

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber
Commercial Street, Norton-on-Derwent on Monday 21 June 2021 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Councillor Mrs A Spencer (Mayor) in the Chair;
Councillors Mrs L Burr MBE, A. Croser, P. Farndale, Mrs D. Keal,
R. King, J. Howard, J. Mackenzie, P. Mooring, H. Spencer.
Also Mrs R. Tierney, Mr T. Hicks

019. (06/21) **APOLOGIES**

No apologies received.

020. (06/21) **GUEST SPEAKER**

Presentation on Ryedale District Council – Local Plan Review

Members welcomed Rachel Balmer, the senior Planning Officer from Ryedale District Council.

The review of the Local Plan had already started with a call for possible development sites across Ryedale to be put forward.

The existing plan which was current to 2027, was in need of a more comprehensive review with regard to spatial distribution and delivery of housing across the area, although they would not be reviewing the Community Infrastructure Levy, or the affordable housing requirements.

The District Council were looking to submit the plan by December 2022, and the plan once adopted would run from 2023 to 2038 a period of 15 years, however much would depend on Local Government Reorganisation.

Insight from the Town Council was required, as to what had gone well over the existing plan period, and what the approach for Norton should be going forward. With new sites being submitted there was a requirement to look at the general distribution of development across the plan area, and to consider sites and strategy together. It was considered that the proposed large scale development off Beverley Road would still be forthcoming and viable, with the Malton and Norton Neighbourhood Plan, this would be supported and would carry weight in planning terms even after Reorganisation.

Rachel concluded by taking questions on various planning matters from members and would keep the council informed as to any progress.
The Mayor thanked Rachel for attending.

021. (06/21) **PUBLIC SESSION**

No member of the public present.

022. (06/21) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mrs L Burr MBE declared an interest in the above, agenda item 2 Guest Speaker as a local development site owner, ATS Site and Langton Road.
Councillor R. King declared an interest in agenda item 8 Planning Matters, as a Trustee of the Norton Hive.

023. (06/21) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council, held on Monday, 17 May 2021 (Minutes 001 to 018 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

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024. (06/21) **CLERK'S REPORT**

Community Infrastructure Levy

To report receipt of an initial inquiry as to the possibility of Norton College making an application for funding through CIL, for a new Astro-Turf Pitch.
Further details to follow. Noted.

Ryedale Five Towns Meeting

Helmsley Town Council were to host a remote meeting, via Zoom, of the Five Towns. Tuesday 22 June at 7pm.

The Agenda was to consist of The Town Centre Ambassador, Mr Adrian Hamilton, on the use and availability of resources and communications within Ryedale, and Bridget Skaife the Community Team Leader at Ryedale District Council on how we can work smarter.

If any member was interested in logging on to the meeting the clerk would forward details later. Noted.

025. (06/21) **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor reported on the following;

Meeting with the Mayor of Malton

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Paul Farndale had met with the Mayor of Malton, Councillor Kerry Ennis, and the Deputy Mayor of Malton, Councillor Sue Hawes, for a joint photo session and a chat.

Norton in Bloom Meeting.

The Mayor reported on the in bloom meeting, which had focused on how to make Norton look better, especially the area around the railway crossing.
Update to follow later in the meeting. Noted.

026. (06/21) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(a) Accounts paid and for payment

The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 041 to 052 inclusive, amounting to £8,980.33 had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.
RESOLVED that account nos. 053 to 059 inclusive, amounting to £2,325.67 be paid.
Payments to be made accordingly.

(b) Financial report

The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.05.21 to 31.05.21 was received.

(c) Budgetary monitoring

The Clerk's report for the period ending 31 May 2021 was received.

(d) Internal Audit Report

The Internal Audit Report for the year ending 31 March 2021 was received.

(e) Internal Auditor

RESOLVED that Yorkshire Internal Audit Services be reappointed for the year ending 31 March 2022.

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027. (06/21) **PLANNING MATTERS**

(a) Planning applications referred to the Town Council by Ryedale District Council, for comment and/or recommendation were dealt with as follows: -

- 21/00833/HOUSE Erection of single storey rear extension following removal of existing conservatory, erection of single storey entrance lobby to the front elevation. 4 Barley Close, Norton, YO17 9EP
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.
- 21/00811/HOUSE Formation of vehicular access to include dropped kerb. 7E Welham Road, Norton, YO17 9DP
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.
- 21/00708/FUL Change of use from a residential home for the elderly (Use Class C2) to a private residential dwelling (Use Class C3) following closure of the residential home.
Spring Cottage, Bazeleys Lane, Norton, YO17 9P
DECISION For Approval already made.
- 21/00671/HOUSE Erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. 64 Ryedale Close, Norton, YO17 9DQ
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.
- 21/00842/AD Display of 2no. Norton Hive non-illuminated logo sign, 4no. Sight Support non-illuminated logo sign, 1no. non-illuminated notice board, 1no. oak flag pole and banner Norton Hive non-illuminated sign, 7no. no car parking non-illuminated signs, 1no. fire assembly point non-illuminated sign, 1no. emergency vehicle non-illuminated sign, 1no. new non-illuminated notice board to replace existing (part retrospective)
Norton Library 86 Commercial Street Norton, YO17 9ES
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.

