

NORTON-ON-DERWENT TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber
Commercial Street, Norton-on-Derwent on Monday 19th May at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Councillor R. King (Town Mayor) in the Chair;
Councillors K. Anderson, Ms C. Barratt-Gibson, A. Croser, P. Farndale, J. Gray,
A.R. Harrison, Mrs M. Hodgson, Mrs D. Keal, D. Lloyd-Williams, B. Mehrtens, H. Spencer.
Also Mrs R. Tierney.

001. (05/14) **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN (TOWN MAYOR)**

Councillor Ray King was proposed and seconded, there being no other nomination it was;
RESOLVED that Councillor Ray King be elected to the office of Chairman of the Council and
Town Mayor for the council year 2014/15.
Councillor King thanked members for electing him for a further year in office.

002. (05/14) **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN (DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR)**

Councillor Antony Croser was proposed and seconded, there being no other nomination it
was;
RESOLVED that Councillor Antony Croser be elected to the office of Vice Chairman of the
Council and Deputy Town Mayor for the council year 2014/15

On standing down from being Vice Chairman Councillor Mrs Dinah Keal was thanked by the
Mayor for all her invaluable advice and support over the past year.

003. (05/14) **APOLOGIES AND ATTENDANCE RECORD**

- (a) No apologies, all present.
- (b) Members received a copy of their attendance record for the year 2013/14. Noted.

004. (05/14) **GUEST SPEAKER**

No guest speaker in attendance.

005. (05/14) **PUBLIC SESSION**

County Councillor Mrs Elizabeth Shields – Bus Subsidies and Whitewall Quarry
Councillor Mrs Shields reported that there were problems with some of the buses in the
hinterland villages with services being cut from three days to one. The date for the Whitewall
Quarry planning hearing had been postponed again to sometime in the future.

006. (05/14) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mrs D. Keal reported a personal, though non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item
14, St Nicholas Street Car Park, concerning bollards.

007. (05/14) **REPRESENTATION ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

RESOLVED that the following members be appointed to serve as the Council's
representatives on the organisations listed below, for the year 2014/15

Christmas Lights Committee	Mrs D. Keal & Mayor
Derwent Riverside Project	H. Spencer
Malton & Norton Community Police Committee	K. Anderson & Mayor
Malton & Norton Dispensary Fund	C. Barratt-Gibson
Malton & Norton Area Partnership Executive	D. Lloyd-Williams
Malton & Norton Area Partnership	C. Barratt-Gibson
Malton & Norton Neighbourhood Plan	C. Barratt-Gibson, B. Mehrtens
	Mrs D. Keal & Mayor
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007. (05/14) **REPRESENTATION ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS** (continued)

Malton Museum Foundation	A. Croser
Malton School Endowment Governors	H. Spencer
Milton Rooms Management Committee	Mrs D. Keal
Norton Youth Brass Trustee	Mrs D. Keal
Ryedale Cameras in Action	P. Farndale & Mayor
Ryedale Five Towns Meeting	Mrs M Hodgson & Mayor
Ryedale Market Towns Promotion	Mayor
Ryedale Skatepark	J. Gray & Mayor
Woodhams Stone Collection	Mrs D. Keal & Mayor
Yorkshire Local Councils Associations, Ryedale Branch	P. Farndale

008. (05/14) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday, 22 April 2014 (Minutes 193 to 211 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

009. (05/14) **CLERK'S REPORT**

- (a) King Georges Playing Field
To report that Norex fencing was due to install the ball stop fencing to the multi games unit this week.
- (b) ILCA
The Clerk reported that Mr Hicks, The Deputy Clerk, had passed his ILCA course, and was preparing to embark on CILCA, the Certificate in Local Council Administration. Noted.
- (c) Riverside Fields
It was reported that the riverside lamppost leaning towards the river had now been repaired and moved to a new location at the other side of the path. Noted.
- (d) Ryedale District Council Parish Liaison Meeting
To report that the next District Council Parish Liaison Meeting was due to be held on Wednesday 11 June, at 7.00pm at Ryedale House.

