

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber
Commercial Street, Norton-on-Derwent on Monday 19 January 2015 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Councillor A. Croser (Deputy Town Mayor) in the Chair;
Councillors K. Anderson, Ms C. Barratt-Gibson, P. Farndale, J. Gray, Mrs D. Keal,
D. Lloyd-Williams, B. Merhtens, H. Spencer.
Also Mrs R. Tierney, Mr T. Hicks

166. (01/15) **APOLOGIES**

Apologies received and noted by the Clerk; Councillors R. King, R.A. Harrison

167. (01/15) **GUEST SPEAKER**

No Guest Speaker in attendance.

168. (01/15) **PUBLIC SESSION**

District Councillor Luke Ives reported that although the planning application for the
ATS site in Commercial Street had been approved, he still had deep concerns as to
its planning merit.

Councillor Ives also reported receipt of a pre-planning consultation from Gladman
Developments of a proposed residential development on land to the West of Langton
Road. This was acknowledged by members who had also received the same
consultation.

Finally Councillor Ives made representations to members with regard to the proposed
Asphalt Plant at Whitewall Quarry and the traffic movement analysis report associated
with the application urging the Council to note local residents concerns as to the
routes planned for use and the volume of traffic that would be generated by this
application.

Comments noted by members.

169. (01/15) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Anderson declared an interest in Agenda item 14(c) Correspondence,
Station Taxis (Norton) Ltd, email asking for possible funding, as an employee.

Councillor Mrs Keal declared interests in Agenda item 4 the Fracking debate, Agenda
Item 5 Whitewall Quarry, and in Agenda item 13 Milton Rooms request, as a Trustee.

Councillor Lloyd-Williams declared a personal interest in Agenda item 10 Planning
Matters, application number 14/01398/FUL (13, Commercial Street) as a personal
and political friend of the applicant.

170. (01/15) **FRACKING**

Members received a motion from Mrs Janice Gwilliam expressing concern at any
proposal to allow fracking in the town's locality, stating that we should be looking at
more renewable energy solutions.

Members debated the issue with all expressing concern and worries over water
contamination, seismic activity and congestion through some small communities. All
members felt that renewable energy was the way forward and that the implications
from 'fracking' were too great for the local community.

Councillor Mrs Keal reported that there was to be a public meeting on this issue,
hosted by the District Council and held at the Milton Rooms in Malton on Wednesday
4 February 2015 at 6.30pm.

RESOLVED unanimously to support the following motion;

"We have a number of unresolved concerns about important aspects of fracking, and
therefore are opposed to any fracking activities in our locality until such time as
satisfactory answers are forthcoming"

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171. (01/15) **WHITEWALL QUARRY – PROPOSED ASPHALT PLANT**

Members received details of the traffic movements analysis report associated with the Asphalt Plant planning application, along with a covering letter received by the County Planning Department from MJCA Associates Ltd. Members also had tabled further emails from the local residents group opposed to the application which disputed the accuracy of the traffic analysis report.

Members debated the issues raised by the report and by the emails sent from residents, noting that the monitoring would be dependent on the applicant and the increase in HGV movements.

RESOLVED To write to the Planning Department at the County Council explaining that following further concerns expressed by residents the Council would wish to emphasise their objection to the application.

172. (01/15) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 8 December 2014 (Minutes 149 to 165 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

173. (01/15) **CLERK'S REPORT**(a) Local Government Financial Settlement

To report on concerns the National Association of Local Councils had raised, with regard to potential capping of town and parish councils.

While no specific reference was made to parishes in the central government Finance Settlement Consultation, Local Government Minister Kris Hopkins in his statement to the House of Commons made the following point:

“Parishes are an important part of local government, delivering valuable and valued local services. However that is not a reason for them to impose inflation-busting increases on their taxpayers. The average Band D council tax in England has risen 2% since 2011 to 2012 – the equivalent figure for the parish element is 14.7% over the same period. That is why I would welcome views on whether the highest spending parishes should be subject to the same referendum principle as the rest of local government.”

