

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE

MALTON TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN COMMUNITY HOUSE

ON WEDNESDAY 31 AUGUST 2016

PRESENT

Cllr P Andrews (Mayor) Cllr D Townsend (Deputy Mayor)
Mrs K Ennis, D Lloyd-Williams, Mrs J Lawrence,
Mrs Hopkinson and P Emberley.

IN ATTENDANCE

MP Skehan (Town Clerk), J Ward (Assistant Town Clerk)
Canon John Manchester (Mayor's Chaplain).

APOLOGIES

Cllrs M Dales, G Lake and C Turner.

Cllr Mrs L Burr. (NYCC and RDC), Cllr E Jowitt (RDC)

059. CODE OF CONDUCT

Members were reminded of their individual responsibility under the Code of Conduct to decide whether a declaration of interest is appropriate in respect of any matter to be considered at the meeting.

Cllr Andrews declared a personal but not pecuniary interest in respect of the agenda item on the Methodist Chapel project; this personal interest deriving from his position on the Milton Rooms Committee.

060. METHODIST CHAPEL, SAVILLE STREET.

Cllr Paul Emberley, in his capacity as a member of the group considering an appropriate way forward for the Chapel, gave a presentation to the Council on the current plans.

In the autumn of 2015 a major structural failure was identified in one of the roof trusses resulting in the Grade II* listed building being closed. After much debate and consultation the Church has agreed on a plan to develop the building into both a community hub and a new more flexible place of worship. The Plan has been submitted to the Listed Building Advisory Committee of the Methodist Church in Manchester, and it is expected that it will make a determination in October as to whether the scheme can be recommended to the Methodist Council for approval.

Cllr Emberley will keep the Town Council updated on progress.

The Mayor thanked Cllr Emberley for his presentation.

061. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Council meeting of 27 July 2016 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

062. MATTERS ARISING

Min 040. Railways Services Briefing.

The Mayor reported on the meeting that took place on the 23rd of August at Ryedale House. While the meeting was informative in respect of the intentions of the franchises, and useful in that all parties heard the local concerns being

expressed re the ability of the station and the local traffic network to accommodate the expected volume increase of trains and users, there was some concern that

1. It was not clear whether planners both at rail and more generally integrated transport were taking into account the demand going beyond 2027, and
2. The importance of engaging with Network Rail in this process had been misjudged. No senior general representative of Network Rail was present. The representative with responsibility specific to crossings could not contribute on station services.

The Clerk was directed to organise a further meeting before the end of December, hopefully to include Norton TC and the Partnership, with the Franchise representatives, Network Rail and the NYCC transport unit.

Min 048. WIFI in Town Centres across Ryedale.

Members considered a report on a proposal for a scheme available to towns in Ryedale. There was a general feeling that other solutions will quickly overtake the facility proposed.

Members agreed not to proceed.

Min 052. Cemetery Manager.

Stuart Turner had retired from his post at the Council on the 22nd of August. The Mayor in recognising his long and valued contribution to the Town Council, read out a note of thanks from Mr Turner, and offered the Council's best wishes for his future. Michael I'Anson had now taken up the post of Cemetery Manager.

Min 056. Banners in Town.

The Clerk reported that he had discussed the matter with NYCC Highways, and while it is confirmed that

1. No banners displayed on NYCC land or street furniture are approved
2. NYCC would not resist local council efforts to exert some discipline,

NYCC rarely intervenes in practice and would not support blanket interventions or wish to compromise time-limited promotion of community events, local initiatives and even local venue events.

The Clerk had referred specific sites to NYCC for comment and it was agreed that these comments, when received, be reported. The Clerk will also consult with Neighbours and the YLCA as to how they would approach this matter.

063. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Yorkshire Day. The Mayor regretted that he had been unable to attend Yorkshire Day. It had not been possible to arrange for a replacement representative at short notice.

Flooding Monitoring. Eden Road. There had been two meetings of the Ryedale District Council Land Drainage Group. At both members had been advised by Mr C Bowles, a hydrology consultant, that there should be appropriate monitoring of surface water run-off at Eden Road to allow for an accurate assessment of the situation before and after any hard surface development. The three District Councillors for Malton had been invited to a meeting with the Leader of the Council, Corporate Director Mr P Long, and officers of the Drainage Board. At this meeting it had been decided that the Ryedale District Council might be best advised to monitor water run-off from the A64.

