

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber
Commercial Street, Norton-on-Derwent on Monday 16 March 2020 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Councillor A Croser (Mayor) in the Chair;
Councillors Ms L. Burr, Ms S. Cawte, P. Farndale, J. Howard, Mrs D. Keal, R. King,
J. Mackenzie, P. Mooring, Mrs A Spencer, H. Spencer.
Also Mrs R. Tierney.

183. (03/20) **APOLOGIES**

Councillor D. Lloyd-Williams.

184. (03/20) **GUEST SPEAKER**

No Guest Speaker available

185. (03/20) **PUBLIC SESSION**

No member of the public present

186. (03/20) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of Interest made.

187. (03/20) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting, held on Monday, 17 February 2020 (Minutes 164 to 182 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

188. (03/20) **CLERK'S REPORT**

Norton on Derwent Website Renewal

To report that the new website was now live, it was considered that it was easy to navigate and had all the relevant information to be compliant with the necessary legislation.

Members were asked to have a look and feedback any comments.

Noted.

189. (03/20) **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

Five Towns Meeting

This was held at Pickering Memorial Hall, with the Deputy Mayor, the Clerk and the Mayor in attendance.

Presentations were given by;

Ryedale District Council - Economic Development, this had expanded to include tourism;

Ryedale District Council – Planning, reasons for moving to electronic presentations were given and that they now had more staff in place and also an Enforcement Officer had been recruited.

North Yorkshire County Council – Stronger Communities.

Noted.

Ryedale District Council – Parish Liaison Meeting

Presentations given by;

Ryecare – looking to expand customer numbers,

Warm Homes Fund – looking at energy efficiency,

Great British Spring Clean – this was to be done on Sunday 5 April,

Community Catalysts – care at home,

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189. (03/20) **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT** (continued)

Ryedale District Council – Parish Liaison Meeting (continued)

Health Watch North Yorkshire – independent champion, for people using health and social care,

School Readiness – looking at speech, language, and communication in the 0 to 5 year olds,

Rural community Energy Fund – Malton and Norton Environmental Group.

Malton and Norton Heritage Centre – Woodhams Stone

Along with other members of the council the Mayor had attended the official opening of the new Heritage Centre, which had been very well supported.

Noted.

Meeting with Area 4 Highway Manager

This had taken place in the Council Chamber, with all other members who were available to attend.

Report to be given later in the meeting.

Councillor Lindsay Burr asked if at the Five Towns Meeting the subject of CCTV had been discussed.

As this had not happened the Clerk was to contact Pickering Town Council and make enquiries as to Pickering's contribution towards the towns CCTV.

190. (03/20) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(a) Accounts paid and for payment

The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 226 to 235 inclusive, amounting to £8,224.12 had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED that account nos. 236 to 239 inclusive, amounting to £209.97 be paid. Payments made accordingly.

(b) Financial report

The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.02.20 to 29.02.20 was received.

(c) Budgetary monitoring

The Clerk's report for the period ending 29 February 2020 was received.

191. (03/20) **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

19/01180/MFUL

Erection of 17no. three bedroom and 8no. two bedroom dwellings – revised details to part of site of approval 15/00098/MOUT allowed by appeal ref: APP/Y2736/W/15/3136237 dated 22.07.2016 and subsequent approval 17/01517/MREM dated 08.06.2018 with associated infrastructure and landscaping.

Land adjacent to Auburn Cottages, Langton Road, Norton, Malton
RESOLVED Recommend Refusal, on the grounds of gross overdevelopment over and above the number of units originally allowed under appeal, and not in accordance with the original plan. Members also consider the 2.5 storey dwellings along the frontage, too tall, overlooking Langton Road. Inadequate parking arrangements.

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191. (03/20) **PLANNING MATTERS** (continued)

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

Approved
20/00111/TPO

Crown thin of 5% T1 Beech with removal of dead wood and encroaching ivy to stem, crown thin of 10% to T2 Sycamore and removal of dead wood and ivy with a 2m drawback of crown to east side, fell T3 Beech, crown lift circa 6m to T4 Sycamore with removal of dead wood and ivy and crown thin of 5%.
22 Willow Brook Close, Norton, YO17 8AS

Refused
20/00014/HOUSE

Installation of 2no. timber double glazed replacement windows to ground and second floor of front elevation and installation of secondary double glazing to first floor window of front elevation.
64 Commercial Street, Norton, YO17 9ES

192. (03/20) **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Update from meeting with the Area 4 Highway Manager

Members received a report detailing the topics covered in the meeting, these were;

- Speed limits, in connection with the consultation on moving the 30mph sign on Langton Road,
- Vehicle Activated Signs, clarification needed as to the newly installed sign on Welham Road,
- Verges, relating to the proposed Bylaw to stop parking on verges and damage to them,
- Highway Maintenance – potholes, the resurfacing of Langton Road was due to take place this summer, just awaiting confirmation,
- Junctions Level Crossing, next stage of proposals was a public consultation this should be within the next month.