010. (05/14) **TOWN MAYOR/CHAIRMANS REPORT**

- (a) Pocklingtons Got Talent
The Mayor reported on his attendance at Pocklingtons Got Talent. This had been a very enjoyable evening with a truly memorable performance by a 12 year old girl singing 'let it go' in the junior section.
- (b) Mayor Of Malton Civic Service
The Mayor was in attendance at the service which took place on the 11th May and reported that it had been a most memorable afternoon. With the Archbishop of York, also in attendance.
- (c) Castle Gardens
The Mayor attended the viewing of Castle Gardens on the 7th May with the Clerk, Councillor H Spencer and Councillor Mrs D Keal, along with Malton Councillors.
- (d) Skatepark
Along with the skatepark representative Councillor J. Gray, the Mayor was investigating the possibility of new lighting.
- (e) Tim Bulmer – Norton Signs
The Mayor asked that the issue of internal town signs be placed on the agenda for the meeting next month, when it was hoped he would be able to show examples of Tim Bulmer's work.

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011. (05/14) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- (a) Accounts paid and for payment
The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 021 to 033 inclusive, amounting to £6,608.59 had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.
RESOLVED that account nos. 034 to 039 inclusive, amounting to £1,505.05 be paid.
Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.
- (b) Financial report
The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.04.14 to 30.04.14 was received.
- (c) Budgetary monitoring
The Clerk's report for the period ending 30 April 2014 was received.

012. (05/14) **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

14/00471/HOUSE Erection of single storey side extension to south elevation to incorporate room above and integral garage together with erection of double dormer windows to rear (east) roofslope (revised details to approval 12/00608/HOUSE dated 08.08.2012).
43 Hunters Way, Norton, Malton
For: Mr Wayne Hazel
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.

14/00484/HOUSE Erection of single storey rear extension.
1 Clock Row, Norton, Malton
For: Mr & Mrs T W Coatsworth
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.

- (b) Planning decisions notified by Ryedale District Council:

Approved

14/00179/HOUSE Variation of condition 21 of approval 07/01116/FUL dated 11.6.2008 as amended by 13/01225/AMEND dated 08.11.2013 to allow the substitution of originally approved plans 3957/01 site plan, 3957/05 single storey houses 3957/06 proposed single storey houses, 3957/09 proposed garages, by drawing numbers SK10 Rev B site plan, SK11 Rev B new single storey dwellings, SK12 Rev B new single storey dwellings, SK15 Rev D upper site garages.
Sutton Farm, Langton Road, Norton.

14/00190/FUL Change of use of part of dwelling to an osteopathic clinic (Use Class D1) with associated signage.
St Johns House, 1 Langton Road, Norton.

013. (05/14) **CEMETERY MATTERS**

Members considered how the closure of the cemetery overnight was functioning and how it had been received by the public. In general it was felt to be satisfactory, with much improvement to the dog fouling situation. Members thought that with the onset of lighter nights new problems could arise that were otherwise not apparent yet, therefore it was; RESOLVED to continue with the closure for a further trial period of three months to see if any such problems arose.

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014. (05/14) **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

Members considered funding a programme of renewing the Norton Lights, which would then be used for the benefit of Norton only. The funding for this would be in addition to the amount set out in the budget which was to contribute to both Malton and Norton for maintenance.

The Mayor notified Council that the cost to Malton and Norton Councils for the erection of the Christmas Lights this coming year would be in the order of £5,000. To mitigate against problems previously encountered with late erection the lights would have to be erected in October this year. The mayor highlighted that the cost of the Christmas Lights could increase over the next few years and this would have to be monitored. The mayor added that he had the opportunity of acquiring 20 second hand LED lighting units at £60 to £80 each and that he would be willing to inspect them.