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

No decisions received.

028. (06/21) **BYELAW – PARKING ON VERGES**

Members discussed whether to agree to enact the Byelaw to prevent parking on verges at the following locations, Welham Road, Beverley Road, Langton Road, Scarborough Road, Langley Drive and Hambleton Road.

RESOLVED to enact the Byelaw

All necessary signage and all other processes to be put in place.

029. (06/21) **ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING TIME**

Members discussed a proposal to move forward the starting time for all ordinary council meetings, from 7.00pm to 6.30pm in order that decision making was not compromised by being done late into the evening and when tired.

RESOLVED to move the starting time for all ordinary meetings of the council to 6.30pm. To be reviewed if necessary.

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030. (06/21) **NORTON IN BLOOM – STREET FURNITURE**

Councillor Mrs Lindsay Burr MBE updated members as to the improvements being made around the town with new planters and seating, although the areas around the toilets in Church Street and parts of Commercial Street were still in need of improvement. To assist in this process it would help if the general street furniture could be cleaned and repainted if necessary as well as more planting hopefully with a tree or two.

In order to achieve this a request for further funding of £3,000 to be placed in the Norton in Bloom budget was made

RESOLVED that further funding of £3,000 be made to Norton in Bloom, that the street furniture is cleaned and painted as necessary and that County Councillor Keane Duncan be approached to discuss the possibility of upgrading the bollards at the corner of Commercial Street and Wold Street.

031. (06/21) **SKATEPARK**

(a) Councillor Mrs Di Keal gave a brief update from the Malton and Norton Area Partnership meeting, with the project group for the half pipe preparing to examine the structure, they had invested in Insurance to cover the volunteers which would need to be approved by the Town Council Insurance Company. Noted.

(b) Members received a formal rental agreement for the security fencing for the half pipe which was in the sum of £132 per month.
RESOLVED to agree the rental of the security fencing at £132 per month to be reviewed at the end of 6 months. To look into the possibility of obtaining our own security fencing.

(c) Members received two quotations for the installation of the safety barrier at the Skatepark, to conform with the ROSPA requirements.
RESOLVED to accept the quotation from Ryedale Landscapes in the sum of £4,266.00 plus V.A.T.

Members considered the requirement for a competent person to ensure the Skatepark was in a state of good repair with all health and safety issues met once the upgrading of the equipment was complete.

It was agreed to approach a local health and safety expert in the first instance.

032. (06/21) **CEMETERY – FACILITIES UPGRADE**

Members received a quotation for the decorating of the upgraded WC facilities at the cemetery.

RESOLVED to accept the quotation for decorating the WC from Johnson Decorators, in the sum of £580.00 plus V.A.T.

033. (06/21) **CORRESPONDENCE**

Members received two letters complaining at the cutting of the riverbank.

In response members made the point that when the bank was not cut the council received numerous complaints about the high growth obscuring the view of the river which was one of the attractions for users of the picnic area. It also became imperative to engage a contractor to periodically cut back the growth once the spring bulbs had died back as it was found that Himalayan Balsam, a proscribed alien, was dominating the native species.

The council is sympathetic to policies of protecting wildflowers and natural ecology so it has been decided that a degree of compromise will be tried whereby the contractor will be advised to leave clumps of plants left uncut around certain riverbank trees.

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034. (06/21) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Councillor John Mackenzie reported on the Food Bank, stating that numbers attending were still quite low. Howe Road was open on Friday and Castlegate Wednesday, the Pickering site was still closed and it was deliveries only in this area. Noted

035. (06/21) **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

Councillor Hugh Spencer reported that the verge running along Scots Hill had now been cut. Noted.

Councillor John Howard asked if the council was found negligent in any way and the insurance company would not pay any fine the council received, would individual councillors be liable.

In response the clerk stated probably, but would make enquiries as to a definitive answer.

Councillor Phillip Mooring asked if the possibility of making Mr Malcolm Piercy a Freeman of the town, could be discussed.
To be placed on the agenda for next month.

036. (06/21) **DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED that the next ordinary Meeting of the Council be held on Monday 19 July 2021, at 6.30pm, in the Council Chamber.

(Meeting closed at 9:15pm)

_____(Chairman)