloway reported on where things stood with Ryedale House, as they were looking at it becoming a service hub with other partners on board. There were still issues as to whether it would be feasible to refurbish or re-configure the building or whether it should be demolished and completely rebuilt. All options were being looked at and it would become clearer once the requirements of the potential partners was understood. It would however need to be a flexible space with a strong focus on green issues and climate change.

It was still not decided what the future of the other buildings owned by the District Council would be.

The Mayor thanked Mr Galloway for attending.

041. (07/19) **PUBLIC SESSION**

Councillor Ms Burr asked if our District Councillors would be able to give updates at this point if needed. Agreed.

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042. (07/19) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of Interest made.

043. (07/19) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting, held on Monday, 17 June 2019 (Minutes 023 to 038 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

044. (07/19) **CLERK'S REPORT**

Footway Lighting in Norton

Report from Ryedale District Council with regard to footway lighting in Norton.

'We have decided, after some consideration of various options, to upgrade the RDC owned footway lighting assets to 'acceptable' levels, to retain ownership and to continue with the 'special levy' arrangements. This means where the existing light units that are now obsolete or irreparable they are replaced with "footway" standard lighting. This involves things like new 5 m high poles (replacing concrete), LED lightings, re wiring. We will also be enabling part night lighting.

The upgrade will include the following areas:

Bark Knotts Terrace, Lakeside Way Footpath, Langton Road, Langton Road Footpath, St Nicholas Street, St Peter Street, St Peters Crescent, Sutton Street, The Avenue, Welham Road, Whitewall.

Maudon Grove, Plum Street, Poplar View, Priorpot Way, Vine Street

Beverley Road, Bruntwood Terrace, Crown Grove, Dean Road, Derwent Terrace, East Road, Eastfield Avenue, Eastfield Road, Grove Street, Howe Road, Jesmond Court, Jubilee Road, Mill Bank, Mill Street, The Grove, Wandaes Close, Winston Court, Wold Street, Wood Street

Altogether there are 200 number lights, which will be going through a procurement process shortly.'

Noted.

Planning Appeal – petrol station update

To receive a report from Mike Gwilliam on progress made with the appeal;

'Hi, I thought you might like an update on the progress of the above appeal. I submitted the formal statement of case in May, and the hearing will take place on Wednesday 11th September. I have been gathering further evidence to support the case and have carried out a full six day traffic survey in the area. The results will prove extremely useful and I am grateful to several members of the Malton Town Council, who assisted in the survey. Kevin Hollinrake MP has given some useful support on the air pollution issues. I have obtained the new train frequencies from Northern Rail.

Any member of the public can attend the Hearing, and if they have made formal representations they will have an opportunity to speak. The Guidance notes make it clear that the Inspector welcomes third party contributions.

The arrangements for the Hearing are to be made by the District Council, which I find a little odd, and I have to date received no information from them. It would be helpful if you could seek clarification as the Town Councils are the principal Third parties in the case. Michael Gwilliam'

Riverside - Japanese Knotweed

It was reported to the office that Japanese Knotweed was growing on the riverbank by the rear of the swimming baths, this was then reported to our Ryedale Community Officer, who ascertained that the land belonged to Network Rail and they have said that the problem would be sorted by the end of the month.

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044. (07/19) **CLERK'S REPORT** (continued)

Graffiti - Skatepark

To report that graffiti had been sprayed on the equipment at the skatepark, this had been reported to the police who have viewed the CCTV, while the offender was not thought to be local further enquires were being made with both York and Scarborough Police. Noted.

Graffiti – Amenity Area Church Street

To report that what appeared to be a rough chalk labyrinth had been applied to the paving in the amenity area in Church Street, and while this had faded somewhat, it was still visible.

We in the office had no knowledge of who actually made this 'labyrinth' but it was reported to us as a complaint and as graffiti, so if any member had any insight into who it was we would be grateful to know so that we could write and request that they desist from doing it again. Noted.

Vandalism – Springfield Garth Amenity Area

To report that the fencing along the side of the amenity area that abuts the footpath leading to Lakeside, had been damaged and would need to be repaired and replaced in part. Noted.

045. (07/19) **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

Traffic Survey.

