

## 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 Tuesday, 20 March 2012 at 7.00pm.

### PRESENT

Councillor Mrs D. Keal (Town Mayor) in the Chair;  
Councillors K. Anderson, P. Farndale, A.R. Harrison, D. Lloyd-Williams, R. Milner,  
K. Reveley, J.T. Stone.  
Also Mrs R. Tierney.

### 176. (03/12) APOLOGIES

Apologies received and noted by the Clerk  
Councillors Mrs J. Denniss, R. King, D. K. Mennell, H. Spencer.

### 177. (03/12) GUEST SPEAKER

No guest speaker.

### 178. (03/12) PUBLIC SESSION

No member of the public spoke.

### 179. (03/12) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest made.

### 180. (03/12) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 20 February 2012 (Minutes 160 to 175 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### 181. (03/12) CLERK'S REPORT

#### (a) Ryedale Cameras in Action

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to Denys Townsend the Treasurer of the Cameras in Action Committee, but as yet no date for the meeting had been set. Had offered the use of the Council Chamber for the meeting if this would help to move things forward. Noted.

#### (b) Disused Railway Track - Public Right of Way

The Clerk had spoken to Russ Varley, the Definitive Map Officer at North Yorkshire County Council, who had forwarded the guidance notes on how to proceed with an application to modify the definitive map and statement. The Clerk had also contacted the Ramblers Association who had put her in contact with a Chris Clark, who was going to assist in locating the individuals and groups that used the old railway line.

Once a significant number of people who would be willing to sign a Modification Application Form had been located, the Council could then proceed to make the application. Noted.

#### (c) Highway Matters

The Clerk reported receipt of an e-mail from the County Highways Department, which was in answer to questions raised by Councillor Mrs Denniss.

##### Parking issues in Grove Street and Wood Street.

Councillor Mrs Denniss had asked about residents parking permits and having Wood Street marked out in parking bays. The answer to both these points was that County was yet to finalise its policy on parking permits, and that a scheme to mark out parking bays in Wood Street had not been put forward as an official scheme as yet.

##### Commercial Street

County were aware of the standing water issues and their concerns had been passed to the contractor shortly after the carriageway was surfaced, they were still trying to rectify the issue, but asked for patience due to a contract ending and a new one starting, they would keep the Council informed on progress.

Verge works to correct the improvement scheme would not now be programmed take place until the Brambling Fields development was completed. Noted.

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182. (03/12) **TOWN MAYOR/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**(a) Former ATS Site - Commercial Street

The Mayor reported that the ATS site was on the market for £500,000, and that due to wishing to sell with vacant possession local traders had been asked not to park along the side of the entrance, this was causing some concern on Commercial Street.

Ryedale District Council had stated that their capital programme was almost all committed and following the abolition of Yorkshire Forward it was difficult to see where any funding to purchase the site might come from.

The River Rail Corridor Study had identified this site and the adjoining land for a mix of residential accommodation and public parking and the forward planning team at Ryedale had been asked to incorporate these proposals into the emerging Ryedale Local Plan. Noted.

(b) Promotion of Norton Businesses

Ryedale District Council had offered to hold an event to be run by an appropriate professional organisation who would be able to advise on marketing and promotion of local businesses. It would need a minimum of 10 traders to attend, and Councillor King had offered to promote the idea with all local businesses in Norton. Noted.

(c) Diamond Jubilee  
Community Event

The committee organising the community event which was to be held at the Rugby Club in Malton on Monday 4 June 2012, had written to members explaining the activities planned, and that it was to be free entry on the day and while they were receiving offers of support 'in kind' funding would be required. They were therefore asking if the Council would consider making a donation of £500 towards the costs.

Agreed that this be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Councillor Stone asked if there was to be any public transport to and from the Rugby Club available on the day.

The Mayor to make enquiries.

Jubilee Clock

With regard to the clock the business owner had asked the suppliers of the satellite dish if they could do a survey to establish if there would be sufficient signal to enable the dish to be moved to the side, the cost was to be £187.

Tenants of the flat where the clock would be situated had expressed some concerns over the possibility of it striking the hour etc. Noted.

(d) Norton Big Tidy Up

The Mayor reported receipt of an e.mail from Antony Crosier giving details of the amount of litter that had been collected by the 'Tidy Up' group on the 4 March. This had amounted to some 30 bags of litter in total. The next Norton Tidy Up was to be on 6 May and an invitation for any member that would like to attend was given.

Agreed that the Council write a letter of thanks to the Tidy Up Group.

