

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber  
Commercial Street, Norton-on-Derwent on Monday 21 August 2017 at 7.00pm.

**PRESENT** Councillor R. King (Mayor) in the Chair;  
Councillors B. Barrett, A. Croser, Mrs D. Keal, D. Lloyd-Williams, P. Mooring,  
Mrs A. Spencer, H. Spencer, Mrs A. Stokell Beckett, Mrs B Wright.  
Also Mrs R. Tierney, Mr T. Hicks

052. (08/17) **APOLOGIES**

(a) Apologies received by the Clerk; Councillor D Allanson.

053. (08/17) **GUEST SPEAKER**

No guest speaker present.

054. (08/17) **PUBLIC SESSION**

Councillor Mrs Shields thanked everyone that had contributed to making the library open day a great success, and thanked the council for the loan of the tables and chairs as well as the donation of the Yorkshire Bunting.

The next stage of refurbishment was to create a community garden to the side of the library, where the gravelled area was at present. They were still awaiting a tenant for the second office unit that had been created.

Noted by members.

County Councillor Keane Duncan reported that he had received a petition with some 600 signatures, requesting that the Church Street, Welham Road junction priorities be turned back to how they were. With the verified number of signatures being sufficient this item was now due to be discussed at the November meeting of the County Council Ryedale Area Committee, which was to be held at the Bowling Club in Norton.

The results of the video surveys on both the Church Street, Welham Road junction and the Welham Road, St Nicholas Street junction were still awaited.

Members then raised the question of the delay in implementing the HGV restriction on the railway crossing as this would impact on both junctions.

Councillor Duncan was aware of members concerns.

Noted by members.

District Councillor Luke Ives reported that the process for appointing a new Chief Executive Officer was ongoing, and that the appointment would be a full council decision.

The Sites Selection Document that would form part of the Ryedale Plan was due to be considered in the next few months, and while the consultation process still needed to be clarified it would include the town and parish councils.

Noted by members.

055. (08/17) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of Interest made.

056. (08/17) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 17 July 2017 (Minutes 037 to 051 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

057. (08/17) **CLERK'S REPORT**(a) Street Lighting

To inform members that as from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 Ryedale District Council stated that they would no longer be responsible for the footway lighting in Norton that was currently maintained by them, this amounted to one hundred and ninety four lights. There was an assumption in the letter from Ryedale that these lights were owned by the Town Council, this needed clarification as we had no record of ownership. A meeting at Ryedale House to discuss all the issues surrounding the lighting, had been arranged for Monday 4 September 2017 at 6.00pm, after which the council would be in a position to discuss the matter further.  
Noted.

(b) Skatepark

To inform members that Malton Town Council at its July Meeting passed the same resolution as this Town Council with regard to repairs and improvements at the Skatepark.  
Namely that Costs as follows; immediate repairs £3,000.00, s106 funding bid for new ride £6,000.00, cladding costs to remainder of half Pipe £5,000.00.  
All costs would be shared with Malton Town Council.  
To this end the contractor had been instructed to proceed with the repairs.  
Noted.

(c) Neighbourhood Plan

To inform members that a meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group had been arranged for Thursday 21 September at 6.30pm at Malton Town Council Office, Community House, Wentworth Street.  
Following which it was hoped that a draft Policies Intentions Document would be ready for public consultation.

(d) Invitation to Malton Fire Station

Members were invited to attend Malton Fire Station on Monday 4 September at 3.00pm, when they would be able to view the new Tactical Response Vehicle based at the station.  
Noted.

(e) Commercial Street - Litter Bins

To inform members that the new litter bins for Commercial Street had now been installed.

(f) Grants to Voluntary Organisations

To inform members that Grants to Voluntary Organisations were to be considered at the September Meeting of the Town Council, on Monday 18 of September 2017. Any organisation interested in applying were reminded that they must include a copy of their audited accounts along with their application request.  
Noted.