The Mayor reported that he had taken part in the traffic survey undertaken to accompany the planning appeal and organised by Mr Gwilliam, thanks must be given to the other volunteers and fellow councillors that also took part.

This had been quite an eye opener with over 1600 vehicles crossing the junction in a three hour period on Saturday Afternoon. Many issues witnessed, especially pedestrians trying to cross via the little triangle, and there were five or six vehicles that drove straight out from Church Street without any hesitation whatsoever.

Malton in Bloom Judging.

The Mayor had been introduced to the in bloom judges and had accompanied them round the area of the Bus and Railway Stations, Derwent Surgery, and Railway Street Bridge, all areas looked pretty good.

He had attended as part of the In Bloom Group and the Tidy Group. Noted.

Malton Town Council – Long Service Celebration Evening

The Mayor attended the celebration evening held at York House, in honour of two long serving members of the Town Council, one being Councillor Lloyd-Williams a member of Norton Council as well.

Other items of note;

County Bridge was to be closed in early August, but unaware at this moment the reason for it;

Sign warning of the HGV Ban damaged in Wold Street;

Road Closed signage in Langton Road, does not appear to be as it should be.

All items to be reported to the County Council Highways Department.

046. (07/19) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(a) Accounts paid and for payment

The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 054 to 067 inclusive, amounting to £10,795.98 had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED that account nos. 068 to 077 inclusive, amounting to £10,014.09 be paid. Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.

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046. (07/19) **FINANCIAL MATTERS** (continued)(b) Financial report

The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.06.19 to 30.06.19 was received.

(c) Budgetary monitoring

The Clerk's report for the period ending 30 June 2019 was received.

047. (07/19) **PLANNING MATTERS**(a) Planning applications referred to the Town Council by Ryedale District Council, for comment and/or recommendation were dealt with as follows: -

- 19/00687/TPO Crown lift of 5.1m to both T1 and T2 Beeches together with a 1.5m reduction to limbs which extend towards the property of TPO 340/2015 28 Whitewall, Norton, Malton, YO17 9EH
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.
- 19/00707/HOUSE Erection of a single storey side extension to provide entrance lobby and utility area.
2 Barley Close, Norton, YO17 9EP
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.
- 19/00779/LBC Installation of a wall mounted Public Help Point (PHP) in station car park and wall mounted Customer Information System (CIS) near station entrance.
Malton Railway Station, Norton Road, Norton
RESOLVED Recommend Approval
- 19/00838/HOUSE Erection of a two storey front extension, increase in ridge height of lower west elevation section of dwelling to allow formation of mezzanine floor together with addition of 2no. rear dormer windows.
The Old Pottery, St Nicholas Street, Norton, YO17 9AQ
RESOLVED Recommend Approval
- Appeal An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of Ryedale District Council to refuse planning permission.
- APP/Y2736/W/19/3229895 Retention of site for use as a hand car wash with retention of associated equipment to include two container, car port, static signs and entrance / exit gates (revised opening time details to approval 18/00784/FUL dated 08.10.2018)
5 Church Street, Norton
RESOLVED Recommend refusal of the appeal. Report attached.

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

- 19/00492/HOUSE Erection of replacement conservatory.
4 Langton Road, Norton
- 19/00639/FUL Change of use of former bookmakers (Sui Generis) to social history resource (Use Class D1)
3 Commercial Street, Norton
- 19/00338/MFUL Creation of vehicle logistics facility to include car valeting centre and open vehicle storage with associated new vehicular access.
Land in OS Field 4480 Westfield Way, Norton

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047. (07/19) **PLANNING MATTERS** (continued)

Refused

19/00678/ADV Display of 1no externally illuminated wall mounted name sign on the gable end. 1no internally illuminated fascia name sign and 1no. non-illuminated name sign above alley doorway (retrospective application)
Express Grill, 23 Church Street, Norton

18/00662/FUL Installation of oyster white uPVC shiplap cladding over existing front brickwork (retrospective application)
Express Grill, 23 Church Street, Norton

048. (07/19) **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

(a) Disabled Parking Bay

Members received an update on a proposal from the County Highways for the installation of a disabled parking bay on Dean Road, Norton.
With the update not giving any specific details on the application only that it had been assessed against the criteria and passed to the consultation stage members made the decision to;

RESOLVED that they had no objection to the proposal, but they would like to know just what the criteria, guidelines are for such a proposal as they would not want to see a precedent being set for disabled bays appearing on residential streets without better understanding of the rules.