Noted.

Consultation Proposed Limited Waiting – Commercial Street

Members received a consultation on the proposed limited waiting of 3 hours as opposed to the current 30 minutes, on a section of Commercial Street.

RESOLVED That while an increase in waiting time was welcomed, members would prefer if it could be limited to 2 hours, which would enable customers locally to transact their business and leave time for others to do the same.

193. (03/20) **NORTON HIVE - LIBRARY**

Members received an invitation to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Norton Hive, which was to take place on Wednesday 18 March. Members were also asked if any of them would be interested in becoming a trustee.

RESOLVED that Councillor Hugh Spencer would be interested in being a trustee and Councillor Ray King would like to attend the meeting.

NOTE. Due to the prevailing circumstances with the Coronavirus, Councillor Spencer would not attend the meeting if it went ahead, but would still be interested in being a trustee once the crisis was over.

194. (03/20) **CHAMBER TABLES**

Members received three quotations for two new tables for the council chamber. Following a debate it was;

RESOLVED not to proceed with new tables but to continue with the tables covered with cloths as they are now.

Note, the Clerk to write thanking the companies for producing the quotes.

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195. (03/20) **RYEDALE U3A – REQUEST FOR TREE PLANTING**

Members received a letter requesting tree planting in Norton, and if wanted to determine any suitable locations.
Members noted many areas around town where trees could be planted and it was; RESOLVED that the Norton in Bloom Committee would investigate this further.

196. (03/20) **KEEPING THE COUNCIL FUNCTIONING DURING THE CORONAVIRUS**

With the situation changing on what seems like an hourly basis, and as yet no formal government advice on convening meetings, members were advised that in order for the council to continue to function delegated powers of decision making needed to be devolved to the Clerk as the proper officer of the council.

RESOLVED that the council empowers the Clerk to do anything expedient and necessary to ensure the continuous business of the council, and to deal with mandatory undertakings in order to prevent the authority incurring liability during the period that the delegation is applicable. If appropriate the clerk will consult with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor in the decision making.

Members then discussed ways in which the council could help to support the local community. With a local volunteer group already making plans it was felt that there needed to be some coordination with all groups, and as such talks were underway with Ryedale District Council.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor were to meet with the Malton Mayor and other representatives on how to coordinate our efforts.

197. (03/20) **CORRESPONDENCE**

Wetherby District Lions Club – Great Yorkshire Bike Ride. For information. Noted.

198. (03/20) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Councillor Mrs Ann Spencer reported that the Milton Rooms were having estimates for re-decoration drawn up which would then go to the working party.
A new alarm system had been installed which included covering the Malton Museum. Noted.

Councillor Sharon Cawte reported that Ryedale Community Transport were still in need of volunteer drivers and with the present situation this was even more of a problem. Noted.

Councillor Ms Lindsay Burr reported that the Norton in Bloom Group now had a prototype planter that could be available to local shops and business at a cost of £50. The group would also be making a bid to the council for CIL money to install new street furniture at various locations.

There had been a suggestion that the group could paint the fence in front of the car wash in Church Street, this was being considered.

199. (03/20) **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

Councillor Mrs Di Keal asked if for the future the Agenda could be printed double sided.
Agreed.

Councillor Mrs Di Keal stated that there had been a presentation given at the District Council on the use of social media and how it could be used to advantage, and would it be possible to have the presentation given to members of this council.
The Clerk to investigate.

200. (03/20) **DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED that the next ordinary Meeting of the Council be held on Monday 20 April 2020, at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber.
Unless there is Government advice against public meetings.

201. (03/20) **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

Review of Staff Salaries

Members received a report detailing a request for consideration of an increase in salary for all members of staff, which would help to offset the effect of austerity which had prevailed for the past few years.

RESOLVED that the Cemetery Manager and the Cleaner receive the requested increase. No other member of staff to receive an increase in salary.

(Meeting closed at 9:00pm)

_____(Chairman)