

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held remotely via Zoom
on Monday 18 May 2020 at 7.00pm.

VIRTUALLY PRESENT

Councillor A. Croser (Mayor) in the Chair;
Councillors Mrs L Burr MBE, Ms S. Cawte, P. Farndale, R. King, J. Howard,
D Lloyd-Williams, J. Mackenzie, P. Mooring, Mrs A Spencer, H. Spencer.
Also Mrs R. Tierney, Mr T. Hicks

001. (05/20) **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN (TOWN MAYOR)**

Councillor Antony Croser was proposed and seconded, there being no other nomination it was;
RESOLVED that Councillor Antony Croser be elected to the office of Chairman of the Council and Town Mayor for the council year 2020/21.
Councillor Croser thanked members for electing him.

002. (05/20) **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN (DEPUTY MAYOR)**

Councillor Mrs Ann Spencer was proposed and seconded, there being no other nomination it was;
RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs Ann Spencer be elected to the office of Vice Chairman of the Council and Deputy Mayor for the council year 2020/21.
Councillor Mrs Spencer thanked members for electing her.

003. (05/20) **APOLOGIES AND ATTENDANCE RECORD**

- (a) Apologies received and noted Councillor Mrs D Keal.
- (b) Members received a copy of their attendance record for the year 2019/20. Noted.

004. (05/20) **GUEST SPEAKER**

No guest speaker.

005. (05/20) **PUBLIC SESSION**

Details of the remote meeting, and how to access via Zoom had been posted on the web site and noticeboard.
No member of the public requested access.

006. (05/20) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Mrs Ann Spencer declared an interest in Agenda item 14 Grants to Voluntary Organisations, in respect of being the council representative on the committee of the Milton Rooms.

007. (05/20) **REPRESENTATION ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

RESOLVED that the following members be appointed to serve as the Council's representatives on the organisations listed below, for the year 2020/21.

Derwent Riverside Project	Mrs D. Keal, H. Spencer.
Malton & Norton Comm. Police Committee.	Mayor, Ms S. Cawte, R King.
Malton & Norton Area Partnership Executive	D. Lloyd-Williams.
Malton & Norton Area Partnership	Mayor, P. Mooring
Neighbourhood Plan Chairman	D. Lloyd-Williams.
Neighbourhood Plan Committee	Mayor, R. King
Malton Museum Foundation	J. Howard
Malton School Endowment Governors	Ms S. Cawte, Mrs A. Spencer
Milton Rooms Management Committee	Mrs A Spencer.
Ryedale Cameras in Action	R. King, D. Lloyd-Williams, P. Mooring

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007. (05/20) **REPRESENTATION ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS** (continued)

Ryedale Five Towns Meeting	Mayor, Mrs A. Spencer.
Ryedale Market Towns Promotion	Mayor, Ms S. Cawte.
Ryedale Skatepark	R. King.
Yorkshire Local Councils Assoc. Ryedale Br	Mayor.
Woodhams Stone Collection	Mrs D. Keal.

Town Council Committees:

Christmas Party Committee	Mayor, Ms S. Cawte, P. Farndale, Mrs D. Keal, R. King, P. Mooring, Mrs A. Spencer, H. Spencer.
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Staffing and Finance Committee	Mayor, Mrs D. Keal, R. King, Mrs A Spencer.
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008. (05/20) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 20 April 2020 (Minutes 202 to 214 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

009. (05/20) **CLERK'S REPORT**

Allotment Issues

To report that a number of issues had risen this past few weeks, mainly with regard to fires. These had now been dealt with, and tenants had been reminded of the rules as to what they were allowed to burn, and the conditions relating to how and when to burn.

New Notice Boards had been put in place with copies of the rules attached drawing specific attention to the fire rule

Wood Street – Wold Street Corner

To report that the new planter and litter bin for this corner were in the process of being installed, and the owner of the vehicle that parks there had been informed of the legal ownership of the land and of the street furniture license issued to us by the County Council.

The installation was to take place this week.

Flag Flying

To report that the union flag was raised to acknowledge the Queen's birthday and for VE Day.

External Audit

To report that the dates for sending the accounts and other paperwork to the external auditors had been extended to September, although it was hoped that all the paperwork could be approved in the next couple of months, just waiting for the internal audit to be completed.

010. (05/20) **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor reported that with the continued lockdown he had not ventured far, but that on his daily exercise he had noticed a marked increase in traffic, although it appeared that the majority of people out and about were complying with social distancing. It would be interesting going forward and more people returned to work how the measures in place for people's safety would work.

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011. (05/20) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- (a) Accounts paid and for payment
The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 014 to 030 inclusive, amounting to £14,524.18 had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.
RESOLVED that account nos. 031 to 033 inclusive, amounting to £1,564.74 be paid. Payments to be made accordingly.
- (b) Financial report
The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.04.20 to 30.04.20 was received.
- (c) Budgetary monitoring
The Clerk's report for the period ending 30 April 2020 was received.
- (d) Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2020
The Clerk had circulated copies of the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet for the financial year ending 31 March 2020.
RESOLVED that the accounts for the financial year ending 31 March 2020 be approved.