Members were made aware that within the next week or so a decision on this would be made, and while we do not know what is meant by the highest spending parishes, if a cap was made it would result in this Council having to;

- Alter the Precept asked for to bring it in line with a 1.99% increase which equals £108,228.00 instead of the agreed 9.34% increase which equals £120,000.00 or;
- Keep the precept at £120,000.00 and face a referendum by the electorate the cost of which would have to be met by this council and could cost as much as £10,000, with no guarantee of winning the said referendum.

Noted by members.

(b) CCTV Meeting

To report on a meeting at Ryedale House between Councillor Dennis Townsend of Ryedale Cameras in Action, Mr Mike Adams Ryedale District Council, Mr Mike Skehan Clerk to Malton Town Council and myself. The meeting was to outline the yearly costs of running the system and for Mr Adams to confirm that as from 31 March 2015 the District Council would no longer be responsible for any funding or for the contracts in place, especially the British Telecom contract.

If the British Telecom contract could be transferred into another name by that date it would be possible for it to continue without having to be re-negotiated.

Approximate running cost for the year were nearly £26,000.00, without taking account of any kind of reserves for updating the system.

A formal meeting of Ryedale Cameras in Action was to be arranged as soon as possible in order for future arrangements to be made.

Members asked that confirmation of the District Council ceasing responsibility for any funding or for the contracts in place be put in writing. The Clerk agreed to seek written confirmation.

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174. (01/15) **CLERK'S REPORT** (continued)(c) Tree Pruning Cemetery

To request that pruning of the large trees running down the back lane to the Cemetery should be undertaken as soon as possible. With the high winds of the past weeks the work had now become quite urgent.

While a fully costed quotation or quotations had not been received costs could however be in the region of £1,000 plus.

RESOLVED that the Clerk arrange to have the work undertaken as a matter of urgency.

Residential Development – Langton Road

Members received details from Gladman Developments Ltd of a proposed residential development on land to the West of Langton Road.

While this was a pre-planning consultation Gladmans were requesting a meeting with representatives of the Town Council to talk through their proposals.

Members considered the request and agreed that a meeting could be helpful.

The Clerk to liaise with Gladmans Developments to determine a date suitable for all.

175. (01/15) **DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR/ VICE CHAIRMANS REPORT**(a) Encephalitis Society

The Deputy Mayor reported on his attendance at the community open evening held at the headquarters of the society, in Castlegate Malton, prior to Christmas.

Noted.

(b) Ryedale Youth Ballet

On behalf of the Council the Deputy Mayor had attended the Ryedale Youth Ballet production of Coppelia held at Norton College. This had been a very enjoyable occasion and he had been most impressed with the performance.

(c) Ryedale Planning Committee Meeting

The Deputy Mayor had attended the January planning meeting at Ryedale District Council, to read a statement on behalf of the Council relating to the planning application for the ATS site in Commercial Street.

(d) Norton Senior Citizens Party

The Deputy Mayor had attended the party which had been well attended and had been enjoyed by those present, the meal had been to its usual high standard and the Deputy Mayor thanked the catering staff for all their hard work. Thanks also had to be given to Councillor Farndale who had acted as host on the day but had put in many hours work prior to the day. Others to be thanked for their help were the Army Cadet Force, Mrs Sue Bingham, Mrs Janet Gaines, Mrs Jane Reid and Mrs Maureen Croser. Thanks were also given to County Councillor Mrs Elizabeth Shields and Councillors Gray and Harrison along with the Clerk and Deputy Clerk.

Noted.

176. (01/15) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**(a) Accounts paid and for payment

The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 186 to 198 inclusive, amounting to £9,079.84 had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED that account nos. 199 to 202 inclusive, amounting to £622.00 be paid. Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.

(b) Financial report

The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.12.14 to 31.12.14 was received.

(c) Budgetary monitoring

The Clerk's report for the period ending 31 December 2014 was received.

