

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held remotely via Zoom  
on Monday 17 August 2020 at 7.00pm.

**VIRTUALLY PRESENT**

Councillor A. Croser (Mayor) in the Chair;  
Councillors Ms S. Cawte, 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

053. (08/20) **APOLOGIES**

Apologies unable to connect Councillors Mrs L Burr MBE, P. Farndale

054. (08/20) **GUEST SPEAKER**

No Guest Speaker

055. (08/20) **PUBLIC SESSION**

**The Mayor suspended Standing Orders so that the next item could be debated.**

- (a) Mr Mark Campion local resident and race horse trainer, reported a serious incident involving his son.  
While riding across Bazley's Lane to Whitewall he was met head on by a HGV which spooked the horse and ended with the horse on top of the rider, luckily there were no serious injuries.  
The lane is single track with a weight limit and totally unsuitable for HGV's.

Following a debate members were in total agreement that further measures were required to improve the safety for all legitimate users of the lane.  
A strongly worded letter was to be sent to the Highway Department asking that they consider all options for improvement including;  
Moveable barriers at either end with no through road signage put in place;  
Rising bollards;  
Sleeping policemen, which would at least slow vehicles down.  
With all options it was imperative that much better signage was put in place, and it was made obvious that the lane was totally unsuitable for HGV's

The Mayor thanked Mr Campion for joining the meeting.

**Standing Orders were reinstated.**

- (b) 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.  
Neither councillor requested to speak.

County Councillor Keane Duncan and 1 other member of the public had been sent the access details and were expected to log on to the meeting but did not.

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056. (08/20) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors John Howard and David Lloyd-Williams declared an interest in agenda item 12 (b) as trustees of Malton Museum  
 Councillors Ray King and Ann Spencer declared an interest in agenda item 12(b) as trustees of the Milton Rooms.

057. (08/20) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting, held on Monday, 20 July 2020 (Minutes 035 to 052 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

058. (08/20) **CLERK'S REPORT**

Change of Date for Council Meeting

To request a change of date for the next scheduled meeting of the Town Council, from Monday 21 September 2020 to a week earlier Monday 14 September 2020. Agreed by members.

Grants for Voluntary Organisations

To report that Grant Applications were to be considered at the next meeting of the Town Council. Usual conditions would apply and all applications must be accompanied with the latest set of accounts.

Details to be posted on the website and on the noticeboard. Noted.

AJ1 Road Safety Fund – VAS Application

To report that an application for funding of an additional VAS sign for Scarborough Road had been submitted to the North Yorkshire Police Commissioner's Road Safety Fund for community projects.

Decisions regarding the application were expected by the end of September.

Amount of funding requested £2,408.00 with part match funding from the Town Council to make up the total cost of £3,208.00. Noted.

Christmas Lights

To report that north Yorkshire County Council had approved the new and revised lighting displays for the columns, which were scheduled for installation and automatic switch on the week beginning Monday 16 November 2020.

No switch on event was planned. Noted.

Annual Governance and Accountability Return

To report that with the completion of the Internal Audit, the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2020, and all accompanying documentation had now been forwarded to the External Auditors (PKF Littlejohn). Noted.

059. (08/20) **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

Pandemic

The Mayor reported an update from North Yorkshire County Council.

Stating that the infection rates in North Yorkshire were relatively low, and in the last seven days there had been 26 positive tests spread across the county. The infection rate stood at 3 per 100,000 which was below the national average, and there were currently 12 people in hospital with the virus across North Yorkshire.

Significant changes to the track and trace system were being made, with a more local approach through local councils being implemented.

Ryedale Local Plan Update

The Mayor reported on a brief phone in meeting with Ryedale District Council and Malton Town Council on updating the Ryedale Plan. The outcome being that there was to be no update for the foreseeable future.

Noted.

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059. (08/20) **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT** (continued)Norton in Bloom

The Mayor along with Councillor Mrs Lindsay Burr MBE and the Deputy Clerk made a tour of the town identifying possible locations for seating and planters.

The Mayor with the Deputy Clerk met with a resident of Beverley Road who had been looking after the flower beds round the town entrance signs. He was keen to be more involved with the in bloom group and as a Horticultural Lecturer would be an asset to Norton in Bloom.

Yorkshire Day

The Mayor reported on his attendance at the Old Town Hall in Malton to mark Yorkshire Day. While the Town Crier was to have read the Yorkshire Declaration due to his non-attendance at 11am the Mayor of Malton made the declaration instead. It was not known if the Town Crier appeared in Norton or not.

VJ Day

The Mayor along with other members of the Town Council attended a ceremony at Malton War Memorial to mark the 75 anniversary of Victory over Japan Day, where he laid a wreath on behalf of the town.

The Mayor paid tribute to the British Legion who had organised the event.

