

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held remotely via Zoom
on Monday 14 September 2020 at 7.00pm.

VIRTUALLY PRESENT

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

070. (09/20) **APOLOGIES**

Apologies unable to connect Councillors P. Farndale

071. (09/20) **GUEST SPEAKER**

No Guest Speaker

072. (09/20) **PUBLIC SESSION**

- (a) County and District Councillor Keane Duncan reported that with the District Council it was business as usual given the current circumstances. The traffic congestion report being prepared by the consultants WSP had been delayed but that now work was once more progressing the conclusions of the report were awaited.

The District Council were to employ 2 dedicated enforcement officers that would be tackling the issues around dog fouling and littering and other enforcement issues.

Reporting on problems of finance between the Milton Rooms and the Museum Councillor Duncan explained that the District Council had enabled a year's extension for the Museum by paying a sum to the Milton Rooms in lieu of rent. It was then hoped that during this time the two organisations would reach some kind of agreement. Councillor Duncan had been asked by members of the public about bins on the Westfield Estate and about an extra bin for the play area at Burdale Close, this was noted.

It was reported that the VAS sign on Welham Road was still in the same position and that it was Councillor Duncan's understanding that it should be moved, in response it was pointed out that we were still awaiting training from the County Council to enable this, and in the meantime we had applied for a grant to purchase another sign for Scarborough Road. Members also asked if the County Council could look into speeding issues on Langton Road.

Councillor Duncan thanked members for their feedback on Devolution and stated that along with the other district councils they were trying to get a better option than the one super council proposed by county.

The Mayor thanked Councillor Duncan for his report.

- (b) Details of the remote meeting, and how to access via Zoom had been posted on the web site and noticeboard.
Councillor Paul Emberley the Mayor of Malton, and Councillor Graham Lake also from Malton Town Council, both logged on to the meeting.
Neither councillor requested to speak.

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073. (09/20) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Ms Sharon Cawte, John Howard, Mrs Di Keal, Ray King, David Lloyd-Williams and Hugh Spencer all declared an interest in agenda item 9 Grants to Voluntary Organisations as members or trustees of said organisations. Councillor Mrs Lindsay Burr MBE declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 8 planning Matters as a partner of an applicant. Councillor John Mackenzie declared an interest in agenda item 8 Planning Matters as he had been lobbied.

074. (09/20) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting, held on Monday, 17 August 2020 (Minutes 053 to 069 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

075. (09/20) **CLERK'S REPORT**

No report presented, all items of note on the agenda.

076. (09/20) **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

Pandemic

The Mayor reported an update from North Yorkshire County Council. Stating that the infection rates in North Yorkshire were starting to increase with cases appearing to be spread household to household and in younger people.

North Yorkshire County Council - Devolution

The Mayor reported on the dial in seminar conducted by the County Council on local government reorganisation.
Noted.

Malton Town Council - Meeting

The Mayor had dialled in to the monthly meeting of Malton Town Council, held on Wednesday 26 August.

Malton and Norton Tidy Group

The group had met in Norton with 22 volunteers in attendance and had collected 27 bags of litter. It was noted that there had been a great many face masks thrown about, and that in the snickets and pathways dog fouling was a major issue.

Ryedale District Council - Streetscene

Along with the Mayor of Malton, Norton Mayor had attended a meeting with Streetscene, primarily to discuss the lack of cleaning of footpaths and kerbsides that required regular attention.

Norton in Bloom

The Mayor along with other members of the in bloom group met, to discuss various matters, as chair of the group Councillor Mrs Lindsay Burr MBE gave the following update,

Members of the public had commented on how much they were enjoying the flower displays around the town, and how much it was appreciated.

The group had decided to ask if the visibility splays around the traffic lights at the entrance to the Norton Industrial Estate could be included in the contract for all of Norton's verges, this would improve the visual appearance at the entrance to the town on Scarborough Road.

Thanks to Tim for all his work on the bench trail, with licences in place for seating and planters as well as liaising with the public on various sites. A big thank you to Councillor Howard for his work on the planters now and in the future.

In planning for next year it was hoped to put planters across the whole of the swimming pool wall, and make improvements to the area at the Grove and Howe Road, and further improvements at the corner of Wood Street and Wold Street with possibly another tree.

