

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber
Commercial Street, Norton-on-Derwent on Monday 20 March 2017 at 7.00pm.

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

188. (03/17) **APOLOGIES**

(a) Apologies received by the Clerk; Councillors D. Allanson, Mrs B Wright.

189. (03/17) **PUBLIC SESSION**

County Councillor Mrs Shields reported that the work on altering the library was continuing with wider doors installed and larger toilets, the foyer had been halved so as to accommodate a new kitchen which would be installed to the rear of the foyer and utilising the open area that would in future be enclosed.

The Library itself was to be closed for eleven days at the end of the month for decorating and laying new carpets. It would then open on the 11 April 2017 with opening days to be Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, mornings and afternoons, and Saturday mornings, 22 hours in total.

Noted.

190. (03/17) **GUEST SPEAKER**

Mr James Malcolm and Mrs Melanie Farnham, North Yorkshire Highways

Members welcomed the Area 4 Highway Manager, Mr James Malcolm and Mrs Melanie Farnham the Area 4 Highway Improvement Manager, who had been invited to discuss the issues surrounding the road priority changes to Church Street / Welham Road.

Mr Malcolm began by apologising for the lack of consultation prior to the priority change, and while it had always been the intention for this to happen as part of the complementary measures associated with the Brambling Fields junction, it was accepted that in changing the layout now, as part of the Church Street re-surfacing, many issues had been highlighted, not least the danger to pedestrians.

Members then raised their concerns, ranging from the impact on vehicles using St Nicholas Street to access Welham Road, and also using Bazley's Lane for the same purpose, to the speed of traffic over the junction of Welham Road and Church Street, and drivers not indicating when turning left into Church Street from County Bridge.

For pedestrians the issue of speed, poor indication and a lack of any clear safe crossing points was a major concern, especially vehicles turning from Welham Road into Norton Road.

In noting all of members concerns Mrs Farnham explained that with their consultants, Mouchell, they were to begin a major feasibility study looking at all the issues and possible solutions, not only to the junctions at the level crossing but all the other complementary measures that had been put forward as part of the Brambling Fields junction improvements. As part of this study a public consultation would take place and members would have plenty of opportunity to comment, and while there was no clear timetable for this study at present the consultants would try to move as quickly as possible.

Prior to closing the debate members raised the point that with the Tour de Yorkshire coming through the town would the chicanes outside Norton College be removed to accommodate the race, and who would be controlling the traffic on the day.

In reply it was stated that the route had been checked by the race officials who were satisfied that the route was safe, and that it would be the police who would control the traffic on the day.

The Mayor thanked Mr Malcolm and Mrs Farnham for attending the meeting.

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191. (03/17) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of Interest made.

192. (03/17) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

- (a) RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 20 February 2017 (Minutes 170 to 187 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

193. (03/17) **CLERK'S REPORT**(a) Business Rates

To report that we were now in receipt of our new business rating assessments which showed increases of;

£6,200 to £9,600 for the Council Chamber and;

£3,800 to £5,100 for the Cemetery

The Council did not qualify for small business rate relief as both its assets had rateable values over the limit.

Being aware that there were unprofessional rating appeal firms, we had asked the Fitzwilliam (Malton) Estate for a recommendation, and Mr Bushell recommended Mark Walker from Hull who had undertaken the Estates appeals for many years.

We had contacted Mr Walker and at face value he believed there was a good case for appealing the Chamber and would have to research the cemetery.

He had been successful in gaining a rate reduction on Hedon Town Hall.

Mr Walker was to call into the Chamber when next in Malton to discuss this further. Noted.

(b) Section 106 Monies

Below notes on a meeting between Jos Holmes from Ryedale District Council, Mike Skehan Clerk to Malton Town Council, and myself. To discuss the process for applying for 106 funding, approved by Ryedale District Council

Resolution of the Council	That applications be invited from community groups for funding from section 106 monies collected for enhancement of or improvements to existing POS or for Sports and Recreation which will be allocated through the Resources Working Party. Recommendations will be made by the Resources Working Party to the Policy and Resources Committee for approval. Local parish and town councils along with ward members to be included in the assessment process of the applications received.
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The Application Form	There will be one uniform application form (yet to be finalised). If submitted direct to Ryedale District Council it will be forwarded to the appropriate Town Council/Councils for its/their comment.
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Local Council Consideration	Town Council will consider and agree comment and recommendation on each application and advise Ryedale DC Community Officer.
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Assessment	The application will be assessed by the appropriate RDC Community Officer who will prepare a report and recommendation for presentation to Resources Working Party.
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Resources Working Party Schedule	RWP will consider the application and make a recommendation to Policy and Resources Committee. Assuming imminent agreement on the form of the application, it is expected that the first round of consideration of applications will require the firming of proposals and submission of applications by first week in July. Application to report is estimated to take up to six weeks. An Agenda for RWP in September must be completed by 28 August. P & R Committee follows RWP in September.
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193. (03/17) **CLERK'S REPORT** (continued)(c) Malton and Norton Chamber of Trade

To report that due to the Chamber of Trade being dissolved it was agreed that its financial assets would be used to support various activities being undertaken in both Malton and Norton this year.

In particular for Norton it was agreed to support the Tour de Yorkshire.

I can therefore report that a cheque in the sum of £500.00 has been received.

Noted.

194. (03/17) **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor reported that he had been disappointed to read a certain newsletter put out by a local District Councillor, which seemed to make claims that were at best exaggerated and at worst untrue.

It was agreed to write to the leader of the District Council and ask that the Councillor concerned be more careful in how newsletters were worded in the future.

