

Item X

NORTON-ON-DERWENT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber,
Commercial Street, Norton-on-Derwent on Monday 20th February 2023 at 6.30pm.

PRESENT Councillors; M Brampton (Deputy Mayor), L Burr, I Conlan,
P Farndale, S Shaw, A Spencer, H Spencer, and J Vale.

IN ATTENDANCE S Rainsbury (Clerk), and T Hicks (Deputy Clerk).

APOLOGIES Councillors D Keal, R King, and D Lloyd-Williams

128. PUBLIC SESSION**129. GUEST SPEAKER**

Inspector Martin Dennison, Ryedale and Whitby Neighbourhood Policing Team, North Yorkshire Police.

Members received a verbal report from Inspector Dennison of current issues facing the local policing team, mostly anti-social behaviour and spoke about the Community Safety Hub being based within Ryedale House.

It was asked that a representative of North Yorkshire Police attend our meetings annually.

130. COUNTY & DISTRICT MEMBER REPORTS

NONE

131. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor L Burr declared an interest in the planning application for 23 Commercial Street and is exempt from commenting and / or voting.

Councillor S Shaw declared an interest that we resided close to the planning application for 103 Scarborough Road.

132. MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Monday, 16th January 2023 (Minutes 111 to 127 inclusive) be approved and signed as a correct record.

Proposed by Cllr M Brampton, seconded by Cllr L Burr. All other Members approved.

133. MAYORS REPORT**Invitations**

No invitations.

The Mayor represented the town and district council at the sad occasion of the funeral of former councillor Allin Jenkins on February 7th.

Matters relating to Norton

The town council held a very well attended and successful Seniors Party on January 28th. 120 guests attended the event which seemed to be enjoyed by all present. Entertainment was provided by Dance Expression and bingo called by our very own Norton town council Blue Coat Cllr J Vale, who did a brilliant job! The catering at the Ryedale Community and Leisure Centre was also excellent.

The Mayor thanked those members who attended the event to help and particularly to our deputy clerk Tim Hicks for all his hard work pulling the event together.

Other matters

After some lengthy discussion the dilapidated wall between the access road to the St Nicholas Street carpark and Station Taxis is going to be repaired by Ryedale DC. Responsibility for the wall has proved difficult to establish and the district council and town council can find nothing in writing that confirms ownership. As a result the district council has agreed to carry out the repairs, but we need to decide on our approach to the wall/flower beds going forward.

This matter will be on the town council agenda in March.

Yorkshire Water has informed Ryedale DC that the permanent pump it was planning for the Church Street area to alleviate sewer/surface water flooding has been put on hold 'due to other priorities' which is deeply disappointing for residents in the affected area.

Members of the RDC Flood Management Working Party have expressed their dissatisfaction at this delay and the residents group is considering next steps.

On a positive note the financial contribution to the scheme set aside by RDC for this purpose is ring-fenced and will have to be honoured by the new North Yorkshire Council.

Work on the St Nicholas Street carpark, including moving the recycling containers is now complete. This is no doubt a precursor to charges being put in place on the carpark by the new council. I have made it very clear that should this be the intention of the new council it should not take place without full consultation with the town council and residents.

The Mayor attended the new council's Thirsk and Malton Area Meeting on February 3rd and asked questions on:

- a) The provision of a new school in Norton on the proposed Norton Lodge Estate.

It was clear from the response received, that no firm discussions have taken place with the developer around the new school, no plans have been designed and no costings established.

- b) When Norton (& Malton) is likely to see any further progress on the long awaited Malton and Norton Connectivity Study – first discussed in 2016.

It is clear that the only changes delivered so far have been the updating of the traffic lights at Butchers Corner and the recent work to deliver the Car Park Strategy (largely by RDC)

The Mayor went on to ask about the delay in the one way trial on Norton Road – now delayed from June 2022 to September 2023! And no time line is available for the trial of traffic lights at Church Street, Welham Road and County Bridge.

It was also asked if the plans would be revised following the build of a new garage and store at the bottom of Welham Road, which will continue the use of St Nicholas Street as a rat run, and the portfolio holder for Transport and Infrastructure (Cllr Duncan) said that he would raise this matter.

It seems appalling that this work has taken so long to come to any sort of fruition and my view is that this council should continue to press for these changes to be made or they may be abandoned by the new council, which is starting out on April 1st with a £30 million debt.

