

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held remotely via Zoom
on Monday 18 January 2021 at 7.00pm.

VIRTUALLY PRESENT

Councillor A. Croser (Mayor) in the Chair;
Councillors Mrs L Burr MBE, P. Farndale. 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

135. (01/21) **APOLOGIES**

Apologies received. Councillor Ms S. Cawte

136. (01/21) **GUEST SPEAKER**

No Guest Speaker

137. (01/21) **PUBLIC SESSION**

The Ryedale District Council Community Officer for Norton and Malton, Mr Matthew Lishman joined the meeting to give an update on the work being carried out by the District Council.

An update on the river level was given, and it was explained that all agencies were working together with all the flood pumps now in place and careful monitoring being undertaken.

With the covid situation there was to be another round of business grants made available from the District Council, and officers were talking to local business checking on compliance with the lock down rules.

Vaccines were being administered from Derwent Surgery, which was the local hub for our area. There was also a mobile testing centre run from Wentworth Street Car Park.

Responses from questions raised by members;

Footpath Langton Road, there was a missing section where the top path met the layby just before the Bazley's Lane junction. This was primarily a Highways issue and they had responded that it would be 2022/23 before any funds would be available, the Town Council would need to raise this issue directly with Highways.

Town Ambassador, it was understood that the District Council had appointed an Ambassador and was this to be a permanent appointment and did our Community Officer know what his remit was.

While the Community Officer worked with the Community Team at the District Council, the Ambassador worked with the Economy Team so unfortunately he was unable to answer the query.

River Management, concerns were raised as to the maintenance of the river, this was an issue for the Environment Agency. Contact details would be made available.

All the above was noted, and Mr Lishman was thanked for logging onto the meeting.

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.

No other member of the public requested access.

Neither councillor requested to speak.

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138. (01/21) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of Interest made.

139. (01/21) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting, held on Monday, 21 December 2020 (Minutes 121 to 134 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

140. (01/21) **CLERK'S REPORT**

Skatepark - Lease

The Clerk reported that the current lease on the Skatepark was due to end on 5th April 2021.

The Fitzwilliam (Malton) Estate had been contacted and asked if they would be willing to renew the lease for a further period. A response was awaited.

Noted.

141. (01/21) **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

Covid Update

The Mayor reported that he was hearing of more cases closer to home including people the Mayor knew personally. The County Council had reported that in certain parts of our area 70% of cases were now of the new strain. It was vital that we all stay vigilant.

Derwent Surgery had started to administer the second vaccine to some patients and with the national site in York now administering the vaccine there was now some hopeful signs.

River - Flooding

It was reported that the river level had been high for several weeks, with the riverside picnic area and path closed since Christmas. Pumps were now in place at various locations as it was turning out to be a very wet month.

Neighbourhood Plan Meeting

The Mayor reported that good progress had been made and that members were to receive an update later in the meeting.

Malton, Norton & District Lions Club

The Mayor congratulated the Lions Club on raising over £20,000.00 through the 'Santa's Sleigh'

Skatepark

The Mayor reported on a site visit with Councillor King where concerns were raised with regard to the work being undertaken on upgrading the equipment. Further detail on this would follow.

142. (01/21) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(a) Accounts paid and for payment

The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 195 to 207 inclusive, amounting to £13,543.16 had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED that account nos. 208 to 213 inclusive, amounting to £23,042.93 be paid. Payments to be made accordingly.

(b) Financial report

The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.12.20 to 31.12.20 was received.

(c) Budgetary monitoring

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

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143. (01/21) **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

20/01202/HOUSE	Erection of single storey side and rear extension. 11 Westfield Avenue, Norton, YO17 8DN <u>RESOLVED</u> Recommend Approval.
20/01236/HOUSE	Erection of single storey rear extension. 61 Parliament Street, YO17 9HE <u>RESOLVED</u> Recommend Approval.
20/01213/FUL	Change of use, conversion and extension of outbuilding to form 1no. two bedroom racehorse pre-trainers dwelling and staff facilities room (part retrospective) Stables at Highfield Farm, Beverley Road, Norton <u>RESOLVED</u> Recommend Approval subject to Building Regulations being satisfied.
21/00023/FUL	Erection of first floor and single storey rear extension to the annexe of Wellington House to create 2no additional residents bedrooms to include timber cladding to the first floor and render finish to the existing ground floor. Wellington House, 63 Wood Street, Norton, YO17 9BB <u>RESOLVED</u> No recommendation as plans incomplete on web-site. Details to be forwarded to members for consideration when received.

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

<u>Approved</u> 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
20/01082/HOUSE	Erection of single storey extensions to rear following removal of existing attached outbuildings. 25 Vine Street, Norton, YO17 9JD
20/00970/FUL	Erection of a pitched roof over a row of 6no. flat roofed garages to include raising the height of the front wall above the garage doors. Land and Garages west of Mill Street, Norton

144. (01/21) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Members received a report detailing the next stage of the plan, which was the Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 Public Consultation. Which was to run from Friday 12 February to Friday 26 March, with details on how the consultation would work being delivered to all households within the plan area in the next few weeks. Further details including the plan and supporting documents could be found on both Town Councils web-sites at:

www.malton-tc.gov.uk/malton-norton-neighbourhood-plan/

www.nortononderwent.co.uk/neighbourhood-plan/

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145. (01/21) **FAIRTRADE SIGNS**

Members received a report on the proposal to affix 2no. Fairtrade signs onto the town entrance signs.

These to be made from gloss faced white aluminium with rails, channels and screwband buckle straps, universal clamps with applied vinyls.

RESOLVED to approve the proposal at a cost of £68.95 for each sign.

To be paid for by the Town Council.

146. (01/21) **CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence received.

147. (01/21) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

- (a) Councillor Mrs Lindsay Burr MBE reported on Norton in Bloom, and stated that there was a need to keep moving forward with plans, she also felt that some waste bins in the town were in need of being moved, this item to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
Finally thanks were given to Mr Piercy for cutting the grass adjacent to the traffic lights on Scarborough Road, in order that the spring bulbs could flourish.
- (b) Councillor John Mackenzie reported on the Food Bank stating that there had been 226 people helped over the Christmas period along with 82 children. Life was still very difficult, and that with not being open for face to face appointments they were having to rely on making deliveries with teams phoning to assist the public as much as possible.
- (c) Councillor Mrs Di Keal reported on her work with Community Smart, stating that loneliness and isolation were now a large problem. Volunteers were still delivering meals to those that were in need, with approximately 56 Christmas meals delivered on the day. Thanks must go to all the volunteers and local business including Karro and Morrisons.

148. (01/21) **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

- (a) Councillor David Lloyd-Williams asked if there was a possibility that the Town Council could somehow publicise the need for everyone to follow the rules on social distancing, wearing masks, and hand washing.
There had been instances he knew of when this had not happened.
In response the Mayor agreed to contact the local press to publicise this, and also it was to be reported to the newly appointed Town Ambassador.
Noted.
- (b) Councillor Mrs Lindsay Burr MBE enquired about Members interest forms, and were they available on the web-site.
The Clerk to make enquiries.

149. (01/21) **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next ordinary meeting of the Council would be held Virtually on Monday, 15 February 2021, at 7.00pm.

Unless there was Government advice to the contrary.

(Meeting closed at 8.35pm)

_____(Chairman)