195. (03/17) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**(a) Accounts paid and for payment

The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 212 to 221 inclusive, amounting to £6,951.72 had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED that account nos. 222 to 224 inclusive, amounting to £607.82 be paid. Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.

(b) Financial report

The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.02.17 to 28.02.17 was received.

(c) Budgetary monitoring

The Clerk's report for the period ending 28 February 2017 was received.

196. (03/17) **PLANNING MATTERS**(a) Planning applications referred to the Town Council by Ryedale District Council, for comment and/or recommendation were dealt with as follows: -

17/00078/HOUSE Erection of two storey extension to side elevation to include replacement attached garage (revised details of approval 16/01286/HOUSE dated 26.09.2016)
7 The Avenue, Norton, Malton, YO17 9EF
For: Mr Steven Adcock
RESOLVED Recommend Approval

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

16/02041/HOUSE Erection of part two storey / part first floor / part single storey extension to south west elevation (revised details to refusal 16/01439/HOUSE dated 07.11.2016)
Paddock House, Langton Road, Norton, Malton, YO17 9PX
For: Mr Andrew White

17/00016/HOUSE Erection of a two storey extension to east elevation following demolition of existing lean to style extension and erection of replacement bay window to north elevation with roof extended to form a canopy over the entrance door.
59 Welham Road, Norton, Malton, YO17 9DS
For: Mr & Mrs M Hall

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197. (03/17) **STREET LIGHTING, THE PATHWAYS IN NORTON**

Councillor Mrs Keal asked if there had been any progress on the issue of inadequate lighting of various pathways in Norton.

The Clerk replied that they had contacted the County Council lighting officers about this issue in October 2016 but had received no reply.

It was agreed that a follow up letter be sent.

198. (03/17) **DOG FOULING**

Members expressed their concerns that the dog fouling issue within the town was getting worse and that there did not seem to be a system in place to adequately deal with the problem. It was understood that the Dog Warden was to retire very soon and that his duties were to be undertaken by the new Community Officers appointed by Ryedale District Council.

It was also felt that a press campaign with regard to this issue might help. Noted.

199. (03/17) **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

Members received a report outlining a proposal for extending the Christmas Light contract by two years at reduced cost.

RESOLVED To accept the proposal to extend the light contract for two years as follows;

Annual cost of contract	£5,850.00 plus V.A.T.
Annual cost of extending contract	£3,900.00 plus V.A.T.
Annual saving of	£1,950.00 plus V.A.T.

200. (03/17) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Members received a verbal report on the progress made at the Steering Group meeting held on Wednesday 15 March at Community House, Malton.

The group had worked through about half of the Policy Intentions Document, with the other half to be considered at a meeting on Tuesday 28 March. It was envisaged that the document would then be put to the planning consultant who would produce the final draft policy document which would be ready for public consultation. Noted.

201. (03/17) **COUNCIL CHAMBER RENT INCREASE**

Members received a report on the proposed rent increase for the Council Chamber. Under the terms of the council's lease agreement between Yorkshire Housing and the Council the rent was to be reviewed every four years, and was due for review this year.

The proposal from Yorkshire Housing was that the rent be increased from £6,711.00 per year to: £6,845.22 per year an increase of 2.00%

RESOLVED to accept the proposed increase with a yearly rent of £6,845.22.

Rent to be paid quarterly at £1,711.32 per quarter.

202. (03/17) **YORKSHIRE DAY EVENT**

The Mayor asked members if they would be in favour of hosting another event, similar to last year to celebrate Yorkshire Day. The event would not take place on Yorkshire Day itself, but probably on the nearest Sunday to that date.

Members agreed that another event would be worthwhile to the community and that local charities would benefit.

Further details to follow nearer the time.

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203. (03/17) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Crime statistics for Norton and Malton, February 2017. For information. Noted.
- (b) Malton White Star Band – Thank you for grant. For Information. Noted.
- (c) National Association of Local Councils – letter regarding Parish Precepts. For information. Noted.

204. (03/17) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Councillor Mooring reported on the meeting of Ryedale Cameras in Action, stating that the proposals for the cameras and moving the monitoring to Scarborough was still on going and that they were still looking at costs. Noted.

Councillor Croser reported on his attendance at the Five Towns meeting held at Kirkbymoorside at which presentations had been given on the following; Next Steps, Emergency Planning, and the role of the new Ryedale Community Officers. Noted.

Councillor Croser also reported his attendance at the Woodhams Stone exhibition, and at the Mayor of Malton's Civic Service. Noted.

205. (03/17) **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

Councillor Barratt raised the issue of fire appliance cover in Malton and Norton, stating that when the whole time officers from Malton had been away on a training day, there had been no cover at all in Malton. If there had been an emergency it would have meant cover from either Pickering or Sherburn having to travel here a journey of at least 20 minutes.

Members felt that this was unacceptable and it was agreed that a strongly worded letter be sent to the Fire Authority and the leader of North Yorkshire County Council.

206. (03/17) **EXCLUDED ITEMS**

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

- (a) Play Area and Open Space Caretaker
Members received a report on the proposal to employ Mr M Piercy as the Council's Play Area and Open Space Caretaker.
RESOLVED that Mr Piercy be employed by the Council at the salary scale SCP 19 on the NJC agreement, with normal working hours of, three hours per week.
- (b) Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
Members agreed to discuss this issue following the closure of the meeting.

207. (03/17) **DATE OF THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

Due to the date of the next Council meeting being due to be held on Easter Bank Holiday Monday it was put to members that the meeting take place on the Tuesday.
RESOLVED that the next ordinary meeting of the Council be held on Tuesday, 18 April 2017, at 7.00pm, in the council chamber.

(Meeting closed at 9:00pm)

_____ (Chairman)