



Norton-On-Derwent Town Council Clerks Report October 2023

Gail Cook (Malton Town Council Clerk) very kindly found time in her busy schedule to give me a full days training on the accounts system (RBS) which was really beneficial and I am really grateful to her for her time and knowledge. Huge thank you to Gail and Malton Town Council for their continued support.

Attended the Five Towns meeting at Ryedale House and the Five Towns Clerks meeting with MAPS included at Malton Town Council. The issue of vandalism was raised in the town during the MAPS meeting and sadly we are gaining a reputation. To be discussed fully as an agenda item 12.

Chamber chairs have now been sent to be reupholstered. The supplier has stated that unless the leather is treated every 6 months the leather will crack as before and this won't take long for the damage to begin to occur. I can speak to our cleaner and discuss if additional hours will be required or if this can be incorporated into current working hours by leaving something that is not crucial for a week or 2 weeks until treatment work has been completed. Unless anyone would like to volunteer?

Still working on the Xmas lights switch on event.

Allotment rents are due this month and many issues have been raised regarding the increase in rent and lack of communication or notification from the Council/Clerk. Many Allotment holders are particularly upset with previous heavy handed letters that have been issued yet are unaware of an increase in their rent. This is taking up a lot of the working day. Again this is an agenda item 15 for discussion.

Aldi have written to the Council with a meeting request ahead of a full public consultation on plans for a new food store on land at Commercial Street, Norton.

Claire Eade, Acting Town Clerk

