

Item 6

NORTON-ON-DERWENT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber,
Commercial Street, Norton-on-Derwent on Monday 21st November 2022 at 6.30pm.

PRESENT Cllrs, D Keal (Mayor), M Brampton (Deputy Mayor), L Burr MBE, I Conlan, P Farndale, R King, D Lloyd-Williams, S Shaw, A Spencer, H Spencer, and J Vale.

IN ATTENDANCE S Rainsbury (Clerk), and T Hicks (Deputy Clerk).

APOLOGIES Councillor F Maietta.

78. PRESENTATION BY WATTS GROUP

Members received an informative presentation by Malcolm Ratcliffe on behalf of Watts Group who have intentions of submitting a planning application to North Yorkshire County Council to extend the Whitewall Quarry to the south. Members were given an opportunity to ask questions to Malcolm, in respect of highways, transportation, economy and other matters.

79. COUNTY & DISTRICT MEMBER REPORTS

It was noted that the County Councillor for Norton; Councillor Keane Duncan was absent from this meeting.

A brief update was provided by Councillor L Burr as County Councillor for Malton and also Councillor D Keal as District Councillor for Ryedale. Cllr Burr was concerned about the planning process when it gets transferred to County and this would need looking at carefully so local people would be dealing with local planning matters. Cllr Keal informed members that £3m of CIL was available to be applied for. Cllr Keal also informed members that Cllr Andrews was looking into routes at the sale of the Wentworth Street Car Park to protect the asset as a car park so that the transferring authority would not be tempted to sell it off.

80. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors M Brampton, L Burr, and I Conlan share a non-prejudicial and non-financial interest as members of Malton Town Council.

81. MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Monday, 17th October 2022 (Minutes 63 to 77 inclusive) be approved and signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr L Burr, seconded by Cllr M Brampton. All other Members approved.

82. MAYORS REPORT**a) Invitations:**

On October 21st I was invited to attend the BBC Radio York Make A Difference Awards at York Racecourse where Norton's very own Ryan Swain was awarded the Community Together Award for his work on campaigning for the refurbishment of the Norton Skatepark.

On October 29th I attended (along with Cllrs Vale and Conlan, and our deputy Clerk) the opening of the new Allotment Shop in Norton. This was a successful event with a number of allotment stalwarts in attendance. The shop is gradually gaining support

with more allotment holders joining and they are expanding their stock. The floor to the building has been repaired using a grant from this council and they will be improving their lighting shortly. It is open for an hour or so every day and a little longer at weekends, manned by volunteers and membership is a bargain £3 only!

On November 8th I was invited to attend a Scagglethorpe Parish Council meeting (along with Cllr Keane Duncan – who didn't attend - and Cllr Caroline Goodrick) to discuss the Norton Lodge development and the traffic impact of the amount of HGVs passing through the village. Councillors were seeking further information on progress on the development, which we were unable to provide as it is still progressing through the planning process and due to the size of the development there is a considerable amount of technical work that needs to be done by officers before it is presented to the planning committee. I was however able to reassure them that this council is supportive of the link road between Beverley Road and Scarborough Road, which will relieve congestion on Mill Street, and they hope through the village.

On November 13th I was honoured to lay a wreath at the Malton War Memorial on behalf of the town council and would like to thank our new councillor Cllr Vale for doing so at St Peter's, Norton and Cllr Lloyd Williams for laying the wreath at St Mary's, Old Malton. Very impressed that Cllr Vale carried out his first duty as a councillor before attending his first meeting!

As usual the event was very well attended both by the armed services, local uniformed organisations and the public. Thank you to those other councillors who also attended.

b) Items relating to Norton:

Again after concerns raised by residents regarding the felling of trees on Langton Road in Norton, I raised the issue with Ryedale DC tree officer and TPOs have now been served to retain these trees which form part of the street scene on Langton Road.

I am also lobbying the owners of land adjacent to Lakeside and Springfield Garth to get the site tidied up as it hasn't been touched for some years.

Ex-councillor and Malton & Norton Tidy Group reported the collapse of the flowerbed wall between Tykes Garage and the access road to the St Nicholas Street car park from Church Street. I have discussed this with Ryedale DC officers and repairs are being investigated, once ownership of the wall has been clarified.

I have also had a discussion with the Environment Agency around the flooding/pooling of water on the skatepark. They hope to do some maintenance work through Malton and Norton in the next few weeks (could be delayed due to high water) to remove debris and fallen trees etc. and will look at the outfall from the skatepark drain into the river to establish ownership and what should be done to unblock which should help prevent the standing water on the park following periods of heavy rain (essential to prevent damage to the ramps)

They also confirmed that nothing can be attached to the flood alleviation walls, which are their asset even though they sit on Fitzwilliam land, which would make inspection difficult and potentially damage the walls themselves.