(g) Integrated Flood Scheme

To report Emily Mellalieu from North Yorkshire County Council, who was due to give a presentation to members this evening, would now be attending the September Council Meeting instead.

(h) North Yorkshire County Council, Ryedale Area Committee

Members were invited to elect a Parish/Town Councillor to serve on the Ryedale Area Committee as a co-opted member representing Parish and Town Councils.  
Three candidates had been nominated;  
Councillor Philip John Chapman, Hovingham with Scackleton Parish Council  
Councillor Christopher Parkin, Helmsley Town Council  
Councillor David Lloyd-Williams, Malton Town and Norton Town Councils  
It was agreed that the candidate put forward by this Town Council would be;  
Councillor David Lloyd-Williams.

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058. (08/17) **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

- (a) Yorkshire Day  
The Mayor thanked all Councillors and members of the public who had assisted on the day, and stated that it had been possibly the best event organised so far and that even the weather had been kind.
- (b) Church Street Junction  
The Mayor reported that he was still being asked by members of the public, about the changes to the priorities at the Church Street junction, and why was nothing being done to improve the situation.  
Noted.
- (c) Christmas Event – Santa Run  
The Mayor reported that he had attended a meeting along with the Deputy Clerk and Rob Davies of Ryedale Special Families, to discuss the details of organising the Santa Run and the other events for the day.  
This item to be discussed later in the meeting. Noted.

059. (08/17) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- (a) Accounts paid and for payment  
The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 080 to 091 inclusive, amounting to £8,619.51 had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.  
RESOLVED that account nos. 092 to 099 inclusive, amounting to £5,042.34 be paid. Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.
- (b) Financial report  
The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.07.17 to 31.07.17 was received.
- (c) Budgetary monitoring  
The Clerk's report for the period ending 31 July 2017 was received.
- (d) External Audit  
To report completion of the External Audit for the year to 31 March 2017. The Annual Return was now available for inspection and had been published on the Town Council Web-site.

060. (08/17) **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

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| 17/00792/FUL | Formation of a series of ponds and shallow scrapes up to 1m in depth with shallow shelving cross section within the existing Ings land to create valuable wetland habitat within the River Derwent flood plain.<br>Land At Norton Ings, Wallgates Lane, Norton, Malton<br>For: Ryedale District Council (Mr Don Davies)<br><u>RESOLVED</u> Recommend Approval. |
| 17/00879/LBC | Erection of a single storey extension to east elevation to form a boiler room following the previously approved demolition of existing extensions.<br>Leat House, 71 Welham Road, Norton, Malton, YO17 9DS<br>For: Willow Developments (Wayne Butler)<br><u>RESOLVED</u> Recommend Approval.   |

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060. (08/17) **PLANNING MATTERS** (continued)

17/00918/FUL           Erection of 3 bedroom detached bungalow.  
Leat House, 71 Welham Road, Norton, Malton, YO17 9DS  
For: Willow Developments Ltd (Mr Wayne Butler)  
RESOLVED Recommend Refusal, on the grounds that this is an inappropriate development, alongside what is an historic building within the town setting.

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

Approved

17/00693/HOUSE       Alterations to existing stables and outbuildings to form additional domestic accommodation and erection of single storey extension with link corridor following the demolition of existing outbuildings.  
Welham Hall, Welham Road, Norton, Malton, YO17 9QF  
For: The Hon Simon Howard

17/00575/FUL           Erection of a single storey assisted living bungalow with accommodation for the occupier and a carer.  
Land at 6 Lakeside Way, Norton, Malton  
For: J Simpson

17/00598/HOUSE       Erection of a rear two storey extension to replace existing bathroom / conservatory extension.  
73 Mill Street, Norton, YO17 9JJ  
For: Mr and Mrs C Macdonald

Withdrawn

17/00378/MFUL         Erection of 6no. four bedroom dwellings and 4no. three bedroom dwellings with associated garaging, amenity areas and landscaping.  
ATS Euromaster, 25/27 Commercial Street, Norton  
For: Berkley Deveer

061. (08/17) **CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON, SANTA FUN RUN EVENT**

The Christmas Event was scheduled for Sunday the 19 November 2017, with Commercial Street closed to traffic from 1.00pm to 5.00pm.  
The Santa Fun Run was to be organised by Ryedale Special Families, with other entertainment and events to be organised by the Council using the Council Chamber as the base for all.  
RESOLVED that a budget of £2,500.00 be set to cover all costs for the day.