060. (08/20) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**(a) Accounts paid and for payment

The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 076 to 093 inclusive, amounting to £9,499.34 had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED that account nos. 094 to 096 inclusive, amounting to £497.26 be paid. Payments to be made accordingly.

(b) Financial report

The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.07.20 to 31.07.20 was received.

(c) Budgetary monitoring

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

(d) Internal Audit

The Internal Audit Report for the Annual Return for the year ending 31 March 2020 was received.

This enabled the completed Annual Return to be forwarded to the External Auditor.

(e) Internal Audit Report

The Internal Audit Report for the final appointment for the year 2019/20 was received. No matters of concern were raised. Noted.

061. (08/20) **PLANNING MATTERS**(a) Planning applications referred to the Town Council by Ryedale District Council, for comment and/or recommendation were dealt with as follows: -

20/00676/HOUSE      Erection of a two storey rear extension.  
26 Priorpot Lane, Norton, Malton, YO17 8DW  
RESOLVED Recommend Approval

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061. (08/20) **PLANNING MATTERS** (continued)

20/00689/HOUSE      Move and extend 1.8 metre high garden fence to be within 1 metre of the pedestrian/cycle way on western boundary.  
76 Spring Beck Avenue, Norton, Malton, YO17 9FL  
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.

20/00720/HOUSE      Erection of a two storey rear extension.  
96A Welham Road, Norton, Malton, YO17 9DS  
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.

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

No decisions received.

062. (08/20) **CEMETERY MATTERS**

Members received a report from the Cemetery Committee after their meeting held in the cemetery following safe distancing and other guidelines.  
RESOLVED All aspects of work put forward in the report to be implemented as far as was possible, with a local draughtsman already asked to draw up plans for the toilet facilities within the compound.  
Noted by members.

063. (08/20) **NORTON IN BLOOM**

Members received a report detailing various locations around town for new seating or updated seating and possible planters.  
RESOLVED to proceed with the new seating and planters, providing the owners of the land were in agreement and that where required street furniture licences were obtained, and that all locations where necessary were approved by the adjacent householders.  
Funding of the project to be through CIL with the possibility of donations from local organisations.  
Total cost for the complete project approximately £9,500.00  
Voting in favour was by majority;  
Councillor R. King voted against and Councillor Ms S Cawte abstained.

064. (08/20) **NORTH YORKSHIRE DEVOLUTION**

Following Government advice proposals for a single unitary authority were being considered by North Yorkshire County Council, and had asked that all District, Town and Parish Councils consider this option and make their opinions known to the County Council and in the Town Councils case to the District Council as well.  
Following much debate it was;  
Agreed that all members were totally against one single unitary authority stating that it would be too remote and that our local voice would not be heard.  
Members put forward various options as to how the county could be divided in a more balanced way which would involve at least two unitary authorities.  
Members were also against a Yorkshire Mayor as this would inevitably build in another level of bureaucracy.  
A task force of members was to be formed jointly with Malton to consider all aspects of devolution. Noted

065. (08/20) **CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) A bold vision for cycling and walking – email from local resident.  
Agreed to reply and put the resident in contact with Howard Wallis at Ryedale District Council and Helen Gundry from the Ryedale Cycle Forum. Noted.

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065. (08/20) **CORRESPONDENCE** (continued)

- (b) Malton Museum Statement – email from the Museum Chairman. For information. Noted.
- (c) Scarborough Road Issues – letter from local resident outlining issues with parked vehicles in certain areas of Scarborough Road. Agreed to write in reply and explain which authority was responsible for these issues. Noted.

066. (08/20) **VERGE PARKING AND BYELAW ISSUES**

Councillor John Howard reported that he had now received notification from the County Council legal department that they had no objection to the proposed byelaw, he had also received a reply from the local Police Inspector and while not objecting to the proposal could not offer any assistance with regard to enforcement. RESOLVED to proceed with the proposed Byelaw with the next step being to consult the public, firstly with an article in the Gazette and Herald.

067. (08/20) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Councillor David Lloyd-Williams asked the Deputy Clerk to update members on the Neighbourhood Plan who explained that there were three rounds of consultation running at the present moment and that the final consultation would probably be in October. Noted.

Councillor Mrs Ann Spencer reported that the Milton Rooms remained closed at the moment but hopefully they were looking at the end of September for a possible re-opening. Noted.

Councillor Ms Sharon Cawte reported on Ryedale Community Transport, stating that they were beginning to open up for non-essential journeys. Their fleet of vehicles had all now been fitted with screens, and that they were working on geographical areas. Noted.

068. (08/20) **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

No member's questions.

069. (08/20) **DATE OF THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next ordinary meeting of the Council would be held Virtually on Monday, 14 September 2020, at 7.00pm. Unless there was Government advice to the contrary.

(Meeting closed at 8.56pm)

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