(e) Events Attended

The Mayor reported on her attendance at:-

- The Closure of Malton Museum on the 29 February.
- The Community Showcase Day held at St Peter's Church on 3 March.
- The Ryedale 'Link' meeting held at Next Steps on 5 March.
- The Diamond Jubilee sub committee meetings on 6 and 20 March.
- Ryedale District Council Chairman's Civic Service held at Helmsley on 11 March.
- Mayor of Malton's Civic Service held at Old Malton Priory on 15 March.
- Next Steps Fun and Fitness Day held on 17 March.

(f) Forthcoming Events

To be noted by members:-

- Talk on the History of Castle Gardens at The Lodge Hotel on 3 April.
- Exhibition of the Woodhams Stone Collections at the Milton Rooms on 21 April.
- Town Council Civic Dinner at the Market Place Restaurant on 27 April.

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183. (03/12) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**(a) Accounts paid and for payment

The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 178 to 184 inclusive, amounting to £8070.49, had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED that account nos. 185 to 188 inclusive, amounting to £1798.80 be paid.

Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.

(b) Financial report

The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.02.12 to 29.02.12 was received.

(c) Budgetary monitoring

The Clerk's report for the period ending 29 February 2012 was received.

184. (03/12) **PLANNING MATTERS**(a) Planning applications referred to the Town Council by Ryedale District Council, for comment and/or recommendation were dealt with as follows: -

12/00165/HOUSE      Formation of 2no. Vehicular accesses with parking/turning area.  
10 Scarborough Road, Norton.  
For Miss B Smith.  
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.

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

12/00014/FUL      Sub-division of existing 4no. Two bedroom self contained residential apartments to provide 6no. One bedroom self contained residential apartments.  
64 Langton Road, Norton.

Refused

12/00050/HOUSE      Creation of 3no. Linked dormer windows to east elevation, 1no. Dormer window and 2no. roof lights to west elevation.  
60 Howe Road, Norton.

Planning Appeal

11/01129/HOUSE      Erection of two-storey rear extension following demolition of existing single-storey extension.  
21 St Peter's Crescent, Norton.  
APPEAL IS DISMISSED.

(c) Neighbourhood Plan for Malton and Norton

Members were informed that Ryedale District Council had been successful in bidding for funding to continue the work of forming a Neighbourhood Plan for the towns, although not all the legislation required to complete the plan was in place as yet further steps could be taken. Although this was now for the District Council to lead on.

185. (03/12) **DIAMOND JUBILEE**

Members considered a proposal to send a message of congratulation to Her Majesty The Queen on attaining her Diamond Jubilee

RESOLVED To forward a message of congratulation from the Town Council to Her Majesty The Queen. The Clerk to make enquiries as to the correct form this should take.

186. (03/12) **RIVERSIDE FIELD - RIVER BANK**

Members considered the issues raised in the letter received from the Fitzwilliam (Malton) Estate, with regard to maintaining the riverbank.

Agreed by members that this item be placed on the agenda for the Annual Town Meeting.

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187. (03/12) **CEMETERY MATTERS**

Members considered the proposal to change the way in which the cemetery waste was handled.

The Clerk informed members that it had been the custom to burn any cemetery waste that could not be accommodated in the bins, but this was now no longer possible due to lack of space. It was therefore proposed that all shrub and tree prunings would in the future be chipped, and once a year a skip would be brought in to remove the Christmas Wreaths. RESOLVED to approve the changes to the cemetery waste management.

188. (03/12) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) North Yorkshire County Council - Renewal of Local Bus Contracts in Ryedale.  
For information. Noted.
- (b) Skipton-East Lancashire Rail Action Partnership - Thank you for letter of support.  
For information. Noted.
- (c) Ryedale District Council - Acknowledgement of receipt of Representation on the Local Plan Strategy. For information. Noted.

189. (03/12) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

No reports received.

190. (03/12) **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

- (a) Councillor Harrison asked how often the town was litter picked.  
In reply it was stated that the central area was done more or less every day, but that other areas were not done so often. The Clerk to make enquiries.
- (b) Councillor Milner asked if the roof covering the Coronation Seat in Welham Road belonged to the Town Council, because if it did then it was in need of repair.  
The Clerk to make enquiries.

191. (03/12) **EXCLUDED ITEM**

RESOLVED that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, members of the press and public are excluded for the following item of business as the Council considers that the nature of the business to be transacted is prejudicial to the public interest.

Tree Felling, Park Road

Members received a copy of a letter complaining at the felling of trees in Park Road. This work had been carried out at the request of the Fitzwilliam Estate who were the owners of the land, and not at the request of the Council as stated in the letter. The Mayor agreed to write in response. Noted.

192. (03/12) **DATE OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

RESOLVED that the Annual Town Meeting be held on Monday 16 April 2012, at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber.

193. (03/12) **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Town Council be held on Monday, 16 April 2012 at 7.00pm, or on the rising of the Annual Town Meeting whichever is the later, in the Council Chamber.

(Meeting closed at 8.15pm)

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