I also attended an Allotment Working Party meeting on November 14th and a Skatepark Working Party meeting on November 1st, plus a joint meeting of Mayor & Deputy Mayors and clerks on November 15th

Finally – huge thanks to those members who attended and helped at yesterday’s lights switch on – from the pics I have seen it looks like it was a great event!

c) Ryedale Foodbank:

The Foodbank continues to be very busy with the numbers of people being supplied with food parcels increasing month on month. We are seeing a growing number of people stating fuel costs as a reason for needing food aid and also seeing more working people being referred to us.

With assistance from a couple of volunteers who have launched an initiative called a ‘Reverse Advent Calendar’ we will be able to provide Foodbank users with a second box, in addition to food parcels, containing Christmas treats and gifts. We will also be able to give books to children from families using the Foodbank, courtesy of Kemps Bookshop in Malton who have been running a collection point for us for some weeks.

d) Announcement:

Just to remind members that Cllr Conlan, in his capacity as Mayor of Malton, is holding a Charity Concert next Saturday at St Michaels Church in aid of Racing Welfare and the Ryedale Community Foodbank.

83. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

a) Community Notice Board

The existing notice board which was in need of modernising had its glazing removed and converted into a community noticeboard for local residents to utilise. This will be closely monitored and any media which is untasteful will be removed immediately.

b) Community Drop-in

We held our first community drop-in with representatives from Ryedale District Council, North Yorkshire Police, Norton Town Council, and POMOC (who support the local Eastern European community). These will be monthly and be aimed at our local Eastern European community.

c) Eastfield Allotments

I am pleased to confirm we are only outstanding £90.00 from allotment, compound and garage rents for 2022/23. Recently had contractors remove asbestos sheeting and a rat infestation from two plots. The allotment trading-shop officially opened on Saturday 29th October, which was attended by Cllrs Keal, Conlan, and Vale.

d) Fire, Health & Safety

The kitchen fire door is now compliant and work was carried out on the front doors of the chamber, eliminating the existing draught which should in turn keep the winter temperature at bay.

e) Norton in Bloom

A planter has been made by Cliff Hicks and placed next to the bus shelter on the corner of Howe Road, we will be sourcing a miniature tree shortly (donations received from Antony Croser and Malton & Norton Tidy Group). Timber has been kindly

donated by Simon Pearson for another two-tier planter to be built by Cliff Hicks and placed on the corner of Spring Beck Avenue and Langton Road ready for the spring.

f) Norton Skatepark

As the CCTV and Lighting is powered from Campbell's (Harrison Hire) on Norton Road, I have agreed to cover the cost of installing a sub meter to accurately record the kwh's used which should dramatically reduce what we were previously paying to the previous owner of Campbell's. The instructed electrician will also reconnect the power to the lighting pole in the corner of the skatepark and fit a new LED flood light. At a recent skatepark working party meeting I agreed to cover the cost of an additional sign to make users aware that during the hours of darkness, the skatepark would be closed. This would then give the police the power to disburse anyone loitering within the skatepark at these times.

84. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Accounts for approval

<u>Company / Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Method</u>
Business Stream	Water - Cemetery	15.16	DD
Business Stream	Water - Allotments	4.38	DD
Business Stream	Water - Allotments	36.74	DD
Business Stream	Water - Allotments	80.42	DD
Business Stream	Water - Allotments	164.62	DD
Aviva	Clerks Pension (Oct)	687.03	DD
Aviva	Clerks Pension (Nov)	687.03	DD
British Gas	Chamber - Gas (Oct)	246.69	DD
Royal British Legion	Remembrance Wreaths x 3	65.00	CHQ
LA Builders	Church Street - Rebuilt wall	300.00	BACS
Greenbarnes	Self-healing pin board	208.82	BACS
Seekings & Wardle	Clerk Pension	500.00	BACS
Ryedale Web Services	Cost of additional email address	20.00	BACS
W Hazell Joinery	Insulation of Chamber & Kitchen door	480.00	BACS
Malton Town Council	M&N NP - 50% Directions Planning	450.68	BACS
R Yates	Office Supplies	23.18	BACS
R Yates	Chamber - Black Paint	8.99	BACS
R Yates	Cemetery - Bin Bags	8.65	BACS
R Yates	NIB - Planter Liner	2.00	BACS
N T Fargher	Bazley's Lane - Grass Cutting	144.00	BACS
Tyke 2000	Cemetery - Fuel	59.99	BACS
Derventio Fire & Security	Skate Park - Replacement lighting	288.00	BACS
Jewson	NIB - Wood for planters	101.88	BACS
Slingsby	Chamber - Noticeboards x 2	412.80	BACS
Harrison Hire	Strimmer Wire	12.50	BACS
Direct Imaging	Chamber - Printing Costs	38.40	BACS
Coppins Systems	Chamber - Maintenance	35.00	BACS
King Ramps	Quarter Pipe	360.00	BACS
Malton Town Council	CCTV - Qtr. 4 (25% connectivity - 2021)	594.00	BACS
The First Aid Box	Christmas - First Aid cover	192.00	BACS
Salaries	October Salaries	5,076.36	BACS
HMRC	PAYE	1,633.73	BACS
NY Pension Fund	Pension Contributions	888.30	BACS
Dementia Forward	NTC Grant	600.00	BACS

Malton Museum	NTC Grant	498.70	BACS
M, N & D Lions Club	NTC Grant	400.00	BACS
Next Steps	NTC Grant	1,250.00	BACS
Norton Hive Library	NTC Grant	260.53	BACS
Ryedale Special Families	NTC Grant	250.00	BACS
1st Norton Scouts	NTC Grant	500.00	BACS
Norton Free Fridge	NTC Grant	500.00	BACS
Derwent Diggers	NTC Grant	400.00	BACS

Total 18,485.58

RESOLVED – That forty-two accounts be approved for payment.