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077. (09/20) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**(a) Accounts paid and for payment

The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 097 to 113 inclusive, amounting to £11,816.90 had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED that account nos. 114 to 123 inclusive, amounting to £2,182.85 be paid. Payments to be made accordingly.

(b) Financial report

The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.08.20 to 31.08.20 was received.

(c) Budgetary monitoring

The Clerk's report for the period ending 31 August 2020 was received.

078. (09/20) **PLANNING MATTERS**(a) Planning applications referred to the Town Council by Ryedale District Council, for comment and/or recommendation were dealt with as follows: -

20/00785/HOUSE Erection of two storey rear extension and detached single storey garden room following removal of existing garden store.
43 The Grove, Norton, YO17 9BW
RESOLVED Recommend Approval

Note. Councillor Mrs L Burr MBE having declared an interest, left the meeting at this point.

Councillor J Mackenzie having declared an interest, took no part in the debate.

20/00770/OUT Residential development of 5no. dwellings (site area 0.72ha) access to be considered.
Land at Sutton Grange, Langton Road, Norton, YO17 9PU
RESOLVED Recommend Approval, subject to tree retention and possibly protection, along the entrance way and on the main site.

Vote was Approval by the majority with;
Councillors Mrs D Keal and J Mackenzie abstaining, and
Councillor Ms S. Cawte for refusal.

Councillor Mrs L Burr MBE re-joined the meeting at this point.

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

No decisions received.

079. (09/20) **GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS**(a) Grants to Voluntary Organisations

The Clerk had circulated a list of organisations that had applied for a grant together with a schedule of grants awarded over the past three years.

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 is in the interests of the area and its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure:-

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| • Malton Museum | £500.00 |
| • Malton, Norton & District lions Club | £1,500.00 |
| • Next Steps | £1,000.00 |
| • Ryedale Community Transport | £700.00 |
| • Woodhams Stone Collection | £550.00 |

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079. (09/20) **GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS** (continued)

- (b) Contribution for Castle Gardens in accordance with Sections 9 and 10 of the Open Spaces Act 1906.
Request that this item be deferred to the excluded section at the end of the meeting as certain information is prejudicial to the public interest.
RESOLVED Approved

080. (09/20) **NORTH YORKSHIRE DEVOLUTION**

Members further debated the devolution issue, although without firm proposals it was difficult to form an opinion on what would be right for the town.
The task force to look at this issue with Malton Town Council would consist of the Mayor and Councillors J. Howard, D. Lloyd-Williams, Mrs A. Spencer as well as the Clerk.
Noted.

081. (09/20) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Highways, Bazley's Lane incident – response to letter
Members noted that the signage was to be improved, but felt that further measures could have been implemented.

082. (09/20) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Councillor Mrs Ann Spencer reported that the Milton Rooms was due to open on the 24 September with the first production being allowed an audience of 60 maximum, and then for the production of Three Men in a Boat the maximum attendance allowed would be 100.
The flooring in the entrance lobby had now been cleaned professionally and the volunteers had worked tirelessly painting and generally refreshing the premises.
Noted.

Councillor Ms Sharon Cawte reported on Ryedale Community Transport, stating that the car share scheme had dropped considerably from 648 in January, but was now beginning to improve again. Noted.

083. (09/20) **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

Councillor J. Howard asked if there had been any response from the article in the Gazette about Parking on Verges.
The Clerk replied that there had been three emails received, two had been positive and one was against. Emails to be forwarded to Councillor Howard.

084. (09/20) **DATE OF THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next ordinary meeting of the Council would be held Virtually on Monday, 19 October 2020, at 7.00pm.
Unless there was Government advice to the contrary.

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085. (09/20) **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.

- (a) 2020-2021 National Salary Award. New pay scales for 2020-2021. For information. Noted.
- (b) Contribution for Castle Gardens.
Members were requested to consider and confirm that in lieu of a grant the ground person's flexible hours would be transferred to the Town Council, as part of his employment with the council.
RESOLVED Approve.

(Meeting closed at 8.35pm)

_____(Chairman)