

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber  
Commercial Street, Norton-on-Derwent on Monday 21 March 2022 at 6.30pm.

- PRESENT** Councillor Mrs A Spencer (Mayor) in the Chair;  
Councillors A. Croser, P. Farndale, J. Howard, Mrs D Keal, D. Lloyd-Williams, H. Spencer, Mrs L Burr MBE, R King and J Mackenzie.  
Also Mr T. Hicks, Deputy Clerk
162. (03/22) **APOLOGIES**  
Councillors P. Mooring.
163. (03/22) **GUEST SPEAKER**  
None
164. (03/22) **PUBLIC SESSION**  
Members of the public asked why the Westlakes report had not yet been released to the ramp companies, and also, why the report wasn't public. There is a caveat in the report, the skate park committee need to discuss this further. A member of the public raised the point that the council needs to know the difference between a quote and a contract when asking the ramp companies for more information. The clerk confirmed we would be asking for quotes at this stage.
165. (03/22) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
No Declarations of Interest made.
166. (03/22) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**  
RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting, held on Monday, 21st February 2022 (Minutes 139 to 157 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.  
RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Extraordinary Town Council Meeting, held on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022 (Minutes 158 to 161 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman. Add to Minute 161, as per order number 1445 by King Ramps, dated 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021.
167. (03/22) **CLERK'S REPORT**  
The clerk reported that a new town clerk has been appointed following successful interviews by the staffing committee. Mr Stuart Rainsbury will commence employment on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022.
168. (03/22) **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**  
The Mayor reported that work this week had commenced on the skate park and we look forward to having the park open as soon as possible.  
The mayor reported that Councillor Farndale had the planning for the senior's party well in hand.  
The mayor also reported that a new clerk had been appointed and that he would commence employment in May.

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169. (03/22) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- (a) Accounts paid and for payment  
The RFO reported that accounts nos. 259 to 270 inclusive, amounting to £7,874.55 had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.  
RESOLVED that account nos. 271 to 275 inclusive, amounting to £3,655.27 be paid. Payments to be made accordingly.
- (b) Financial report  
The financial report for the period 01.02.22 to 28.02.22 was received.
- (c) Budgetary monitoring  
The monitoring report for the period ending 28 February 2022 was received

170. (03/22) **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

22/00154/HOUSE      Erection of a replacement building to form a home office and store following demolition of existing outbuildings.  
34 St Nicholas St, Norton, YO17 9AQ  
RESOLVED Recommend Approval

22/00281/HOUSE      Erection of rear single storey extension.  
The Old Barn House, Beverley Road, Norton, YO17 9PJ  
RESOLVED Recommend Approval

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

Approved

22/00059/HOUSE      Erection of a single storey side extension.  
47 Park Road, Norton, YO17 9EA.

22/00011/HOUSE      Erection of single storey rear extension (revised scheme to planning approval  
21/00951/HOUSE dated 21.10.2021)  
2 Langley Drive, Norton, YO17 9AR

171. (03/22) **SKATE PARK – SAFETY OFFICER**

Members discussed suitable candidates for the appointment of the Safety Officer. Cllr Keal brought a joint offer from Mr Fothergill and Mr Hazelwood, to inspect weekly, quarterly and annually. Cllr Spencer promoted Mr Chilton. Members discussed that it would be good to draw up terms of reference and have them agree the inspection forms.  
RESOLVED The clerk to approach all three and see if they would undertake the task jointly.

172. (03/22) **SAFETY IN PLAY**

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173. (03/22) **CORRESPONDENCE**

Members discussed the letter from a resident about ball games in Burdale Close. No ball games is on the signage but some individuals ignore this. Members discussed asking the police to increase patrols. Members also discussed making contact direct with the complainant, or asking the local police to visit. Cllr Keal to contact North Yorkshire Youth to see if they could make some enquiries.

174. (03/22) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Cllr King reported that the improvements at the Milton Rooms were at a pace and nearing completion. Cllr King reported a healthy level of bookings at the venue.

175. (03/22) **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

Cllr Croser asked if we had been contacted about the trees that had been felled fronting Langton Road near the Rockcliffe Homes development. Members were concerned that there were Tree Preservation Orders on them. The clerk to contact the tree specialist at Ryedale and / or an Enforcement Officer.

Cllr Croser raised the fact that vehicles were entering and exiting from the emergency access on the Keepmoat estate. Cllr Burr said this would be addressed and it would soon revert back to being an emergency access.

Cllr Farndale asked for a one way system for Norton. Clerk to agenda for the next meeting.

176. (03/22) **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 business to be transacted is prejudicial to the public interest.

2021-2022 National Salary Award. New pay scales for 2021-2022. For information. Noted.

177. (03/22) **DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED that the next ordinary Meeting of the Council be held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022, at 6.30pm, in the Council Chamber.

(Meeting closed at 8.45pm)

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