012. (05/20) **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

20/00360/ADV Display of 1no. building BP internally illuminated helios, 1no, M&S front fascia internally illuminated sign, 1no. M&S side fascia internally illuminated sign, 1no. Wild Bean Café internally illuminated lozenge sign, 1no disabled sign, 1no internally illuminated canopy helios, 1no 5.3 metre internally illuminated MID sign, 1no air / water single sided sign, 3 no traffic signs, 3 no poster frames, 1 no pump spreader ultimate sign, 1 no long hose sign set within hooped barrier signage, 2no EV charging sign and 1no height clearance sign. 5 Welham Road, Norton, YO17 9DP
RESOLVED Recommend Refusal on the grounds that the overall signage is too intrusive on the surrounding location, and would be distracting to passing vehicles.

20/00341/FUL Installation of 3no. uPVC windows and 1no. uPVC door as replacement to existing timber windows and door.
Norton Library, Commercial Street, Norton, YO17 9ES
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.

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

No decisions received.

013. (05/20) **HIDDEN DISABILITIES SUNFLOWER SCHEME**

Members received details of the Sunflower Scheme, which it was hoped all five of the town councils in Ryedale would participate in. with Helmsley Town Council already signing up for it.
RESOLVED that the town council would sign up for the Sunflower Scheme and would inform the Stronger Communities Team at the District Council.

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014. (05/20) **LAND ACQUISITION ENQUIRY**

Members received email correspondence from a local resident enquiring as to installing dropped kerbs on amenity land at Mill Street that they had shown an interest in purchasing from the Town Council some time ago.

In response members pointed out that the installation of dropped kerbs was down to the County Council Highways and through planning, they therefore felt unable to give an opinion.

The Clerk to respond to the resident accordingly.

015. (05/20) **NORTON IN BLOOM**

Members received a verbal report from the Chair of the in Bloom Group, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Burr MBE, as follows;

Due to Covid 19 limited work had been undertaken adhering to social distancing. Two sites identified were land under the signs on Scarborough Rd and Beverly Rd these were now just about planted up and should make the welcome to Norton beautiful.

The planters around town had now been re planted up and were looking great and being watered by Malcolm. Residents were commenting all the time how much they like them.

We were hoping to tidy the wall up at the swimming baths to start fixing the planters to the wall, unfortunately the District Council had not cut the tree branches back as requested by me, so this may hold up planting.

The first proto type commercial planter had been made, with thanks to Councillor John Howard, and The Academy had agreed to pay the £50 commercial agreement which included planting and watering, once this was in place the group could roll this out to business, however Covid had somewhat hindered our plans.

I have been canvassing local opinion whilst on my daily walk over the past 6 weeks. Spoken to over 65 people and identified there is a need from locals for 5 benches. Plus a memorial bench for the VE 75 year commemoration.

I have tentatively asked the vicar of Norton if that bench could go at the front of the church, as this is the only place in Norton where we lay poppy wreaths.

Benches to go;

Top / middle of Whelham Road, Bazley's lane, Top / middle of Langton Road
Beverly road, Scarborough Road.

This would come as a firm proposal to the next council meeting. And decided on where the money would come from.

This plan was to help our elderly residents take more exercise with plenty of rest stops on the way

Work to be done also at Howe Road and The Grove.

I am looking at also putting some planting in to St Peters Crescent.

016. (05/20) **GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS**

Members received a request from the Chairman of the Milton Rooms Management Committee, for funding to support the Milton Rooms during this lockdown period when no revenue funding was being received.

RESOLVED that the council in accordance with its powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which in the opinion of the council was in the interests of the area and its inhabitants and would benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure:-

- Milton Rooms £1,200.00

Noted: Councillor Paul Farndale voted against giving the funding.

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017. (05/20) **CEMETERY MATTERS**

Members were to discuss suggestions for the cemetery which were to be put forward by Councillor Mrs Di Keal, as she was unable to attend the meeting this item to be deferred to next month.

018. (05/20) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Councillor Mrs Sharon Cawte reported on Ryedale Community Transport that while they were still looking for younger volunteer drivers they were busy working with local Doctors visiting non covid patients. Noted.

Councillor Hugh Spencer reported on Castle Gardens, stating that they had now secured the services of Mr Piercy to carry out certain garden duties for a few hours. With a risk assessment in place he would be placed on Malton Town Council insurance as a volunteer. Noted.

019. (05/20) **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

Councillor Hugh Spencer expressed concern that the river bank had not been cut back as yet.

The Clerk replied that she would contact the contractor to ascertain if he was willing to proceed, given the present circumstances.

Councillor Ray King stated that with regard to the Foodbank, the Lions had given £2,500.00 to their appeal.

020. (05/20) **DATE OF THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next ordinary meeting of the Council would be held Virtually on Monday, 15 June 2020, at 7.00pm.

Unless there was Government advice to the contrary.

(Meeting closed at 8.45pm)

_____(Chairman)