(b) Vehicle Activated Signs

Following a meeting with the Traffic Engineering Officer from North Yorkshire County Council members received a report on the provision of vehicle activated signs for the four arterial routes into town, along with the installation criteria and costings.

RESOLVED that in the first instance the Town Council would purchase one number sign to be positioned on Welham Road at an estimated cost of £4,500.

(c) Verge Parking

Members discussed the issue of vehicles parking on the verges on Welham Road, and what if any mitigation measures could be taken.

RESOLVED that the Vehicle Activated Sign, subject to permission from the County Council, would be positioned at the location with the greatest issues of verge parking. No parking signs would also be made available, although these would be only advisory and would not have power of enforcement.

049. (07/19) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Members were asked to support a contribution towards the update of the Neighbourhood Plan Map.

RESOLVED to contribute a sum of £1,000 towards the updated map, with Malton Town Council contributing the same amount.

050. (07/19) **WORKING GROUPS**

(a) Community Infrastructure Levy

Members discussed the formation of a committee to consider possible projects for dispensing of the Levy, and to appoint members to that committee.

RESOLVED that Councillors Ms Lindsay Burr, Mrs Di Keal, Mrs Ann Spencer, Paul Farndale, Ray King, and John Mackenzie be appointed and that the Clerk would minute their meetings. Date and time for the first meeting to be considered in order for the first meeting to be held in September.

(b) Norton in Bloom

Members discussed the formation of a committee and to appoint members.

RESOLVED that Councillors Ms Lindsay Burr, Mrs Ann Spencer, Antony Croser and Hugh Spencer be appointed and that the Deputy Clerk would note and organise the meetings.

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051. (07/19) **APPOINTMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**

(a) Dispensary Committee

Members were asked to appoint a member to serve on the Malton and Norton Dispensary Committee
RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs Ann Spencer be appointed.

(b) Ryedale Cameras in Action

Members to appoint an additional member to serve on the Ryedale Cameras in Action Committee.
RESOLVED that Councillor Phillip Mooring be appointed.

052. (07/19) **CHAMBER RECONFIGURATION**

Members discussed the seating layout of the Chamber, including the position of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Clerk, Councillors and members of the public.
Agreed that a trial would be undertaken and that for the next council meeting the chamber would be set out so as to avoid members sitting with their backs to members of the public.

053. (07/19) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Yorkshire Local Councils Associations – White Rose Update July 2019 edition. For information. Noted.
- (b) Riverside View Play Area – Launch Event. For information. Noted.
- (c) North Yorkshire County Council – Feedback from County Highways Communications Officer. For Information. Noted.
- (d) Ryedale District Council – The Ryedale Plan, Notice of Adoption. For information. Noted.

054. (07/19) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Councillor John Howard asked if he was still to be the council representative serving on the Malton Museum Committee.
In reply it was stated that yes, as nothing had changed with regard to the Museum.

Councillor Phillip Mooring reported on the Malton and Norton Area Partnership. Stating that they had appointed a new chairman Councillor Martin Brampton of Malton Town Council. Noted.

055. (07/19) **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

Councillor Mooring reported that the Traffic Islands on Scarborough Road did not light up, and also that vehicles were beginning to park on double yellow lines by the approach to the Pelican Crossing in Church Street, adjacent to the takeaway.
Both issues to be reported to the relevant authority.

Councillor Mrs Keal asked if there had been any response to the request that Church Street be altered to a 20mph zone the same as Commercial Street.
The Clerk agreed to chase this up.

Councillor King asked members if they had any thoughts on ways the council could support the elderly in the community.
Noted.

Councillor Mrs Keal reported that St Peter's Church was to hold a Dementia Friendly service on Sunday 28 July at 4.00pm. Noted.

056. (07/19) **DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED that the next ordinary Meeting of the Council be held on Monday 19 August 2019, at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber.

(Meeting closed at 9:55pm)

_____ (Chairman)