It was agreed that the Mayor would continue to update the Town Council on this matter.

PLAY AREA FENCE.

A quotation of £1,700 for the erection of a 6' closed board fence to the east side perimeter, and the cutting back and clearance of the hedge, had been received from Garden Care.

RESOLVED

That an order be placed for the erection of a fence, at the Rainbow Lane Play Area, by Garden Care at a cost of £1,700.

CHAPEL ROOF REPAIRS

Members were advised that work had started on the contract priced initially at £23,419. On removal of the slates no timber issues were evident; however there did present a problem in respect of resealing to the seated stones at either end of each pitch. The recommended fix proposed by the contractor and supported by the surveyor was quoted at £290 per end, a total for 8 ends of £2320.

The Clerk reported that, following consultation with the Chairman of Finance and the Surveyor, the contractor had been advised to proceed with the work without delay. Members approval was sought for the action taken.

RESOLVED.

That the action to commission additional works at an additional cost of £2,320 on the Chapel Roof contract be approved.

OLD MALTON SCHOOL CLOCK.

Members agreed to defer to a future meeting discussion on the possibility of a proposal to make a contribution to clock tower repairs.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS SYSTEM.

Two styles of financial information report had been circulated. It was agreed that development of a preferred report style continue through the Committee, but that the cost centre based format be presented at the next meeting with some narrative to explain significant exceptions.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS.

A proposal and quotation is still awaited. The Clerk was directed to convey to the contractor the importance of finalising this matter quickly.

COMMUNICATION WITH OTHER BODIES.

Following discussion it was agreed that the Town Council would

1. seek to revive the practice of the Mayor and Clerk having regular meetings on Malton based issues with the Leader and Chief Executive of Ryedale District Council, and
2. invite the Agent of the Fitzwilliam Malton Estate to consider meeting periodically for the two parties to discuss and update each other on matters of interest.

The Mayor indicated that he might wish to invite other members to these meetings. The Clerk was directed to make the appropriate arrangements.

ORCHARD FIELD.

The Town Council had previously approved the taking of a lease to occupy Orchard Field for a period of three years at £4,000 per year, with a break clause at the end of year One. The receipt of the appropriate Lease document for signature is imminent. Approval for the signing of this document was sought.

RESOLVED

That the lease for the occupation of Orchard Fields for three years be signed.

MALTON CEMETERY LIME TREE AVENUE.

Following contact with the Tree Officer to discuss options for tree management to respond to the concerns of residents at the east side of the avenue, there is a recommendation that a detailed report be commissioned to advise on a specification for reduction work to the mature established trees in the east side line; such report to form the basis for a tendering process.

RESOLVED.

That a report be commissioned to specify appropriate reduction work to the trees within the east side line of the avenue to New Malton Cemetery.

065. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.

It was reported that the Focus Group deliberations were virtually complete and that a final Policy Intentions Document would be prepared and submitted by the Consultant to a Steering Group. The next step is the preparation for a public consultation exercise.

066. REPRESENTATIVES

Malton and Norton Partnership.

Cllr Emberley reported that the review of the Constitution was continuing

067. INSPECTIONS

Cllr Lawrence and the Clerk had conducted an inspection of the sites. Apart from issues being attended to currently, awaiting estimates, or on order, there was nothing significant to report in terms of items requiring attention. The general surface on each of the Council's sites was reported as massively improved by virtue of very good working conditions, the presence of three full-time maintenance staff, and few burials over a three week period. It was noted that an independent safety inspection of the play area by RoSPA would take place within the next few weeks.

068 PLANS

Fourteen applications to the Local Planning Authority were considered.

16/01400/CAT	Mrs Jane Wingrove 44 Old Maltongate Malton	T1, Sycamore requires reduction of lower limbs which extend over the public footpath by 1 metre. Remedial prune to the upper crown by reducing upright growths which protrude out of the main crown by 1 metre. Removal of dead wood.
16/01138/ADV	Fitzwilliam Malton Estate Wall 50 Yorkersgate	Display of 2no non-illuminated wall-mounted signs to south-facing wall of the Vanbrugh arch.
16/01234/ADV	Mr Rory Queen Chapter Two Bar 5 Market Place	Display of a non-illuminated hand painted front name sign.
16/01246/FUL 16/01247/LBC	Mr & Mrs Dunkley Barr Farm 68 Town Street Old Malton	Erection of 1 bedroom self-contained residential annex for applicant's family use following demolition of existing stable building.

