



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
MALTON TOWN COUNCIL**

**HELD AT THE WESLEY CENTRE, SAVILLE STREET, MALTON ON WEDNESDAY
15th DECEMBER 2021 at 10AM**

PRESENT Cllrs K Ennis (Mayor), S Hawes (Deputy Mayor), P Andrews, G Boler, M Brampton, M Dales, C Delaney, P Emberley, G Lake and J Lawrence

IN ATTENDANCE Mrs G Cook (Clerk), Mr T Hicks (Deputy Clerk) & Revd P Sheasby

OTHERS No members of the public were present

APOLOGIES Councillors L Burr (MBE) & I Conlan

113. CODE OF CONDUCT

Members were reminded of their individual responsibility under the Code of Conduct in respect of making declarations of interest and that any declarations should be made now.

114. PUBLIC ACCESS

None

115. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor of Malton, Cllr Kerry Ennis reported "The rapid increase in the Omicron Covid variant is extremely concerning and it will be very disappointing to people if further lockdowns are needed before Christmas and into the New Year, particularly for people and businesses already struggling from the effects of the Covid pandemic.

26th November: I attended the town Christmas tree light switch on. It was lovely to see the amount of people that turned up to join in the festivities.

I would like to offer our thanks to both the Clerk and Deputy Clerk as well as Mark Brayshaw from Fitzwilliam Estate who organised the event and helped put the tree and lights up.

The generosity of Michael Paley from Paley's Green grocers, for once again providing the tree not only for Malton Town Council but also the one at the Milton Rooms.

The Reverend Peter Sheasby for his as always wise words, and the President and Vice President of Malton school who gave readings of Christmas poems.

Charity Brass band for kindly coming along to entertain, play carols and add to the Christmas atmosphere. And last but not least, Malton and Norton District Lions Club who escorted our special guest Santa. We even had a flurry of snow to add the Christmassy feeling.

1st December: I came to the multi-agency Drop in here at the Wesley Centre along with Cllr Lawrence.

I also dialed into in to the Zoom meeting for the briefing on the new Unitary Council, which will be discussed later on the agenda.

6th December: I attended the Milton Rooms social evening that was held to say thank you to all the volunteers and trustees that work so hard to keep the place running. Work has now started on the infrastructure for the new sound and lighting systems.

7th December: I was invited to watch the Malton School Christmas Show which I thoroughly enjoyed. The show was very well put together and there were some outstanding performances from the talented pupils.

Congratulations to the Clerk for her success on achieving the Quality Award from the Local Council Award Scheme. It reflects her hard work and dedication to the role and is another accolade for Malton Town Council. She has my full support, as I hope she has all of yours in going forward to achieve Gold Status.

Finally, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

116. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24th November 2021 be approved and signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Lake, seconded by Cllr Dales. Cllr Boler & Delaney abstained. All other Members approved.

117. FINANCIAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

- (i) Members noted the bank reconciliation showing the position as of 30th November 2021
- (ii) Seventeen accounts were submitted for approval

Angela Wright	Chapel Cleaning	80.00	On-line Payment
J B Motors	Fuel	101.09	On-line Payment
Mick I'Anson	Additional Manpower	55.40	Cheque 704015
Stuart Bainbridge	Additional Manpower	97.50	On-line Payment
Martin Johnson & Co (York) Ltd	Chapel Porch Windows	1975.20	On-line Payment
Directions Planning Consultancy	Neighbourhood Plan Services	10050.02	On-line Payment
Shaun Young	Maintenance Contract	12000.00	On-line Payment
Direction Imaging	Printer Cartridges	168.00	On-line Payment
MKM	Manhole Keys	14.40	On-line Payment
Paley's	Plants	62.00	On-line Payment
North Yorkshire Pension Fund	Pension Contributions	1692.14	On-line Payment
HMRC	Tax/NI Contributions	1675.06	On-line Payment
Staff Salaries	Salaries	4762.09	On-line Payment
Ryedale District Council	Rates	86.00	Direct Debit
Spoton.net Ltd	MTC Website Subscription	56.40	Direct Debit
Brandsby Wilson	Chapel Lane Parking Permit	20.00	Direct Debit
EE	Town Council Mobile Phones	58.64	Direct Debit
Total		32953.94	

RESOLVED

That seventeen accounts be approved for payment. Proposed by Cllr Dales, seconded by Cllr Lake. All other Members approved.