RESOLVED To acquire 20 second hand LED lighting units, subject to inspection approval and a cap of £2,000. To contribute £2,500 to the Malton and Norton Christmas Lights fund for 2014/15, and should further funding be required, address this matter nearer the time.

015. (05/14) **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

- (a) Members received the report of the meeting with County Highway Officers, where various issues had been discussed. There had been one response to date which was regarding the meeting with the resident on Little Wood Street concerning parking and double yellow lines. In view of the slow response to the issues raised Council asked County Councillor Mrs Shields if she would kindly speak to the Highway Officers at County Hall in the hope that this might expedite the issues.
- (b) Council were dismayed by the fact that the County Council would be ceasing funding for the grass verge cutting from April 2015. It was considered that the Council should do its best in maintaining the appearance of the town. Councillor Spencer was concerned about the verges on the hillside at Bazley's Lane and that he would speak to Mrs Tatham direct. The Council had no problem with this direct approach. No decisions were made and the issue of verge cutting would be an agenda item for later in the year.

016. (05/14) **ST NICHOLAS STREET CAR PARK**

Members discussed the possibility of purchasing and installing bollards for six Bruntwood Terrace occupants within St Nicholas Street Car Park as they had been historically promised provision following demolition of their garages. Consent would need sourcing from Ryedale District Council as owners of the car park. Ballpark costs would be £60 to £80 per bollard plus installation cost.

RESOLVED Councillor Mrs Keal to seek consent from Mr Phil Long at Ryedale District Council before proceeding with this further.

017. (05/14) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Love Norton 14 – letter thanking the Council for their generous grant. Noted.
- (b) Letter from North Yorkshire Police on dog micro chipping. Noted.
- (c) Letter from Mrs. B. Watson. Members to consider fencing the open area at the Chase to stop people using the play area to exercise their dogs.
RESOLVED To proceed in principal, subject to obtaining satisfactory costings.

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018. (05/14) **MALTON & NORTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Members were updated on where the Neighbourhood Plan stands to date and that a meeting had taken place with Malton Councillors on the 14th May. Before the plan could be progressed any further however the actual boundaries for the plan needed to be set. As the Industrial Estate in Norton bordered the adjoining parish of Settrington, and as much of the proposed expansion for industrial sites was actually in Settrington Parish, the Council would need to talk to Settrington Parish Council in order that agreement could be reached with regard to the boundary of the Neighbourhood Plan

RESOLVED The clerk to write to Settrington Parish Council to establish how they would regard the boundary of the Malton and Norton Neighbourhood Plan actually including a small part of their parish.

019. (05/14) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

No reports received.

020. (05/14) **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

- (a) Councillor Harrison asked who was responsible for the spraying of weeds in the roadside gutters. The clerk confirmed that this was County Councils responsibility.
- (b) The Mayor asked if the 'do the right thing' reward scheme for dog fouling was operational over all of Norton. The clerk confirmed that according to the police community support officer that this was the case.

021. (05/14) **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.

Eastfield Allotments

The Mayor informed members that Bright Steels had kindly offered to incorporate the allotment CCTV provision on their site, together with the existing King Georges provision. This was well received as there had been doubts about the security and reliability of the shop for the installation of the equipment there. GMC Alarms had quoted £5,800 + VAT for the installation of a 360 degree dome camera, 8 way recorder, 22" HD screen and the necessary converters for the existing equipment.

RESOLVED Proceed with the acquisition of the equipment and installation in line with the GMC quote. The deputy clerk is to obtain annual maintenance quotes.

022. (05/14) **DATE OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the extraordinary meeting of the council to be held on Wednesday 28th May 2014, at 7.00pm, in the council chamber.

023. (05/14) **DATE OF NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next ordinary Meeting of the Council be held on Monday, 16th June 2014, at 7.00pm, in the council chamber.

(Meeting closed at 9.05pm)

_____(Chairman)

