

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

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

106. (10/14) **APOLOGIES**

Apologies received and noted by the Clerk
Councillors K. Anderson, J. Gray and Mrs M. Hodgson

107. (10/14) **GUEST SPEAKER**

No Guest Speaker in attendance.

108. (10/14) **PUBLIC SESSION**

County Councillor Mrs Elizabeth Shields reported that the planning application for the Asphalt Plant at Whitewall Quarry was not now to be considered by the County Council on Tuesday 21 October 2014 but hopefully on 16 December 2014. Noted by members.

Councillor Mrs Shields also reported that the County Council had made the decision to only support one library in each of the seven districts, and it was believed that the Norton Library was not going to be the one supported in Ryedale.

This therefore would mean that if the local community wanted to retain some kind of library provision they would need to prove to County that the facility could be run as a 'community hub' with provision for other activities with perhaps a café as well.

Time was going to be of the essence if the town wanted to see the library open, as it was believed any decision on keeping it open in any form was to be taken by February 2015. Any interested parties and volunteers needed to come together and work fast to formulate a plan of action, this could be brought together by contacting Councillor Mrs Shields who would leave her contact details with the Clerk.

In reply members noted that in part the County Council had already made the decision to close the library with a large reduction in opening hours.

Other ideas to assist with keeping it open could be that the new housing estates needed to be leafleted, the schools needed to be told that it was threatened with closure, and possibly try and involve the proposed Youth Council with any plan of action.

109. (10/14) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations made

110. (10/14) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

- (a) RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday, 16 September 2014 (Minutes 082 to 099 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
- (b) RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Extraordinary Town Council meeting held on Tuesday, 7 October 2014 (Minutes 100 to 105 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

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111. (10/14) **CLERK'S REPORT**(a) King George's Playing Field

To report that the repair to the Basket Swing was still awaited, but every effort was being made to make sure that it was carried out as quickly as possible. The latest date for the installation was now given as either the 30 or 31 of October 2014. Noted.

(b) Church Street – resurfacing

To report that the response received with regard to the resurfacing of Church Street was that this was definitely scheduled and was on the calendar for next year 2015/16.

Members noted this with some scepticism as Church Street was supposed to be a priority in 2013. They also asked that when the work was at last carried out could the under road gully, that would assist with the pipes for pumping the flood water away, be installed at the same time, and also that railings at the pedestrian crossing be renewed and replaced.

The Clerk to write to County Highways.

(c) Town Signs

To report that the County Council had rejected the design submitted for the town entrance signs, as it did not meet the Passive Safety Protocol. We were however continuing to work with the County Engineers and hopefully it would not be long before a design was found that would be acceptable to the County Engineers and the Town Council.

(d) Chase Fencing

The Clerk reported that this had now been completed, and while there had been one or two problems, these had now been put right. Feedback from the public was very positive and the area was being well used. Noted.

(e) St Nicholas Street Car Park - Bollards

To report that a reply had now been received from Mr Phil Long at the District Council, which was copied for members, pointing out that it would not be good estate management to fetter any potential future use of the area or potentially open the District Council to similar requests from other residents who also live close to the car park, meaning that the request from the Town Council to install the six parking bollards for the residents of Bruntwood Terrace was rejected.

Councillor Mrs Keal had also contacted Mr Long on behalf of the residents of Bruntwood Terrace, but to no avail. She also pointed out that it was quite worrying for the future of the car park, with the language used in Mr Long's reply stating that it is currently available to park for free and the part about fettering any future use of the area. Did these comments mean that the future use of the car park was in doubt?

The Clerk to write once more for answers.

(f) Public Places Protection Orders

The Clerk reported that she had that day been in conversation with P.C. Coning who had related details of new legislation that was now available, that could possibly be of assistance in dealing with specific problems at specific places. Namely dog fouling issues at King George's Playing Field.

The Clerk to look closely at how these Public Places Protection Orders might be of use to the Council and report back to members.

(g) Students Parking – Langton Road area

The Clerk reported that a complaint had been received from a resident of Millside, adjacent to Langton Road and Norton College, complaining that students from the college were parking vehicles all day on most of the local side streets making life very difficult for residents.

Members agreed that the Clerk write to both the College and the County Highway Department in the hope of finding a solution.

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112. (10/14) **TOWN MAYOR/CHAIRMANS REPORT**

(a) Christmas Lights

The Mayor reported that a decision had now been made to use the existing lights for this year, he had emailed Denys Townsend with regard to executing the erection of the lights as it had been previously stated they were to be put up in October. There had been no reply received to date.

A joint meeting would need to be arranged for the New Year to determine how to proceed with the lights for the future. The Town Council donation had remained the same for quite some time and this might need to be increased if members wished to maintain, continue with lights. Noted.

(b) Network Rail

The Mayor reported that concerns had been raised by a local resident and business owner who was having difficulty in obtaining answers from Network Rail as to queries he had raised over the closing of the level crossing. When he had finally made contact their attitude had been very poor and they did not seem to understand or care about his concerns. One final effort was then made at contacting Network Rail, and this time their attitude was much improved, although no answers to his queries as yet.

Councillor Mrs Keal also reported that she had finally received a reply from Network Rail which stated that they were working on a plan to install an under rail culvert which hopefully could be installed in February 2015, although there was no budget for one, so it was not known who was going to pay for it.

113. (10/14) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(a) Accounts paid and for payment

The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 110 to 126 inclusive, amounting to £9,472.16 had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED that account nos. 127 to 140 inclusive, amounting to £8,263.40 be paid. Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.