16/01250/MREM 16/01252/73AM	Broadacre Services Ltd Land South of Westgate Old Malton	Erection of 24no four bedroom dwellings, 9no three bedroom dwellings and 6no two bedroom dwellings (outline approval 14/00428/MOUTE dated 24.03.2015 refers). Variation of Condition to state: "The details required by Condition 02 shall provide for where possible, the retention and re-use of those buildings shown to be retained on the submitted illustrative plan. Where this is not possible they shall be rebuilt in a sympathetic style to retain the character provided by this building" and Variation of Conditions 16 and 17 to change the trigger points for these conditions from prior to the development hereby approved commencing to "before construction of the first dwelling" - all Conditions relating to approval 14/00428/MOUTE dated 24.03.2015.
16/01305/HOUSE	Mr and Mrs P Tate Smith 2 York Road Malton	Erection of a part two storey/part single storey extension of side and rear elevations to include integral double garage with bedroom above.
16/01319/FUL	The Co-op Funeralcare 18 Wheelgate	Conversion and alteration of shop to a funeral parlour to include replacement of shopfront.
16/01326/HOUSE	Mr Johnathon Huntsman 62 Orchard Road	Erection of two storey extension to side elevation following demolition of existing conservatory,
16/01340/HOUSE 16/01341/LBC	Mr Patrick Walker 8 Old Maltongate Malton	External and internal alterations to include removal of existing shop style front ground floor window and door and replacement by double glazed timber sliding sash window and timber 6no panel door with 3no pane fan light above..
16/01384/ADV 16/01385/LBC	Fitzwilliam Malton Estate 16 Finkle Street Malton	Display of a non-illuminated hand painted gable end sign depicting the Visit Malton branding.

RESOLVED

1. That application no 16/01138/ADV be recommended for refusal on the grounds that the signs are visually inappropriate in the location.
2. That application no 16/01319/FUL be recommended for refusal on the grounds that the location is inappropriate for the service proposed for the unit.
3. That application numbers 16/01384/ADV and 16/01385/LBC be recommended for refusal on the grounds that the proposed advertisement is not in keeping with the surroundings.
4. That the remaining applications be recommended for approval.

069. **ACCOUNTS**

Fifteen accounts were submitted for approval.

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Inland Revenue	Tax / NI	958.42
JB Motors	Fuel	109.73
R Yates	Materials	25.98
Stuart Bainbridge	Casual Assistance	54.00
Sean Young	Hanging Baskets Maintenance	787.50
inPrint	Outdoor Banners & Sticker	158.40
SLCC	Membership	161.00
Smith of Derby	Old School Clock - Reps & Mnt	1725.60
BFH Scaffolding	Old School House	1900.00
Yorkshire Water	Cemeteries Supplies	146.60
North Yorks Pension Fund	Contributions	1688.41
Staff Salaries	Paid by Direct Credit	6298.81
EE	Mobile Phones	40.24
Ryedale District Council	Cemeteries Rates	170.00
XLN	Phone/Internet	47.99
Total		14272.68

RESOLVED That the fifteen accounts be approved.

070. **COPPER BEECH IN MALTON CEMETERY.**

The Clerk reported that in the course of other inspections this tree has been viewed by the RDC Tree Officer and at least two other tree maintenance contractors, all of whom had indicated that it should be felled due to its continuing worsening of condition, and the potential for the failure of large dead limbs high in the tree.

Members agreed that the Clerk be given authority to approach a selection of contractors to submit quotations for the felling of the tree.

071. **TOWN ENTRY SIGNS**

The Clerk reported that he had held initial discussions on options for new signs with the President of Rotary and Mr Naylor-Leyland of Malton CIC. Discussions will continue to proposals and funding options. Members will be kept advised.

072. **MEETINGS** For information

War Memorial Project 10.00am Wednesday 7 September Community House
Finance & GP Committee 2.30pm Tuesday 20 September. Community House

073. **NEXT MEETING**

The next Town Council meeting was set for Wednesday 28 September 2016

.....TOWN MAYOR. MALTON TOWN COUNCIL