

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 17th April 2023 at 6.30pm.

PRESENT Councillors; 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 C Eade (Assistant Clerk)

APOLOGIES None

169. PUBLIC SESSION

170. COUNTY & DISTRICT MEMBER REPORTS

None – Cllr K Duncan was absent.

RESOLVED

It was unanimously agreed that a letter should be sent to the North Yorkshire Council Executive Board expressing the town council's disappointment that the elected Councillor for Norton does not attend the monthly meetings of Norton Town Council.

171. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr L Burr MBE is a member of the North Yorkshire Council Planning Committee and abstains from all town council planning decisions.

172. MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Monday, 20th March 2023 (Minutes 150 to 168 inclusive) be approved and signed as a correct record.

Proposed by Cllr D Keal, seconded by Cllr J Vale. All other Members approved.

173. MAYORS REPORT

The mayor attended a Ryedale Youth Theatre production of The Adams Family at Milton Rooms and was so impressed with the quality of young actors we have in our community.

The mayor made members aware that the Malton and Norton Lions Club have launched their small grants for local groups which can be applied for up to £600 each.

174. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Riverside Walk (Centenary Way)

The clerk met with Cllr Duncan and raised concerns that he has been contacting the street lighting team at NYC and not getting anywhere, as this comes under his remit as Exec Member he will take this up with the team as there are two lighting columns not working which require attention. The team have now visited the lighting columns and

we are awaiting an update. The clerk also asked for the repair to the footpath along the riverside be paid out of his locality budget for 2023-24, this is something he will look into.

Welcome to Norton sign (Langton Road)

The Clerk discussed the non-existent 'Welcome' sign on Langton Road (opposite the Spring Beck Avenue development) with Cllr Duncan as it was accidentally demolished by Keepmoat in 2020. He has agreed to take this forward with Keepmoat and respond with replacement options.

Footpath (Langton Road)

Following concerns raised by Cllr A Spencer of the missing pavement opposite the Declan Carroll racing yard on Langton Road, the clerk has raised this with Cllr Duncan which he has agreed to look into and will update the clerk when he has a decision.

Norton in Bloom

Following a previous town council meeting it was agreed that the town council would bring the hanging baskets contract 'in-house'. Further to this the clerk purchased 24 self-watering hanging baskets, a watering trolley, compost and place an order for plants. This has all been delivered except for the plants which will be collected mid-May.

The clerk has invited members of the public to volunteer to weed and maintain flower beds close to their properties which we have so far had four Norton residents express an interest and expect this to increase as the sunshine appears a bit more often.

Vehicle Activated Signs

The VA Signs, which are mobile, will be switched to point in the opposite direction on Scarborough and Welham Road this week.

King's Coronation

The union jack bunting will be present along Commercial and Church Street later this week in preparation for the King's Coronation in May.

Allotments

The clerk updated members that the Eastfield Allotments were now fully occupied and the Vine Street Allotments had one plot available.

King George's Playing Field

The grass on King George's is in a poor state which is down to crow's feeding on the Chafer Beetles and which are an invasive pest imported from Europe. The clerk has consulted with grounds maintenance companies and the only remedy available would take up to 5 years to rectify. Because of this the interest from Old Malton St Mary's Football Club no longer wish to utilise the playing field for their training needs.

175. FINANCIAL MATTERS

<u>Company / Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
North Yorks Council	Cemetery - Business Rates (Apr)	217.65	DD
North Yorks Council	Chamber - Business Rates (Apr)	358.86	DD
North Yorks Council	Cemetery - Trade Refuse (23-24)	657.36	
North Yorks Council	Chamber - Trade Refuse (23-24)	315.41	
Yorkshire Housing	Chamber - Lease (Apr-Jun 23)	1,711.32	DD