Cllr S Shaw also attended this meeting and will update members on his questions as part of the agenda item 19.

134. **REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

Cemetery Update

For the period April 2022 to January 2023 we have carried out 23 burials, 22 memorial applications and a further 8 purchases of exclusive rights. We are currently exceeding what was forecasted in the revenue budget for the cemetery.

Chamber Lease

The landlord of The Old Courthouse has finally been in touch following a further letter sent to them this month. The plan going forward is to send a surveyor to carry out a report of the windows, water ingress and pungent smells. The surveyor attended on 13th and 20th February with a view of works being carried out soon.

Mini-Police

As some members may be aware, North Yorkshire Police run a youth programme called 'Mini-Police' where budding actors re-enact a court room scene in the Council Chamber.

St. Nicholas Street Car Park

The clerk has been informed that the refurbishments and amendments to the St. Nicholas Street Car Park is nearing completion. The recycling services have been relocated towards the Derwent Arms and two additional coach parking bays have been installed.

Public Toilets – Church Street

The clerk has been informed that the public toilets will be out use on Friday 17th February as Access Control Door Locks are being installed. Making them future proof and less reliant on manual caretakers to lock and unlock the facilities.

Public Bins

A small waste bin has been erected at the Bus Station entrance to the riverside, another full size bin has been erected on Welham Road on the corner of Hunters Way. The bin on the corner of Bazleys Lane and Langton Road has been repositioned away from the seat. The multi-use bin between The Chase and Kingston Drive has been painted. There are further repositioning of bins to be completed in the coming weeks to make them more accessible for our residents.

Graffiti

A report of offensive graffiti at King George's Playing Field was received from North Yorkshire Police which has now been removed without the added expense of involving Ryedale DC.

Security

The clerk has recently purchased a ring doorbell for the front door of the chamber to increase the personal security of the council officers.

135. FINANCIAL MATTERS**Accounts for approval**

<u>Company / Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salaries	Salaries	5,446.18
HMRC	PAYE	1,896.24
LGPS	Pension Contribution	960.05
Aviva	Pension Contribution	687.03
Business Stream	Water - Cemetery (Oct-Jan)	15.16
Business Stream	Water - Allotments (Oct-Jan)	36.74
Business Stream	Water - Allotments (Oct-Jan)	42.90
Business Stream	Water - Allotments (Oct-Jan)	33.65
Business Stream	Water - Allotments (Oct-Jan)	7.46
Business Stream	Water - Chamber (Nov-Jan)	77.15
RoadWare	120 Litre Black Litter Bin	261.54
RoadWare	50 Litre Black Hooded Bin	124.74
SafetySigns4Less	Cemetery - Safety Signs	170.16
Tate Smith	Seniors Refreshments	47.04
Harrison Hire	Skatepark Electricity (Jan 23)	236.66
Stewart Forbes Electrical	Skatepark - Time Clock installed	96.00
Scarborough B C	Urban Grass Cutting (2022-23)	10,749.77
Scarborough B C	Grass Cutting Play Areas (2022-23)	4,275.51
Oscars (Bowling Club)	Seniors Party	1,922.00
Malton Town Council	CCTV - Qtr 4 Monitoring by SBC	750.00
Malton Town Council	CCTV - Qtr 4 Connectivity	372.00
M A Hadfield	Garage Rental	420.00

R Yates	8 metres cord	6.00
R Yates	Cemetery - Bin Bags	5.40
British Gas	School Passageway - Elec (Jan)	26.12
British Gas	Cemetery - Elec (Jan)	33.22
British Gas	Chamber - Elec (Jan)	55.02
British Gas	Chamber - Gas (Jan)	328.54
Ray Darley	Hedge Cutting	378.00
Norton Hardware	Various Supplies	193.20
LA Builders	Street Furniture works	400.00

Total 30,053.48

RESOLVED – That thirty one accounts be approved for payment.

Proposed by Cllr L Burr, seconded by Cllr S Shaw. All other members approved.

136.

INTERNAL AUDITOR

Members were asked to agree to the agreement by E L Bookkeeping and the chair to sign.

RESOLVED – That members were in agreement for the agreement with E L Bookkeeping to be formalised.

Proposed by Cllr L Burr, Seconded by Cllr S Shaw. All other members approved.

137.

