

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE

MALTON TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN RYEDALE HOUSE, ON WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST 2015

PRESENT Cllr Mrs J Lawrence (Mayor), Cllr P Andrews (Deputy Mayor)
Mrs J Ford, Mrs A Hopkinson, Mrs K Ennis, D Lloyd-Williams,
D Townsend, P Emberley, Cllr G Lake and M Dales.

IN ATTENDANCE MP Skehan (Town Clerk), Canon J Manchester (Mayor's Chaplain).

056. CODE OF CONDUCT

Members were reminded of their responsibilities under the Code of Conduct.

057. KEVIN HOLLINRAKE. MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT.

The Mayor welcomed Mr Kevin Hollinrake, and his Agent Mr Nigel Knapton. Mr Hollinrake, the recently-elected MP for Thirsk and Malto, addressed the meeting and responded to questions from Town Councillors and members of the public. Views expressed on a variety of issues included:

1. At this stage he considers that his priorities, in addition to his casework, will be the A64, Broadband and Fracking.
2. While not committing at this stage to a preference on the bids for a structure for devolution to the region, he considered that cost savings and improved efficiencies must be achievable through amalgamations and/or reductions in the existing tiers of local government. He supports the view that 'balancing the books' has to be the priority. The cost of government must be reduced. He believed that local councils had a greater role to play, and could provide a much more effective and focussed delivery of some services.
3. He is not against fracking in principal but considers that insufficient information is in the public arena. For his part he is determined to investigate current and previous experience as extensively as he can to inform his understanding of the issues.
4. On the Wentworth Street Car Park issue, the current situation cannot be sustained. He believes that Ryedale DC members must explore the implications of withdrawing from the contract.
5. On the A64 he is set upon discovering the extent of support or demand there is for dualling either completely or over extended sections. He advised that he believes that the A64 is still on HM Treasury's radar.
6. On the structure of the Police Service he conceded that while the new arrangements for management of the force were becoming better known to the public and bringing benefits, it should not cost more. If it did there must be significant issues which need to be addressed.
7. On housing he supported the scheme to get 'right to buy' moving again in the housing association arena, and considered that the requirement to replace sold units on a 1 to 1 basis would counter the dangers of

reducing the social housing supply. He is however concerned that overall house building targets are being missed, and will actively support schemes to remedy this shortfall.

The Mayor thanked Mr Hollinrake for his presentation and participation, and wished him well in his role.

NB. Standing Orders were suspended for the duration of the presentation and later discussion to allow questions from members of the public present, and restored prior to the next item on the agenda.

058. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Council meeting of the 22 July 2015 be approved and signed as a correct record.

059. MATTERS ARISING

Min 179 (14-15). Open Spaces. Orchard Fields and Ladyspring Wood.

The Clerk reported that at a meeting with the Ryedale DC Corporate Director and Head of Planning he was advised that the only potential source of funding to support a maintenance and/or development project covering these open spaces that might be available via Ryedale DC was from the Section 106 funds held for use in connection with open space management/maintenance. However the District did not have a process for identifying community groups and community schemes which might make a reasonable case for receiving assistance from the fund, and assessing any calls for support from the fund. It was suggested that the Town Council might consider being the vehicle for the bringing together of groups/schemes to allow for discussion on the relative merits of competing calls, and providing an information point for Ryedale DC to access in its eventual consideration of where funds would be best allocated.

Following discussion members agreed

- i) that the matter of Section 106 funding allocation be referred in the first instance to the Malton and Norton Area partnership for it to consider whether it might provide the best platform for the identifying of community schemes which could benefit from financial aid from Section 106 funds,**
- ii) to delegate to Finance and General Purposes Committee the task of considering what form of arrangement this Council could be involved in to provide the necessary maintenance, and beyond that potential development and improvement of the sites. In addition it is asked to consider and report upon options for the raising of the required fund, and**
- iii) that in principal the Town Council is keen to encourage continued use of these areas as public open spaces, and if feasible, be party to an arrangement to secure the continued use.**

Min 015. Speed Signs in Town Street Old Malton.

It was reported that the hire agreement had been signed and exchanged and that the first location of a sign at this point will be within a month.

Min 019. Cemetery Rules.

On the matter of a request to place a structure over a grave extending beyond a headstone an enquiry had been placed with the legal advisor to the Yorkshire Local Councils Association. The response was clear in its affirmation that the rules could and should be applied, despite no specific reference to the particulars of the rules at the time of the sale of the plot Request for structure. YCLA referred the Council's request for advice on this to its legal advisors.

- i) It was agreed that all future plot sales would be accompanied by written advice relating to the rules on headstones applying to the 'lawned' areas of the cemeteries**
- ii) A meeting with the family is still to take place.**

060. **MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Deputy Mayor had represented the Mayor at the Yorkshire Day celebrations hosted by the Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council.

061. **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.**

Members received and considered the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of 18 August.

The actions agreed by Committee in connection with i) the search for an appropriate temporary office space, and ii) attention to advice in the Audit Report were confirmed.

The recommendations were considered and the following resolutions made:

RESOLVED

1. **ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.** That the Town Council authorise the Finance and General Purposes Committee to develop a proposal for the establishment of a position of Assistant Clerk or Clerk Designate and associated arrangements, for presentation to the Council at the September meeting.

