

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber
Commercial Street, Norton-on-Derwent on Monday 25 April 2022 at 6.30pm.

- PRESENT** Councillor Mrs A Spencer (Mayor) in the Chair;
Councillors Mrs L Burr MBE, P. Farndale, J. Howard, Mrs D Keal, , R King,
D. Lloyd-Williams, J Mackenzie, P. Mooring, and H. Spencer
Also Mr T. Hicks, Deputy Clerk
178. (04/22) **APOLOGIES**

Councillor A. Croser
179. (04/22) **GUEST SPEAKER**

None
180. (04/22) **PUBLIC SESSION**

A member of the public raised issue with Minute 164 of the March meeting which stated Skate Park Committee and should be Working Party. Minute 182 below refers.
181. (04/22) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Keal made a declaration of interest over Item 8 Planning as application 3 St Nicholas Street was a near neighbouring property.
182. (04/22) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting, held on Monday, 21st March 2022 (Minutes 162 to 177 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman, with the alteration to Minute 164, Committee to Working Party, as stated above.
183. (04/22) **CLERK'S REPORT**

The clerk reported that he had met with the ROSPA inspector today and that he was pleased to recommend that the park reopen.
184. (04/22) **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor reported that she had attended the production Matilda, that is was very enjoyable and that there we so many talented people they had to do two sessions.

The Mayor was concerned about increasing reports of unsociable behaviour in the streets, verbal abuse, eggs thrown at windows, dog fouling. Members were not pleased to hear this, in addition to a lack of action from the police and virtually no dog warden representation, and they asked if a senior officer could come to the next meeting.

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185. (04/22) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- (a) Accounts paid and for payment
The RFO reported that accounts nos. 276 to 283 and 001 to 011 inclusive, amounting to £42,263.26 had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.
RESOLVED that account nos. 012 to 024 inclusive, amounting to £5,391.04 be paid.
Payments to be made accordingly.
- (b) Financial report
The financial report for the period 01.03.22 to 31.03.22 was received.
- (c) Budgetary monitoring
The monitoring report for the period ending 31 March 2022 was received
- (d) End of Year Report
The Receipts and Payments Account for the year ending 31 March 2022 was received

186. (04/22) **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

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| 22/00360/HOUSE | Erection of single storey rear extension.
3 St Nicholas St, Norton, YO17 9AQ
<u>RESOLVED</u> Recommend Approval |
| 22/00111/HOUSE | Erection of a two storey rear and side extension and erection of a detached garage.
2 Park Road, Norton, YO17 9EA
<u>RESOLVED</u> Recommend Approval |
| 22/00393/HOUSE | Erection of a two storey side extension following demolition of existing detached garage, construction of veranda to rear and installation of 1no. dormer window at the rear.
19 Welham Road, Norton, YO17 9DP
<u>RESOLVED</u> Recommend Approval |

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

No Decisions Received

187. (04/22) **SKATE PARK MATTERS**

- (a) Safety Officer
Members received the proposed inspection form, action form and terms of reference for the skate park safety officer. Cllr Howard added that he would like to give the safety officer the power to close the park, though reporting immediately to the clerk. That the safety officer should be present at the annual ROSPA inspection, and that he would report any vandalism. The clerk so no issue with this so it was;
RESOLVED that members accept the inspection form, action form and terms of reference.
- (b) Scope of Works
Members received a scope of works and additional information to go out as supplementary to the request for quotes. Members discussed the matter citing arguments for and against, it was then voted upon, with 4 for, 5 against and 1 abstention, so it was;
RESOLVED that the scope of works and additional information are not sent out as part of the request for quotes.

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(c) Further quote Halfpipe

Members discussed whether to ask a fifth company to quote for the half pipe work. Members discussed the matter citing arguments for and against, it was then voted upon, with 3 for, 6 against and 1 abstention, so it was;
RESOLVED that the 5th company not to be approached in the request for quotes.

188. (04/22) **ONE WAY SYSTEM**

Members discussed the issue of a one way system for Norton, so many pinch points and congestion issues along Mill Street, Wood Street, St Nicholas Street and Church Street, amongst several others. Members suggested that one of the key problems was the slowness of getting the link road off the ground from Beverley Road to Scarborough Road. Members said that little had been done by highways in the last few years, still awaiting the rectification of the level crossing junction and the one way system for Malton. It was suggested that the best time to approach the county was when the new authority was implemented, and also noted that we also have a new council next month. It was also felt it important to engage with the new county councillor and make sure our concerns and aspirations are know to them and so they can take this forward.

RESOLVED Agree to wait a month or two and engage with new County Councillor.

189. (04/22) **VERGES BYELAW**

Cllr Mckenzie brought to the discussion that is should not be the councillors job to photograph offending vehicles and subsequently report these to the police. Following discussion it was also noted that it should not be the clerks or any officer of the council's job to report these to the police. As the district and county authorities are currently in a state of flux it was felt best to wait for the outcome of what the enforcement departments would look like and consider asking them to do it or hire in / pay for their professional services. In the meantime talk to the police when they come to the council meeting.

RESOLVED Await to see what the new county format is in relation to enforcement and to engage in discussions with the police in the meantime.

190. (04/22) **STANDING ORDERS – RESTRICTION ON COUNCILLOR ACTIVITIES**

Cllr Keal brought a proposal, seconded by Cllr King, that in addition to the standard Standing Orders S24, restrictions on councillor activities, that the following be also agreed.

- (a) That members should abide by the Norton Town Council Standing Orders as we are obliged to do so as members of this council
- (b) No member of council undertakes any work pertaining to council projects without the express agreement from Council
- (c) No member of council should contact professional companies commissioned by Council to request further information or ask questions of them without prior agreement from the Council and the town clerk.
- (d) Members of council do not undertake any practical tasks or work on council property or assets belonging to or managed by the council. This work to be undertaken by professional contractors.

RESOLVED it was then voted upon, with 5 for, 2 against and 3 abstention, so it was agreed to accept these statements, and they will be appended to the S24 rules.

191. (04/22) **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

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192. (04/22) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Cllr Howard reported that the Malton Museum would be hosting a Roman Festival on Sunday 24th July, from 11.30 to 3.30, at Orchard Fields, including a cavalry display.

Cllr Keal and Mckenzie reported that the Ryedale Community Foodbank would formally be opening on the 4th May, and were pleased to announce that they had secured the Howe Road premises and the vehicle from the old food bank. Demand for food parcels continues to be high.

Cllr Lloyd-Williams reported that there had been the AGM of the Ryedale Cameras In Action (RCIA). He was sad to report the death of Cllr Dales, a valued member of Malton Town Council, and that he had taken over the chairmanship of RCIA from Cllr Dales. Cllr Lloyd Williams reported issues with Norton cameras on the former Railway Tavern building and the one on the café in Commercial Street and that these were being addressed.

193. (04/22) **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

Cllr Lloyd-Williams asked if all the outgoing councillors could be written to and thanked for their years of service. The clerk agreed.

194. (04/22) **DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED that the Annual Meeting of the Council be held on Monday 16th May 2022, at 6.30pm, in the Council Chamber.

(Meeting closed at 8.30pm)

_____ (Chairman)