

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE

## MALTON TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN RYEDALE HOUSE, ON WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE 2015

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

**IN ATTENDANCE** MP Skehan (Town Clerk),)

**APOLOGIES** Cllr G Lake, Canon J Manchester (Mayor's Chaplain.

021. **CODE OF CONDUCT**

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

NB. Cllr Mrs Hopkinson declared a prejudicial interest in planning application no 15/00539/FUL.

022. **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

**That the Minutes of the Council meeting of the 20th of May 2015 be approved and signed as a correct record.**

023. **PUBLIC ACCESS**

Mr Darren Allanson, spoke to members in support of his application to be considered for the vacant Town Councillor position.

024. **MATTERS ARISING**

**Min 178 (14-15). WSCP. Ryedale District Council contract with GMI Holbeck.**

It is understood that the contract runs out on 5 May 2015, and that GMI has requested an extension. The consideration of the extension request is deferred pending the outcome of the Judicial Review.

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

A meeting of the Clerk with the Ryedale DC Corporate Director and Head of Planning is to be arranged imminently to look at funding opportunities, particularly from Section 106 monies.

**Min 194 (14-15). Verge Cutting**

Members had been advised that the Clerk had, following consultation with the Mayor and the Chairman of the Committee, terminated the contract with Wildwood on the grounds that the contractor was unable to achieve the required standards. No payment is to be made to the contractor in respect of work in June.

The Clerk has engaged a local contractor to remedy the worst of the situations in the short term, and is exploring the options for completion in the current season.

**Members endorsed the action taken.**

**Min 008. Appointments.**

**i) School Governors.** At the May meeting the Council agreed to nominate Cllr Lake as its representative on the St Mary's RC Primary School Governing body on the understanding that there was a place held reserved for a Town Council representative. The Clerk reported that following a reconstitution of the Board there is now no longer a place reserved. This applies also to the Malton Community Primary School. For the foreseeable future the Town Council will not have a right of representation on these Boards.

ii) **Milton Rooms Committee.** Following clarification from the Milton Rooms Committee members were advised that the Town Council may only nominate one representative.

The Clerk was directed to seek further clarification on the status of Committee members who are in role as a representative of a body or in his/her own right.

**Min 013. Rainbow Lane Ball Park. Complaint of Nuisance.** Discussions have continued on the level and nature of alleged nuisance with the Police, the Housing Association, and a Ryedale DC Environmental Control Officer. The initial complainant has left the area, however the same concerns are being expressed by another resident. It is hoped that arrangements can be made to formally monitor the nuisance via a Ryedale DC facility in order that appropriate level solutions can be considered. The Clerk will report any progress.

**Min 014. Skatepark.** It was reported that the repairs, at a cost of almost £7,000, have been carried and the park was back in use. A further meeting with users is to be arranged to take place during the school holidays. The Clerks are to discuss an inspection and maintenance agreement with the contractor.

**Min 015. Speed Signs in Old Malton.** The Town Council's resolution to engage with the scheme has been registered. Completion of the formalities is awaited.

**Min 019. Cemetery Grave Site.** Legal opinion is being sought in respect of the Council's right to maintain its policy of retaining a clear unencumbered turf surface above grave plots in the lawned areas of the cemeteries. Consideration of a request to set aside this condition in one case was deferred until the advice has been received. The applicant will be advised accordingly.

**025. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor had attended the Food Festival, the opening of Jack Berry House, and the funeral of Stan Johnson, a former long-serving member of the Town Council. The Mayor also received a party of Japanese tourism-connected visitors sampling the offer of Malton. A reception with coffee was held in The Talbot.

**026. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.**

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June were received by members. The following items were discussed:

**1. Community House.** Members noted that progress on acquiring a licence to occupy two rooms at Community House appeared to have stalled. Efforts will be made to move this forward.

**2. Milton Rooms Committee.** Request for funding under section 137. It was noted that the Committee was recommending that consideration of the request be further deferred to allow more enquiry. Members agreed to defer consideration of the request to the next Council meeting.

**3. ANNUAL RETURN OF ACCOUNTS 2014-15**

Members had been provided with copies of the final accounts for the Year 2014-15. These accounts had been audited and approved, and signed off by the Internal Auditor on the 27<sup>th</sup> May. The Clerk advised that the Town Council was now required to sign off Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return. A recommendation was made.

**RESOLVED.**

- 1. That the accounts for 2014-15 be approved for completion at Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return.**
- 2. That the Town Council can declare to the External Auditor its satisfaction with the internal audit of the accounts and the internal controls in place.**

027. **WEBSITE**

Cllr Emberley gave members a brief visual presentation of the website, and reported on the progress of its development. He expressed the hope that it can be effectively ready for roll out to the public by the end of July. There is however a lot of work still to be done.

028. **JOINT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMITTEE**

The Group had met on 17 June. The principle discussion was on the potential useful information that might be gained both on current issues and individuals who might contribute to the Neighbourhood Planning process.

Details from Directions Planning on project cost estimates are still awaited.

029. **VACANCY**

Members considered two applications for co-option to the vacant member position on the Council. Expressions of interest had been received from Darren Allanson and Kerry Ennis. A vote was taken to decide upon the applicant to be invited to fill the vacancy.

**RESOLVED**

**That Mrs Kerry Ennis be invited to become a member of Malton Town Council by co-option.**

030. **REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

**CAP Group.** The Group had received a presentation on the misuse of drugs, and it had been announced that Inspector Andy Everett was to retire.

Following discussion Town Council members agreed that Inspector Everett be invited to attend the September meeting to allow the Town Council to show its appreciation of the contribution he has made.

**The Dispensary Fund.** At a recent meeting six awards had been agreed.

**Malton and Norton Area Partnership.** The 'Towns Ahead' event, will take place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> of June in the Milton Rooms.