Proposed by Cllr D Lloyd-Williams, seconded by Cllr P Farndale. All other members approved.

85. PLANNING MATTERS

22/01001/FUL Refurbishment of existing front commercial unit, conversion of the separate commercial are to an office space, and subdivision of former 3 bedroom dwelling to 1no first and second floor duplex one bedroom apartment and one two bedroomed dwelling with single storey rear extension and associated landscape and amenity spaces.

45 Commercial Street, Norton, YO17 9HX

RESOLVED – Recommend Approval

22/01159/HOUSE Erection of single storey rear extension.

19 Eastfield Avenue, Norton, YO17 9JW

RESOLVED – Recommend Approval, subject to neighbour agreement

22/01032/FUL Erection of 1no. three bedroom detached bungalow with attached double garage.

49 Scarborough Road, Norton, YO17 8AA

RESOLVED – Recommend refusal, on the grounds of inadequate access, and poor visibility onto Scarborough Road, especially near the bridge.

86. DRAFT BUDGET 2023/24

Members received the draft budget for next year (2023/24) and asked questions to the Clerk.

RESOLVED – Clerk to provide members with detailed paper to give them more information on each cost centre.

Proposed by L Burr, seconded by A Spencer. All other members approved.

87. HISTORIC ENGLAND

The clerk presented the intention to preserve the town's history by writing an application to Historic England to request that The Old Courthouse be listed along with the furniture within.

RESOLVED – Proposed by Cllr L Burr. All other members approved.

88. CORONATION SHELTER

Members received a paper having received concern from local residents that the wooden shelter over the Coronation Seat on Welham Road was in disrepair and was in need of urgent attention. The clerk contacted three local contractors; LA Builders, J Robinson & Sons and Ryedale Landscape on either the repair or removal of the shelter.

RESOLVED – Members approved to repair and restore the shelter at a cost of £1350.00 and the clerk to instruct LA Builders to undertake the work.

Proposed by Cllr L Burr, seconded by Cllr D Lloyd-Williams. All other members agreed

89. REMEMBRANCE SEAT

Councillor Farndale raised concerns over the repositioning of the remembrance seat in St Peter's churchyard. Ultimately The Diocese, the governing body of the Church of England enforced for the repositioning. The acting clerk at the time met with the Vicar and made an executive decision based on her request as this repositioning was being enforced on them. Member's grievances over the lack of communication are noted.

90. SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS

Members received information and a request from the Clerk to fund the membership to the SLCC at an annual cost of £275.00

RESOLVED – Proposed by Cllr L Burr, seconded by Cllr D Lloyd-Williams. All other members agreed.

91. CIVILITY AND RESPECT PLEDGE

This item was withdrawn, to be re-submitted at the next town council meeting in December.

92. MALTON AND NORTON AREA PARTNERSHIP

Members received a verbal update from Cllr M Brampton on MNAP and the need to continue its work in both towns.

93. JOINT HIGHWAYS MEETING

Members discussed a paper reporting the feedback from the private joint council meeting, written by Cllr K Duncan.

RESOLVED – Members agreed that a further private meeting would be greatly beneficial to discuss the concerns in Norton. Clerk to invite Cllr K Duncan and representation of North Yorkshire County Council for a meeting in the New Year.

94. COST OF LIVING INCREASE

It was noted that the National Joint Council for Local Government Services had agreed new salary scales which the town council will implement and back date to 1 April 2022.

95. REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr S Shaw updated members as representative of the Malton Museum that he attended an away day and discussed the aspiration for the future of the museum.

96. MEMBERS QUESTIONS

Cllr D Keal raised the motion of arranging a Senior Citizens New Year meal and events to be held in January. Members to form a sub-committee to arrange this event.

Cllr L Burr asked for the subject of the compound lease to be an agenda item for the next town council meeting in December. Clerk to add this item to the forthcoming agenda.

Cllr S Shaw asked whether the council could arrange a tour of the Eastfield Allotments. Clerk to arrange.

The Clerk responded to the above request and suggested improving working relationships with the larger employers in the town by arranging tours of their businesses. Clerk to engage with local businesses.

97. DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Monday 19th December 2022, at 6.30pm, to be held at The Old Courthouse, 84b Commercial Street, Norton.

(Meeting closed at 9.00pm)

_____(Chairman)