Fitzwilliam Estate	Riverside - Lease (Apr-Sept 23)	79.00	DD
Fitzwilliam Estate	Skatepark - Lease (Apr-Jun 23)	462.50	DD
Salaries	March Payroll	5,875.51	
HMRC	March Payroll - Tax & NI	1,081.93	
North Yorks Pension	March Payroll - NYPF Cont.	743.59	
Aviva Pension	March Payroll - Clerk Pension	804.60	
Paleys of Malton	NiB - Compost	216.00	
GMC Fire & Security	Fire Alarm demonstration	21.60	
GMC Fire & Security	Emergency Lighting Test	54.00	
GMC Fire & Security	Replacement Call Point	75.60	
YLCA	Membership Subscription	1,045.00	
Harrison Hire	Skatepark - Electricity (March)	69.52	
Harrison Hire	Cemetery - Lawnmower Service	85.62	
SLCC	Training - iLCA (Asst. Clerk)	144.00	
Big Boolies	Allotment - Signage	156.60	
R Yates	Cemetery - Bin Bags	5.40	
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British Gas	Chamber - Gas (March)	169.18	DD
British Gas	Passageway - Elec (March)	25.16	DD
British Gas	Cemetery - Elec (March)	30.99	DD
Spectrum	Chamber - Printing (March)	18.73	
BATA	Cemetery - Weed Killer	189.00	
Reighton Nursery	NiB - Plants	175.00	
Tyke 2000	Cemetery - Fuel	30.01	
Malton T C	CCTV - Q1 Monitoring & Connectivity	1,183.75	
	Total	£16,008.29	

RESOLVED – That thirty accounts be approved for payment.

Proposed by Cllr D Keal, seconded by Cllr M Brampton. All other members approved.

176. PLANNING MATTERS

**23/00274/TELN56 Installation of a 20m high monopole supporting 6 no antennas and 2 no dishes, 1 no wraparound equipment cabinet at the base of the monopole, 3 no equipment cabinets, and ancillary works.
Land at Bright Steels Wood Street Norton Malton North Yorkshire**

RESOLVED – Limited Refusal on the grounds of the location of the mast, members felt it should be erected in a more suitable location away from a residential area.

Proposed by Cllr D Lloyd-Williams, Seconded by Cllr P Farndale. Cllrs D Keal, R King, J Vale and I Conlan voted in favour of the application, all other members voted against. Cllr L Burr MBE abstained.

23/00247/HOUSE **Erection of extension to garage, first floor extension above garage, replacement roof and alterations to existing conservatory on rear elevation and installation of additional vehicular access.
91 Welham Road Norton Malton North Yorkshire YO17 9DU**

RESOLVED – Recommend Approval. Proposed by Cllr D Lloyd-Williams, Seconded by Cllr D Keal. Cllr L Burr MBE abstained. All other members approved.

23/00271/FUL **Refurbishment and recladding of existing agricultural contractors buildings.
Agricultural Contractors Welham Road Norton Malton North Yorkshire**

RESOLVED – Recommend Approval. Proposed by Cllr S Shaw, Seconded by Cllr D Lloyd-Williams. Cllr L Burr MBE and D Keal abstained. All other members approved.

22/00650/LBC **Installation of external flue
4 Sutton Farm Langton Road Norton Malton North Yorkshire YO17 9PU**

RESOLVED – Recommend Approval providing no objections from neighbouring properties. Proposed by Cllr I Conlan, Seconded by Cllr D Keal. Cllr L Burr MBE abstained. All other members approved.

23/00269/LBC **Installation of 1no. large rooflight to replace 3no. smaller rooflights on the conservatory.
4 Langton Road Norton Malton North Yorkshire**

RESOLVED – Recommend Approval. Proposed by Cllr D Keal, Seconded by Cllr I Conlan. Cllr L Burr MBE abstained. All other members approved.

177. CHRISTMAS STREET LIGHTING

Members received a report from LITE with three options as the existing contract had expired.

RESOLVED – That members were in agreement that Option 1 (to keep the existing lighting at a cost reduction of 25%) be agreed.

Proposed by Cllr L Burr MBE, seconded by Cllr S Shaw. All other members agreed.

178. COLUMN DISPLAY LIGHTS (County Bridge)

Members received a paper in partnership with Malton Town Council for the installation of Column Display Lights on County Bridge.

