

NORTON-ON-DERWENT TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber
Commercial Street, Norton-on-Derwent on Monday 18 August at 7.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor R. King (Town Mayor) in the Chair;
Councillors R.A. Harrison, A. Croser, P. Farndale, J. Gray,
Mrs M. Hodgson, Mrs D. Keal, D. Lloyd-Williams, H. Spencer.
Also Mrs R. Tierney and Mr T. Hicks

064. (08/14) APOLOGIES

Apologies received and noted by the Clerk
Councillors Ms C. Barratt-Gibson and B. Mehrtens

065. (08/14) GUEST SPEAKER

Apologies were received from Ms Rosa Foster, from the Environment Agency who had been due to discuss the trial lowering of the River Derwent at Kirkham Weir.
RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders to allow an open public discussion on the subject.

The open discussion on Environment Agency matters lasted 35 minutes. Members of the council and public raised concerns about wildlife, river species, the safety of the towns, flooding, navigation and bank erosion. The date for the trial commencement was to be the 8 September. Both members of the public and council agreed that the clerk write to the Environment Agency asking for a delay in the start date until further facts could be established and that the councils of Malton, Westow, Kirkham, Crambe, Scrayingham and Stamford Bridge be asked to do the same.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

066. (08/14) PUBLIC SESSION

District Councillor Luke Ives with specific reference to the recording and filming of meetings, reported that the council solicitor had policy documentation relating to the open accountability of local government and that this would be discussed at the next parish liaison meeting. Councillor Ives also added that it was likely that the Whitewall Quarry application would be deferred yet again.

067. (08/14) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs Keal declared an interest in agenda item 13 Vine Street Allotments, as a committee member of the Bowling Club.

068. (08/14) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 21 July 2014 (Minutes 047 to 063 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

069. (08/14) CLERK'S REPORT

(a) Eastfield Allotments

To report that as far as the Clerk was aware all issues had been resolved to a satisfactory conclusion, and that the CCTV was now operational.
Noted by members.

(b) King Georges Playing Field

To report that the Devils Basket swing was due to be repaired on Saturday 23 August at a discounted price of £266.00. Members asked if it was possible to ask for further concessions; the price already included a concession but the clerk would see if more was forthcoming.
Noted by members.

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069. (08/14) **CLERK'S REPORT** (continued)

- (c) St Nicholas Street Car Park – Bollards
To report that former Councillor Mennell was aware that garages had been demolished to make way for the Church Street entrance, but was unsure as to who owned them. Councillor Mrs Keal had contacted the residents of Bruntwood Terrace who did have certain written evidence of correspondence between themselves and the district council. Members agreed that the Clerk write again to the district council in the light of finding this latest correspondence.
- (d) Verge on Beverley Road
To report that the verge between the old and new position of the 30mph sign had now been cut by our contractors and that this should now be incorporated into our contract. Members asked the bill be sent to the county council.

070. (08/14) **TOWN MAYOR/CHAIRMANS REPORT**

- (a) Neighbourhood Plan
Over the past month meetings had taken place to discuss residential and employment sites. The Mayor thanked the members of the committee for their attendance especially the written work by Councillor Gray.
- (b) Love Norton 14 Activity Afternoon
On the 26 July the Mayor attended the activity and games afternoon held at King George's Field and reported it was well attended and it was a lovely hot day.
- (c) Yorkshire Day
The Mayor attended Yorkshire Day on 1 August at South Kirby. He reported that it had been a good day with a chance to meet and discuss with many other Councillors themes that were common to all namely funding and housing. The speaker had been John Godber who was the mainstay behind the Hull Truck Company, he had been well received by the audience.
- (d) Federation of Small Businesses
The Mayor confirmed his attendance at this meeting, and reported that there was a desire to unite all fragmented groups representing Malton and Norton. A further meeting was to be arranged for early September. Councillor Lloyd Williams confirmed someone would be in attendance from the Area Partnership.
- (e) Christmas Lights
The Mayor confirmed that there was a lack of communication from the light supplier and that he and the Deputy Clerk were looking into alternatives.
- (f) Allotments CCTV
The Mayor acknowledged that Bright Steels had been most helpful in connection with the CCTV at the allotments and requested that the Deputy Clerk write to formally thank them.

071. (08/14) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- (a) Accounts paid and for payment
The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 073 to 088 inclusive, amounting to £9,362.87 had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.
RESOLVED that account nos. 089 to 094 inclusive, amounting to £7,668.65 be paid.
Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.
- (b) Financial report
The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.07.14 to 31.07.14 was received.
- (c) Budgetary monitoring
The Clerk's report for the period ending 31 July 2014 was received.

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072. (08/14) **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

- 14/00701/CLEUD Certificate of Lawfulness in respect of the occupation of Fairfield Cottage as a single dwelling (Use Class C3) in excess of 10 years before the date of this application. Fairfield Cottage, 3 Highfield Farm Cottages, Beverley Road, Norton, Malton, YO17 9PJ
For: Mr Neville Bycroft
RESOLVED The council has no further comment to make, however the matter is noted
- 14/00860/HOUSE Installation of staircase to garage to allow external access to existing room above. 4 Park Road, Norton, Malton, YO17 9EA
For: Miss Deborah Bottomley
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.
- 14/00822/FUL Subdivision of 5 bedroom dwelling into 1 no. 2 bedroom dwelling and 1 no. 3 bedroom dwelling.
Norton Lodge, 109 Beverley Road, Norton, Malton, YO17 9PH
For: Exors Gwen Monkman Decd.
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.