2. **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS.** That the Town Council approves an increase in the allocation of funds to support the 2015 Christmas Lights programme from the current £4,000 to a maximum of £9,000.

062. **WENTWORTH STREET CAR PARK.**

Members were reminded that, following the issue of the Judgement resulting from the Judicial Review, an invitation had been issued to and accepted by the Chief Executive and the Leader of the District Council to attend the September meeting of the Town Council. The Clerk had undertaken to provide a list of the principal questions in advance of the meeting. It was noted that this would not preclude further questions at the meeting.

It was agreed that suggestions for questions be submitted by members to the Clerk, from which he would compile a composite list for submission to Ryedale DC.

063. **REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

Milton Rooms Committee.

It was reported that Norton Town Council had approved a payment of £5,000 in each of the next two years to assist the committee in meeting the cost of setting up an administrative/management operation. Following this and the approval of £5,000 for the current year by the Malton Town Council, the Committee is seeking match funding from the District Council.

Currently an Architect is assessing the building.

The Milton Rooms is now incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee under the auspices of the Charity Commission, with which the organisation remains registered as a Charity. Upon completion of the incorporation new leases will be issued, but the Ryedale DC's responsibilities will not change.

In response to questions it was agreed that the Clerk investigate whether the changed status of the Committee would have any implications for the Town Council in respect of its nomination of a member to represent it on the Committee. It was also agreed that an updated budget document be requested.

064. INSPECTIONS

Ground conditions at all the council sites are greatly improved in terms of both cutting and weed control.

The verge cutting by Scarborough Borough Council has been excellent to date and much commended.

Also the subject of much comment are the condition and effect of the hanging baskets, planted areas and the new trees in the town.

The specifications for remedial works on the chapel roofs are being circulated again following little interest earlier in the summer due to the extent of commitments at that time of likely contractors.

065. PLANS Eight applications to the Local Planning Authority were considered.

15/00836/FUL	Fitzwilliam Estate Unit 10 Rear 37 Yorkersgate	Erection of Timber bin store to south elevation.
15/00939/LBC	Palace Cinema Chancery Lane Malton	Installation of timber-framed sound insulation lobbies and five doors to Screens 1 and 2 on first floor.
15/00854/FUL	Mrs J Ogram Firestation Pre-School Sheepfoot Hill	Replacement of existing timber single glazed windows and doors by PVCU double-glazed units
15/00931/LBC	Castle Garden Site Old Maltongate	Painting of a mural depicting wildlife on Castle Garden Wall near entrance gate to Orchard Field.
15/00834/FUL	Taylor Wimpey Ltd Broughton Rd Malton	Replacement of 2 no detached dwellings (Plots 201 and 202) with 1 no detached four bed dwelling and 2 no semi-detached three bed dwellings. (Revision of part of approval(11/01181/ 2012.
15/00866/FUL	G Malan & H Thornes Land rear of 67 Middlecave Road	Erection of three bed dwelling and detached garage (revision to approval 12/00438/FUL).
15/00862/FUL	York Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Malton Hospital Malton	Onstallation of Air Handling Unit and screening on top of single storey Urology building, and removal of existing roof plant room.
15/00722/FUL	N Balshaw Land rear of 63 Middlecave Road	Erection of 4 bed dwelling with detached double garage.

RESOLVED

1. That application no's 15/00866/FUL and 15/00722/FUL be refused on grounds of density and inadequacy of access.
2. That application no 15/00834/FUL be refused on the grounds of inappropriate change to the original approved layout in that area leading to higher density.
3. That consideration of a response to application no 15/00931/LBFC be deferred to await further information.

066. ACCOUNTS

1. Fifteen accounts were submitted for approval.

		£
Inland Revenue	Tax / NI	788.55
Orange	Mobile	22.67
R Yates	Materials	72.52
S Bainbridge	Cemetery assist	112.00
JB Motors	Fuel	123.99
YLCA	Training	55.00
Hopkinson and Son	Strimmer	41.25
Howarth Timber	Grave box repairs	69.34
North Yorks Pension Fund	Contributions	1376.61
M Skehan	Salary and Expenses	1337.04
J Lawrence	Mayors Allowance (part)	250.00
Website Made Easy	Website	100.00
Aug Wages	Paid by Direct Credit	2423.59
Hitachi Capital	Tractor Instalment	252.62
Ryedale DC	Rates	168.00
Total		7193.18

RESOLVED

That the fifteen accounts be approved for payment.

067. TRANSPARENCY CODE

Local councils, parish or town, are required to adopt and abide by a transparency code. While Model Codes for adoption have been published by the Dept of CLG for councils with a turnover exceeding £200,000 and not exceeding £25,000, there is as yet no recommended code for councils lying between those limits, such as Malton Town Council. Following consideration Malton resolved to adopt the model code recommended for small councils

RESOLVED

The Transparency Code as contained at Annex 1 to these minutes be adopted by the Malton Town Council

068. MEETINGS. For information

- i) 5 Towns Group. 7.00pm Tuesday 8 September National Park Office Helmsley.
- ii) Neighbourhood Plan Group 7.00pm Wednesday 16 September. Norton TC Office
- iii) Finance Committee. 5.30pm Tuesday 22 September. Venue to be arranged.

069. NEXT MEETING

The next Town Council meeting was set for Wednesday 30 September 2015.

.....TOWN MAYOR. MALTON TOWN COUNCIL