062. (08/17) **RYEDALE CAMERAS IN ACTION**

Members received the minutes of the Annual General Meeting, and Executive Meeting of Ryedale Cameras in Action, along with a written request for the Town Councils contribution to the capital costs of installing the new system.  
Members raised concerns over the finances and who was funding the system, it was felt that a letter to the Police Commissioner sent jointly from both Malton Town Council and Norton Town Council asking for support with funding should be sent. It was agreed to ask Malton if they would support such a letter. Members also felt that a meeting with the new Police Inspector should be arranged, it was therefore agreed to invite him to a future meeting.  
RESOLVED to pay the sum of £10,000.00 being the capital contribution agreed by this council towards the installation of the new system.

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063. (08/17) **SECTION S106 AND FLOOD 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 all members who made the following recommendations:

RESOLVED that the applications listed are either supported or otherwise as indicated;

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| • Rainbow Lane Play Area, Malton (S106 Grant)               | Supported.     |
| • Malton Tennis Club, Malton (S106 Grant)                   | Supported.     |
| • Busy Bees Gardening Club, Norton Library (S106 Grant)     | Supported.     |
| • Lady Spring Wood, Riverside, Malton (S106 Grant)          | Supported.     |
| • Malton Community Sports Centre Fitness suite (S106 Grant) | Not Supported. |
| • Flood Defences, Malton and Norton (Flood Grant)           | Supported.     |

064. (08/17) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Next Steps – letter of thanks for Yorkshire Day. Noted.
- (b) Letter to Kevin Hollinrake from David Lloyd-Williams – Junction alterations. Noted
- (c) Milton Rooms – request for a letter of support for their application to the Heritage Lottery fund. Agreed. Noted.

065. (08/17) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

No reports presented.

066. (08/17) **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

Councillor Lloyd-Williams reported that he had been approached by members of the public who were concerned about the run down appearance of some of the properties that were within the Conservation Area of Norton, and could the Council do anything to remedy this.

In reply it was stated that all the Council could do was report the concerns to the Conservation Officer at Ryedale District Council and write a polite letter requesting improvements to the owners of the properties.

Properties in question were;

- The Old Railway Tavern, Wold Street.
- Formby Mews, Wold Street.
- The Old Post Office, Church Street.

Councillor Mrs Keal asked that the lighting in the snickets, and the White Lining of parking spaces in St Nicholas Street Car Park for the residents of Bruntwood Terrace be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.  
Noted.

Councillor Mrs Keal also asked if the Council would consider supporting the town in becoming a Dementia Friendly Community.  
This item to be placed on the agenda for next time.

Councillor Croser asked about the collapsed wall at the corner of the Railway Bridge. In reply it was stated that North Yorkshire Highways were trying to ascertain who was responsible for the wall. Noted.

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067. (08/17) **EXCLUDED ITEM**

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

Outstanding Service Award

Members were asked to consider awarding District Councillor Mrs Elizabeth Shields the highest honour that is within the power of the Town Council to bestow, namely the Honorary Freedom of the Parish. This would be in recognition of her exceptional service to the community, serving Norton from 1980 to the present time.

RESOLVED that District Councillor Mrs Elizabeth Shields be awarded the Honorary Freedom of the Parish.

To be presented at a service at St Peter's Church Norton. Time and date to be confirmed.

068. (08/17) **DATE OF THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next ordinary meeting of the Council be held on Monday, 18 September 2017, at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber.

(Meeting closed at 9:10pm)

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