RESOLVED – That members were not in agreement of this proposal but requested the clerk engage further with Malton TC on alternative ideas to illuminate the bridge.

A declaration of interest was recorded for Cllr L Burr MBE.

Proposed in favour of the installation by Cllr L Burr MBE, seconded by Cllr I Conlan. Cllr J Vale voted in favour, all other members voted against. Therefore the motion was not carried.

The Chair proposed a motion for the Clerk to engage in further communication with Malton's Clerk to look at alternative white lights rather than multi-coloured.

Proposed by Cllr D Keal, seconded by Cllr D Lloyd-Williams. Cllrs L Burr MBE, I Conlan, and M Brampton abstained, all other members agreed.

179. STAFF TRAINING

Members received a verbal request from the Clerk for the newly appointed Assistant to enrol in the Introduction of Local Council Administration course.

RESOLVED – Members agreed and proposed by Cllr D Keal, seconded by Cllr P Farndale, all other members agreed.

180. RENAMING OF COUNTY BRIDGE

Members were requested to consider renaming the County Bridge to Queen Elizabeth II Bridge as agreed by Malton TC on 28th September 2022.

RESOLVED – That members did not approve this proposal. Proposed by Cllr I Conlan, seconded by Cllr L Burr MBE. Cllr D Keal voted in favour, whilst all other members voted against this proposal therefore motion was not carried.

Cllr D Lloyd-Williams left the meeting at 7.50pm

181. GRANT FOR VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN (VAS)

Members were asked to consider accepting a grant from Cllr Keane Duncan's Locality Budget for the purchase of a vehicle activated sign to be erected and shared between Beverley Road and Hambleton Road.

RESOLVED – Members agreed to accept the grant. Proposed by Cllr L Burr MBE, seconded by Cllr D Keal. All other members agreed.

Cllr L Burr MBE left the meeting at 8.00pm

182. CHAMBER CHAIRS

Members considered whether to refurbish the existing chairs in the chamber or to purchase replacements.

RESOLVED – The clerk was asked to investigate costings for both options to be presented at the next town council meeting.

183. NORTON CEMETERY

Members received a draft letter to be sent to those families who have placed excessive ornaments, fixtures and plants to a cemetery plot which places which prevents the cemetery manager from cutting the grass.

RESOLVED – Members agreed and was proposed by Cllr M Brampton, seconded by Cllr I Conlan, all other members agreed. It was also requested that the clerk produce a cemetery regulations document for all those who purchase a cemetery plot going forward.

184. CORRESPONDENCE

Email received from a family member of a cemetery plot whereby the memorial stone had been erected on the incorrect cemetery plot. Members agreed that the memorial stone should remain on the incorrect plot until a time that the family request otherwise.

Email received from a local resident requesting that the Council Chamber be used as a wedding venue. Members declined due to the expenses of obtaining a license and that they felt there would be no interest in it being a venue for marriages from the local community.

185. REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr S Shaw gave an update on the recent exhibition of the Iron Age Shield exhibition at the Malton Museum.

186. MEMBERS QUESTIONS

Cllr H Spencer raised concerns of the grass cutting on the Riverside that flowers had been cut despite there being a one metre rule around trees.
The Clerk will report this to Scarborough Town Council's grass cutting team going forward.

187. DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Members were asked to consider who to invite to the Annual Town Meeting. The Clerk will invite charities and groups from Norton to present on Monday 5th June at 6.30pm.

Members agreed that the next Town Council meeting be held on Monday 22nd May 2023, 6.30pm at the Council Chamber, 84b Commercial Street, Norton.

188. CO-OPTION (Excluded item)

Members were asked to consider the co-option application to be appointed as town councillor.

RESOLVED – The Chair requested that the Clerk and Assistant leave the room for members to consider the application form of the only applicant in consideration. As the vote was carried out in privacy and the Clerk was not present there is nothing to record at this time.

(Meeting closed at 8.40pm)

_____ (Chairman)