PLANNING MATTERS

22/01368/FUL

Change of use and alteration of the former dance hall to form 4no. one bedroom apartments with associated access, car parking, cycle store and landscaping

23 Commercial Street Norton Malton North Yorkshire YO17 9HX

RESOLVED – Recommend Approval. Proposed by Cllr S Shaw, Seconded by Cllr I Conlan. All other members approved. Cllr L Burr excluded.

22/01044/HOUSE

Erection of first-floor extension to rear and a detached one-bedroom self-contained residential annexe

103 Scarborough Road Norton Malton North Yorkshire YO17 8AA

RESOLVED – Members were undecided due to concerns of risk of flooding. All members agreed. Cllr S Shaw abstained.

138.

REVIEW OF THE RYEDALE PLAN

Members received papers and considered a response to the Ryedale Plan Consultation.

RESOLVED – That members were in agreement of the proposed response to the Ryedale Plan Consultation.

Proposed by Cllr I Conlan, seconded by Cllr L Burr. All other members approved.

139. CEMETERY FEES

Members received a proposal from the clerk for the cemetery fees to increase to fall in line with those of Malton Town Council.

RESOLVED – Members agreed to the increase in cemetery fees from 1st April 2023.

Proposed by Cllr M Brampton, seconded by Cllr L Burr. All other members agreed.

140. VINE STREET ALLOTMENTS

Members received a paper concerning the Vine Street Allotments and considered the next steps.

RESOLVED – Members agreed to an annual rent of £20.00 per plot and for the clerk to canvas the properties on Vine Street, should they wish to acquire a plot (first refusal).

Proposed by Cllr S Shaw, Seconded by Cllr J Vale, all members approved.

141. NORTON IN BLOOM

Members received a proposal from the clerk for a cost saving for bringing the contract for hanging baskets and watering in-house.

RESOLVED – Members agreed to this proposal and for the clerk to order 24 hanging baskets from geViews and a 50 litre powered watering trolley from Zaros Machinery.

Proposed by Cllr L Burr, Seconded by Cllr I Conlan, all members agreed.

142. INTERNAL FINANCE SYSTEMS

Members were asked to appoint another member to join Cllr M Brampton to carry out the quarterly audits.

RESOLVED – Cllr S Shaw appointed.

143. RYEDALE CAMERAS IN ACTION

Members were asked to appoint two member to join Cllr King (as chair) to attend quarterly meetings.

RESOLVED – Cllr J Vale appointed.

144. NYCC AREA CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE

Feedback from this meeting was provided by Cllr S Shaw.

RESOLVED – Following a discussion by members a resolution was agreed; to write two communications to NYCC Highways to ask that: -

1. NYCC provide detailed drawings of the proposed new Beverley Road Link to Scarborough Road including any mitigating measures proposed to reduce accident risk and improve public safety.
2. Propose that NYCC commission a survey to establish and quantify all vehicle movements to and from the York Road Industrial Estate which require a journey through the Butcher Corner junction and Old Malton.

It is our concern that the design of the Musley Bank Junction on the A64 forces vehicles through the heart of Malton and therefore has a detrimental impact on air quality in the Town. This situation could possibly be resolved with an improved junction at Musley Bank.

Proposed by Cllr S Shaw, Seconded by Cllr L Burr, all members agreed.

145. TRAFFIC ISSUES

Members discussed the ongoing traffic congestion and parking on Langton Road.

RESOLVED – Cllr L Burr to attend a meeting with St. Peter’s Church to discuss parents using their car park for the school run. This item will be further discussed at the town council meeting in March.

146. CORRESPONDENCE

Members received an email from an allotment holder requesting to site bee hives on an area of Eastfield Allotments, as a trial.

RESOLVED – Members agreed to allow a bee hive to be situated at the edge of the complex on a trial basis of one season.

Proposed by Cllr L Burr, Seconded by Cllr I Conlan, all members approved.

147. REPRESENTATIVES

None

148. MEMBERS QUESTIONS

Cllr I Conlan asked for the Parish Charter to be discussed at the next town council meeting in March. Clerk to circulate to members.

Cllr S Shaw raised concerns of the highway of Vine Street and asked for a report of all the un-adopted roads within Norton. Clerk to circulate to members once obtained.

149. DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Monday 20th March 2023, at 6.30pm, to be held at The Old Courthouse, 84b Commercial Street, Norton.

(Meeting closed at 9.00pm)

_____ (Chairman)