(b) Financial report

The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.09.14 to 30.09.14 was received.

(c) Budgetary monitoring

The Clerk's report for the period ending 30 September 2014 was received.

(d) Internal Audit

The Clerk had circulated a copy of the Internal Audit Report for the first visit, for the financial year ending 31 March 2015.

Noted by members.

114. (10/14) **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

No applications received.

(b) Planning decisions notified by Ryedale District Council:

Withdrawn
14/00881/MFUL

Erection of block of 2 no. 1 bed apartment and block of 4 no. 1 bed and 4 no. 2 bed apartments following demolition of existing garage and outbuildings, together with formation of vehicular access, 10 no. parking spaces and communal refuse store, with provision of garden area for No.29 Wood Street, 27 Wood Street, Norton, Malton,
For: Yorkshire Housing Limited (Mrs Lesley Fargher)

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114. (10/14) **PLANNING MATTERS** (continued)

(b) Planning decisions notified by Ryedale District Council:

Approved

14/00890/HOUSE Erection of part two storey/part first floor extension to side and rear elevations (revised details to refusal 14/00615/HOUSE dated 24.07.14)
20 Field View, Norton, YO17 9AZ
For: Mr & Mrs R M Jaques

14/00701/CLEUD Certificate of Lawfulness in respect of the occupation of Farfield Cottage as a single dwelling (use class C3) in excess of 10 years before the date of this application.
Farfield Cottage, 3 Highfield Farm Cottages, Beverley Road, Norton
For: Neville Bycroft

115. (10/14) **GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS**

Members received a request for a grant to assist a local organisation that benefits the community:

- Ryedale Citizens Advice Bureau
RESOLVED that a grant of £1,500.00 be awarded

116. (10/14) **RYEDALE FIVE TOWNS MEETING**

(a) Members considered a request, that was to be an item on the agenda for the Five Towns Meeting and had been received from Kirkbymoorside Town Council, that only the Clerk of the host town should attend the meetings of the Ryedale Five Towns, and then just to take the Minutes.

RESOLVED that Norton on Derwent Town Council reject the request that only the Clerk from the host town should attend the meetings of the Ryedale Five Towns, all Clerks to attend and participate if they so wish.

(b) Members were advised that the date for the next meeting of the Ryedale Five Towns was to be either the 3 or 4 of November 2014, and would be held at Norton Council Chamber.

117. (10/14) **TOWNS ALIVE ANNUAL CONVENTION**

(a) Members received a report on a meeting held at Ryedale House to consider the potential for the development of a partnership bid to host the Towns Alive National Convention in November 2015.

(b) Members considered a proposal that they make a financial contribution towards hosting the Towns Alive National Convention providing any such bid was agreed and accepted.

RESOLVED that a sum of £2,000.00 be provided as part of the bid to host the Towns Alive National Convention subject to a partnership bid being agreed and accepted.

118. (10/14) **HERITAGE STREET LIGHTS FOR COUNTY BRIDGE**

Members considered a proposal that as North Yorkshire County Council were to renew the lighting columns on County Bridge, the Town Councils of both Malton and Norton on Derwent contribute a sum of money in order for them to be heritage style lighting with the facility to carry Christmas Lights.

RESOLVED that Norton on Derwent Town Council contribute half the sum required for heritage lighting on County Bridge this equates to £3,440.00. Malton Town Council to contribute the same.

119. (10/14) **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

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119. (10/14) **CORRESPONDENCE** (continued)

- (b) Network Rail – update on closures of the level crossing during the improvement works.
For information. Noted.
- (c) Street Lighting Energy Reduction Programme – response from North Yorkshire County Council to the concerns raised by the Town Council. For information. Noted.
- (d) Parish Liaison Meeting – Agenda and Minutes for the meeting to be held at Ryedale House on Wednesday 22 October 2014, at 7.00pm. For information. Noted.
- (e) Yorkshire Local Councils Associations – Newsletter White Rose Update.
For information. Noted.

120. (10/14) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Town and Country Trails meeting

Councillor Croser reported that he had attended the meeting held at Pickering Memorial Hall on 25 September 2014, where various cycle routes had been discussed. It appeared that routes around Norton were already in place and the route from Pickering to Malton was well advanced. Other town's routes needed further investigation.

The meeting had been well attended with various bodies represented. There was to be a further meeting to follow.

Environment Agency – opening of Sluice at Kirkham Weir on River Derwent

Councillor Lloyd-Williams reported that the trial had been abandoned, before it was due to finish owing to bank erosion, with damage inflicted on residents of Kirkham's gardens.

He understood that the Environment Agency were still keen to see better use of the river as it flowed through both Malton and Norton.

121. (10/14) **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

- (a) Councillor Farndale asked what was the situation with the proposed Youth Council. In reply Councillor Mehrtens stated that he was still arranging things with the personnel at the College and also needed to liaise with other members of the Council.
- (b) Councillor Farndale asked who was responsible for decorating the exterior of the Council Chamber, as the entrance door was in poor decorative order. The Clerk replied that it was probably the Town Councils responsibility but she would check the lease and report back.

122. (10/14) **EXCLUDED ITEM**

RESOLVED that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, members of the press and public were excluded for the following 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 the notes of the Neighbourhood Plan meeting held at Ryedale House on Tuesday, 30 September 2014. Noted.

123. (10/14) **DATE OF NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next ordinary Meeting of the Council be held on Monday, 17 November 2014, at 7.00pm, in the council chamber.

(Meeting closed at 8.45pm)

_____(Chairman)