(b) Planning decisions notified by Ryedale District Council:

Approved

- 14/00622/CLEUD Certificate of Lawfulness in respect of building works as approved by application 07/00370/FUL dated 10.07.2007 that were substantially completed more than four years before the date of this application.
Asda Stores, Norton Road, Norton, Malton, YO17 9RD
Asda Stores Limited

Refused

- 14/00615/HOUSE Erection of part two storey/part first floor extension to side and rear elevations
20 Field View, Norton, YO17 9AZ
Mr & Mrs R M Jaques
- 14/00383/MOUT Erection of 15 no. dwellings (site area 0.7ha)
Land to the north of Sutton Grange, Langton Road, Norton
Mr David Tatham

(c) Tree Preservation Order

Ryedale District Council No 335 Tree Preservation Order 2014 – Sutton Farm, Norton.
Noted.

073. (08/14) **RIVERSIDE**

Members discussed the future maintenance requirements for the riverside park area and the riverbank.

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Mr Bob North had visited the riverside and it was suggested and agreed that the Tidy Group clear out the border along the wall, keeping some shrubs, but making the area easier for the grass cutters. Various options for the maintenance of the riverbank were discussed and members felt that an additional quote from an alternative contractor, in addition to the quote Mr North would be submitting was required. Members did not want to see sprays used as part of the maintenance programme.

RESOLVED To obtain a further quote in relation to the riverside.

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074. (08/14) **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

(a) Network Rail

Members received notification of track renewal works, along with the notification of the closure of the level crossing during weekends beginning 25 October 2014, with the final closure the weekend beginning 22 November 2014.

Members asked if a letter could be sent to Network Rail asking them to install hollow sleepers to alleviate flood associated problems, as this was a good time to install them whilst the works were being carried out.

RESOLVED To write to Network Rail asking them, at this time, to install hollow sleepers.

(b) North Yorkshire County Council

Members received notification of temporary road closures at various locations in Norton, for carriageway repairs, during the period 11 August 2014 to 31 March 2015. Noted.

075. (08/14) **FENCING AT THE CHASE / KINGSTON DRIVE**

Members received a quotation in connection with installing fencing to the open area at the Chase, to match the existing and including gates for access with mowers.

While every effort had been made to obtain three quotes to consider, only one had been forthcoming. The quote was for £890.00 and from Garden Care Services.

RESOLVED To accept the quotation from Garden Care Services in the sum of £890.00, and proceed with the work.

076. (08/14) **CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) Ryedale Safer Neighbourhoods Team – monthly crime statistics for Northern and Southern Ryedale, July 2014. For information. Noted.

(b) North Yorkshire County Council – Household Waste Recycling Centres, introduction of charging for the disposal of hardcore, rubble and plasterboard. Reply to concerns raised. Noted.

(c) Yorkshire Local Councils Associations – Newsletter White Rose Update. For information. Noted.

077. (08/14) **VINE STREET ALLOTMENTS**

Members received notice that Ryedale District Council had exercised their option to re-purchase the allotments under clause 6 of the conveyance. Date for completion 23 September 2014. Noted.

078. (08/14) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Lights Out

World War 1 commemoration, Councillor Farndale attended the war memorial on the 4th August. A good number of people were present, reciting poems and singing. It was also reported that many households had turned their lights out at 10.00pm to mark the occasion.

079. (08/14) **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

(a) Councillor Spencer informed members that the layby near Bright Steels on Langton Road had recently been partly finished with a layer of tarmac, and was unsure by whom. It was requested that the clerk ask highways to find out.

(b) Councillor Keal asked if Woodham Stone could borrow the 'Blinkbonny' print for the Malton Stables Open Day exhibition. Permission was granted.

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080. (08/14) **EXCLUDED ITEM**

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

(a) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Members received a report and map outlining the sites the Neighbourhood Plan Group had been considering might be suitable for consideration as employment sites for inclusion in both the Neighbourhood Plan and the Ryedale Plan. As yet discussions were at an early stage and no formal agreement had been reached.

Noted by members.

The next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Group which consisted of members from both Malton and Norton Town Councils, and Forward Planning Officers from Ryedale District Council, was to be held on Tuesday 30 September 2014 at 6.30pm at Ryedale House.

(b) RYEDALE CAMERAS IN ACTION

The Mayor updated members on the proposals for the future of Ryedale Cameras in Action, which if implemented fully would see the monitoring being carried out at Scarborough, and the scheme extended to cover all of the five Ryedale Towns.

The one big issue with all of this was funding as it was still understood that as from April 2015 Ryedale District Council would no longer be making any payments towards the upkeep and maintenance of the cameras. There was a possibility that they would fund a one off capital outlay to cover the moving of the monitoring and the extension of the scheme.

Noted.

081. (08/14) **DATE OF NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next ordinary Meeting of the Council be held on Monday, 15 September 2014, at 7.00pm, in the council chamber.

(Meeting closed at 9.05pm)

_____(Chairman)