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177. (01/15) **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

- 14/01398/FUL Change of use and alteration of former office to form a 2 bedroom dwelling, to include bricking up of shop front and installation of 2no. Vertical sliding sash timber windows and front and rear entrance doors.
13 Commercial Street, Norton, Malton, YO17 9HX
For: Mrs Lindsay Burr.
RESOLVED Recommend refusal on the grounds of loss of commercial/retail space and protection of the Commercial Street frontage.
- 14/01335/MFUL Erection of block of 1no. 1 bedroom and 1no. 2 bedroom apartments and block of 5no. 1 bedroom and 3no. 2 bedroom apartments following demolition of existing garage and outbuildings together with formation of vehicular access, 10 no. parking spaces, communal refuse store and additional 1 no. parking space for 29 Wood Street.
27 Wood Street, Norton
For: Yorkshire Housing Limited (Linda Gray)
RESOLVED Recommend approval, subject to emergency services being satisfied as to the height of the front archway giving vehicular access to the dwellings at the rear of the site.

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

Approved

- 14/01161/LBC Installation of CCTV camera to front wall above left side of fascia sign.
Ryedale Taxis, Railway Street, Norton.
- 14/00909/HOUSE Erection of single storey side and rear extensions to include integral garage.
Newlands, 4 St Peter's Crescent, Norton.
- 14/01211/HOUSE Erection of single storey side extension.
22 Scarborough Road, Norton.
- 14/01289/HOUSE Erection of single storey rear and side extension
20 Glenmore Drive, Norton.

Part Approved/Part Refused

- 14/01184/HOUSE Erection of first floor extension to existing single storey rear extension, rear entrance porch and installation of dormer window to rear roof slope to allow formation of additional accommodation.
76 Parliament Street, Norton.

178. (01/15) **PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES IN NORTON**

Members received a consultation paper and questionnaire from North Yorkshire County Council in connection with creating extra primary school places in Norton. This was proposed to be on the County Council premises and land at Brooklyn in Langton Road and by creating either an extension to the existing school or if a separate school as an Academy, a Free School or a Voluntary Aided School (Faith School). It would not be possible under current government legislation to open a new Community School run by the Education Authority unless all the other options had been exhausted.

As there was to be a public meeting at Norton Community Primary School on Tuesday 10 February 2015, and the consultation period for responses did not close until 27 February 2015, members deferred making any response until the next Council meeting which would be held on 16 February 2015.

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179. (01/15) **COUNCIL POLICIES**

Publication Scheme Policy

Members received copies of the proposed Publication Scheme Policy for Norton on Derwent Town Council. Which detailed information that would be available to the public and the costs that would be charged for copies of the information.

RESOLVED that the Publication Scheme Policy be formally adopted by the Council.

180. (01/15) **MILTON ROOMS**

Members received a request from the Trustees of the Milton Rooms, for a financial contribution to support the Milton Rooms as an important public facility and to assist in its future development.

Members agreed to defer making a decision until such time as further information was forthcoming on the business plan for the future of the Milton Rooms.

181. (01/15) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Ryedale Safer Neighbourhoods Team – monthly crime statistics for Northern and Southern Ryedale, December 2014. For information. Noted.
- (b) Reverend Rachel Hirst – thank you for taking part in the St Peter's Church Christmas Tree Festival. For information. Noted.
- (c) Station Taxis (Norton) Ltd – email asking if it would be possible for the Council to consider any funding assistance for providing environmentally friendly low emission vehicles. This item for information only the Council does not have the power to assist in this type of funding. Noted.

182. (01/15) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Senior Citizens party

Councillor Gray reported on his attendance at the party which he felt had been well received with the feedback from those attending being very positive.

183. (01/15) **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

Councillor Mrs Keal reported that in answer to a query raised last month with regard to the Derwent Valley Swimming Club, she had spoken to the operators of the Derwent Pool and they had assured her that they wished to fully support the swimming club and had no wish to see it leave.

Noted by members.

184. (01/15) **EXCLUDED ITEM**

RESOLVED that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, members of the press and public were excluded for the following items of business as the Council considered that the nature of the business to be transacted was prejudicial to the public interest.

Neighbourhood Plan

Members received briefing notes from the Neighbourhood Plan meeting which had taken place on Tuesday 13 January 2015.

It was agreed that the committee review the existing draft plan, begin amendments as to scope and content while continuing to work with Ryedale District Council, and that a formal decision on the required content be made following the elections in May.

185. (01/15) **DATE OF NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next ordinary Meeting of the Town Council be held on Monday, 16 February 2015, at 7.00pm, in the council chamber.

(Meeting closed at 9.00pm)

_____(Chairman)