031. **INSPECTIONS**

No member inspections had taken place. The Clerk will arrange to accompany Cllrs Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Ford on an inspection before the next Council meeting. A new rota was circulated but is subject to amendment.

**Cemeteries and Play Area.** Principally due to a combination of weather conditions and higher than usual burial demands, cutting and spraying is behind where it should be at this stage of the season.

**Highway Verges.** Following the termination of the contract with Wildwood most areas were now badly in need of a cut. Urgent efforts are being made to engage competent and well-equipped operators to meet at least the short term needs.

032. **PLANS**

**Seven applications to the Local Planning Authority were considered.**

15/00539/FUL	R Yates & Son The Brow 25 York Road	Sub-division of existing eight bedroom dwelling to form 2 no four bed dwelling each with separate access plus single storey extension to the east.
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15/00602/FUL	General Store 1 Milton Avenue	Installation of external staircase and first floor entrance door to rear north elevation.
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15/00670/LBC	Fitzwilliam Estate 18 Castlegate Malton	Internal and External alterations to include demolition of existing lean-to extension, formation of opening to ground floor party wall between 18 and 20, and demolition of parts of internal walling to first floor of no 18 to form an open plan layout.
15/00634/FUL	PKW Properties 24 Wheelgate Malton	Extension of retail into covered former external passage to include removal of timber door and installation of section of shop front.
15/00649/FUL	K Davison Land west of Middlecave Cottage Maiden Greve	Erection of 2 no three bed dwellings with attached single garage and formation of individual vehicular accesses.
15/00616/MREM	Linden Homes Yhe Showfield Pasture Lane Malton	Erection of 34no two bed, 59no three bed,, and 81no four bed dwellings with associated access garaging and landscaping to include formation of earth bund to eastern site boundary, on site area 6.32ha Outline approval 24/03/15, 14/00427/MOUTE.
14/00678/MOUTE	Fitzwilliam Estate Land North of Castle Howard Road	Outline application for the erection of a mixed use residential led development for a maximum of 500 residential units to include retirement home, Employment, community and retail uses. <b>The application is amended from that previously considered. Included is a revised Design and Access statement, an addendum to the planning statement, an amended environmental statement and a revised visual impact assessment.</b>

**RESOLVED**

1. That application no 15/00539/FUL be recommended for approval subject to the integrity of the building being maintained.

NB. Cllr Mrs Hopkinson did not attend for discussion on this item.

2. That the Town Council's earlier response in respect of application no 14/00678/MOUTE be confirmed.

NB. Cllr Andrews requested that his vote against this resolution be recorded.

3. That the Town Council's earlier response in respect of application no 15/00616/MREM be confirmed, and that it be added that any approval should be conditional upon confirmation that the Eden Road development for a new livestock market will go ahead as planned.

3. That the four remaining applications be recommended for approval.

033. **ACCOUNTS**

1. Twenty-one accounts were submitted for approval.

		£
Inland Revenue	Tax / NI	786.63
Orange	Mobile	22.48
R Yates	Materials	37.70
Raymac	Banners	96.00
S Bainbridge	Cemetery assist	118.00
JB Motors	Fuel	119.86
Ryedale DC	Room Hire	325.50
Hopkinsons	Strim heads	37.00
Plantscape	Baskets and troughs	2040.00
H Lowdell	Malton Map	20.00
North Yorks Pen Fund	Contributions	1376.61
Wildwood	VAT of Apr/May	566.67
M Skehan	Salary and Expenses	1428.06
P Emberley	Web domain purchase	132.00
M Dando	14 Meet Expenses	22.55
Thompson Groundcare	Trailer	2292.00
Smith of Derby	VAT on contract	91.00
Web Site Made Easy	Design and build	308.20
June Wages	Paid by Direct Credit	2423.59
Hitachi Capital	Tractor Instalment	252.62
Ryedale DC	Rates	175.31
<b>Total</b>		<b>12671.78</b>

**RESOLVED**

**That the twenty-one accounts be approved for payment.**

034. **MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT**

It was agreed that an invitation would be extended to Mr Kevin Hollinrake MP to attend the August meeting of the Town Council.

035. **FRACKING. APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SITES.**

Cllr Andrews reported that the recent application for permission to frack at a site near Kirby Misperton had not been validated, and therefore was not currently being considered.

Members agreed that the Town Council should be registered for inclusion in the ongoing consultation on fracking

**036. WAR MEMORIAL PROJECT.**

In 2013 the Town Council agreed to set aside up to £5,000 towards a scheme to refurbish and open up the War Memorial. The project, costed at about £40,000, has planning permission and the formal partners with the Town Council would be Rotary and the Fitzwilliam Estate. The project has lain dormant awaiting an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Members were advised that work is now progressing on that application. The Clerk will be attending a meeting on 6 July to receive an update on this, and will report back to the July Council meeting.

**037. BUS SUBSIDY CONSULTATION.**

Members were advised of a North Yorkshire County Council consultation on proposals to further reduce bus subsidies. The online access details were provided. Responses are required by Friday 14 August.

A decision as to whether a Town Council response is appropriate will be made at the July Council meeting.

**038. MEETINGS. For information**

**i) Environment Agency. Norton Town Council 7.00pm Monday 6 July.**

This will be a presentation on the findings on the sluice lowering experiment on the River Derwent. All Malton TC and Norton TC members are invited.

**ii) Finance and General Purposes Ctee. 5.00pm Tuesday 18 August. Norton TC.**

**039. NEXT MEETING**

The next Town Council meeting was set for Wednesday 22 July 2015.

.....TOWN MAYOR. MALTON TOWN COUNCIL