

# NORTON ON DERWENT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 6.30pm.  
The Old Courthouse, 84b Commercial Street, Norton, YO17 9ES.

<b>PRESENT</b>	Councillors D Keal (Chair) P Farndale, A Spencer, H Spencer J Vale, L Burr MBE, S Shaw D Lloyd Williams, R King
<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>	T Hicks (Deputy Town Clerk)
<b>OTHERS</b>	Philip Crabtree
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	I Conlan, C Eade (Town Clerk)

**17/24 Malton Museum** – Philip Crabtree gave a presentation on the Malton Museum, including an Options Appraisal assessing the viability of certain buildings across Malton as a potential new home for the Museum. Members were thankful for Mr Crabtree’s presentation. Several questions were raised and answered. It was concluded that Cllr S Shaw should be the representative for the council on the Museum steering group as matters progress and report back to council as the need arises.

**18/24 Public Session** – No members of the Public present

## **19/24 North Yorkshire Members Report**

Cllr Keane Duncan was not present at the meeting.

Cllr L Burr (MBE) gave an update as a North Yorkshire Councillor.

23<sup>rd</sup> May attended the planning committee. Approved a local affordable housing scheme in Swinton, officers reiterated affordable long term. 24<sup>th</sup> I attended the first safety meeting for Cllrs, we discussed misogynistic language used especially to women Cllrs, online abuse, fears of violence and the constant threats received to Cllrs. 12<sup>th</sup> June Police, Fire and Crime endorsement meeting of new crime commissioner. Jo Cole was given unanimous support by the panel and is now the new commissioner. The new Mayor was in attendance and set out his priorities. I invited David the new Mayor, and the new commissioner to the council meetings, both agreed and dates are being worked on. 14<sup>th</sup> June attended the ACC. I was pleased to recommend endorsement of the new local plan. We are now another step closer. Thanks to everyone who worked on this document the effort was recognised by all the committee and commented on.

## **20/24 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr L Burr (MBE) abstains from all Norton Town Council planning decisions as she is a member of North Yorkshire Planning Committee.

## **21/24 Minutes – RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the Meeting of Norton on Derwent Town Council Meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> May (minutes 001/24 to 16/24 inclusive) be approved and signed as correct. Proposed by Cllr Keal, seconded by Cllr Vale, all members approved.

**22/24 Mayors Announcements** [See Link](#)

**23/24 Clerks Report** . [See Link](#)

**24/24 Financial Report and Accounts – for resolution**

- 9a. To authorise payment of accounts. [See Link](#)
- 9b. To receive the financial summary to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024. [See Link](#)
- 9c. To receive bank reconciliation to 31st May 2024 [See Link](#)
- 9d. To receive deposit account reconciliation to 31st May 2024. (Information) [See Link](#)

Proposed by Cllr Keal, seconded by Cllr Lloyd-Williams, all members approved.

**25/24 Planning Matters – RESOLVED**

**20/01240/FUL** Change of use of ground floor business premises to form 1no. two bedroom flat to include the installation of 2no. additional windows at ground floor level with associated parking and landscaping.  
Widger mews, Langton Road, Norton, Malton, North Yorkshire

Proposed by Cllr Lloyd-Williams, seconded by Cllr Farndale, all members approved.

**ZE24/00529/HOUSE**

Erection of single-storey extension following demolition of existing conservatory.  
34a Vine Street, Norton, Malton, YO17 9JD

Proposed by Cllr Lloyd-Williams, seconded by Cllr Shaw, all members approved.

**ZE24/00533/TPO**

TPO 340/2015 T1 Beech and T2 Beech – crown lift over highway to allow approximately 5m of clearance and 2m to 3m reduction of the part of the canopy overhanging the BT line to provide clearance.  
28 Whitewall, Norton, Malton, YO17 9EH

Proposed by A Spencer, seconded by Cllr Shaw, Cllr Lloyd-Williams abstained, and all other members approved, subject to pruning at the correct time of year, i.e. Autumn.

**26/24 Dates for Christmas Events – RESOLVED**

To confirm the date for the Christmas Light Switch On – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and Residents Meal – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Proposed by Cllr Keal, seconded by Cllr Vale, and all other members approved.

**27/24 Removal of Tree on Church Street – RESOLVED**

Members discussed the quotation of Bayes Tree Services and fell the Ash Tree (Fraxinus Excelsior). Members felt that as the tree had self seeded, was not well and was necessary to provide clear sight for the CCTV, it was Proposed to be accepted by Cllr Shaw, seconded by Cllr Keal, Cllr King abstained, and all other members approved.

**28/24 Church Street Artwork – RESOLVED**

Members discussed the installation of three metal sheep planters as artwork on Church Street, together with associated planting and landscaping. Members were delighted to be

supporting Acorn Community. Proposed by Cllr Spencer, seconded by Cllr Vale, and all other members approved.

**29/24 Excluded item – Co Option – RESOLVED**

To resolve to exclude members of the press and public under that Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings Act 1960 due to the nature of the business to be transacted as follows; to discuss the applicants for Co-Option and to vote on applicants, Candidates 1, 2 and 3. Members voted 7 for, with 3 abstentions, for Candidate 1 and therefore Candidate 1, Mr Nick Whitteven, was Co-Opted to the Council.

**30/24 Representatives**

Cllr Vale reported that the Norton Hive had taken a step further forward to its decarbonisation, through redecoration and improvement works and the installation of solar panels, though new windows had not been approved. Cllr Vale to report back when the works are to be undertaken.

**31/24 Members Questions**

Cllr Shaw wanted to thank the Clerk, and the groundsmen, for clearing the visibility splay at Rivermead road end. Noted and thanks.

Cllr Farndale reported that a member of the public had complained about the quality of the grass cutting. To be noted by the Clerk.

Cllr H Spencer raised concerns about the overgrown riverbank. Members discussed the matter and said that a meeting should be set up with the Malton representatives of the riverside group, and look for a new contractor. New contractor to be sought by the Clerk.

Cllr King asked if the lease on the Chamber could be altered so the Chamber could be let out as an income producing venue. Requires further investigation.

Cllr Burr asked if an invitation could be sent to Fitzwilliam Estate to attend the council meeting.

Cllr Burr asked if we had a date for the CCTV installation on Church Street. Members commented not as yet, subject to tree felling.

Cllr Burr asked if it could be minuted that Cllr Shaw is the representative on the steering group for the museum. Done, as per 17/24 above.

Cllr Burr asked if chase up letters could be sent to North Yorkshire concerning the appalling state of two properties on Commercial Street. The Clerk to undertake.

**32/24 Date of the next Norton on Derwent Town Council Meeting**

The next Norton on Derwent Town Council meeting be held on Monday 22nd July 2024 at the Council Chamber, 84b Commercial Street, Norton.

The Meeting Closed at 8.50pm

The Deputy Town Clerk

Tim Hicks

Signed..... Date .....