118. REVENUE BUDGET

The Clerk presented the draft 2022-2023 revenue budget and precept (previously circulated).

RESOLVED

- (i) **REVENUE BUDGET.** Cllr Lake proposed that the Town Council approves the revenue budget of £255,854 for the financial year 2022-23, this was seconded by Cllr Andrews, supported by Cllrs Emberley, Dales, Lawrence, Ennis, Hawes, Boler, Delaney . Cllr Brampton abstained. The motion was carried.
- (ii) **PRECEPT.** Cllr Dales proposed that the Town Council sets a precept of £232,275 for the year 2022-23, this was seconded by Cllr Lake, supported by Cllrs Ennis, Emberley, Delaney, Hawes and Lawrence. Cllr Andrews abstained and Cllr Brampton voted against. The motion was carried.

119. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

(a) CEMETERY MANAGER UPDATE
FUNERALS

New Malton Cemetery

Ashes Interment	Grave No: 6992	Anne Pinnington
Ashes Interment	Grave No: 7064B	Nancy Foster
Interment	Grave No: 6156	Patricia Jones
Interment	Grave No: 5484	George Thompson

CHAPEL HIRE

3rd November – Chapel hire for the funeral of George Thompson

(b) MAINTENANCE CONTRACTOR UPDATE

Shaun has been focussing on the areas in the town below:-

Leaf blowing both sides of footpaths, washed bollards and planters on Yorkersgate and Wheelgate
Removed dirt and weeds and brushed down on Newbiggin
Leaf blowing and sweeping War memorial.
Leaf blowing and sweeping Old Maltongate and Old Malton

(c) CEMETERY IMPROVEMENTS

The re-surfacing work is complete and looks fantastic. Once the Clerk has sourced and installed security bollards behind the workshop, the utility vehicle will be moved from the Fitzwilliam Estate yard to New Malton Cemetery.

A tap box has been ordered and will be installed in due course to protect the external tap from frost and anti-social behaviour.

(d) RAINBOW PARK ENHANCEMENT SCHEME

Public consultation has been carried out during November on site at Rainbow Lane pay area, the drop in event, Malton Secondary school, Norton Secondary school, St Mary's Primary school and Malton Primary school. The results of the consultation will be available in due course.

(e) **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY MEETING**

The Clerk would like to remind Members of the first Environmental Policy meeting on Wednesday 12th January 2022, 9.30am-12-30pm at The Wesley Centre.

(f) **MULTI-AGENCY DROP IN EVENTS**

Please see below the dates for the Multi-Agency drop in events, all Members are welcome to attend at 10am-11am at The Wesley Centre, Saville Street, Malton:-

Wednesday 5th January
Wednesday 2nd February
Wednesday 9th March
Wednesday 6th April
Wednesday 4th May

(g) **MALTON SECONDARY SCHOOL MULTI AGENCY OFFICER ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS**

Clerk to attend lunch time sessions at Malton Secondary School on the dates below with North Yorkshire Police, Ryedale District Council and North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service:-

10th February
10th March
7th April
12th May

(h) **MALTON IN BLOOM**

I am delighted to inform Members that Malton In Bloom have been awarded four Certificates of Excellence Awards from Britain In Bloom in the Best of Yorkshire 2021 category:-

1. Yorkshire in Springtime
2. Yorkshire in Summertime
3. Wheels of Fortune
4. On a Wing and a Prayer

(i) **CHRISTMAS OFFICE OPENING HOURS**

The Town Council office will close from Christmas Eve and re-open on 4th January 2022. The Clerk will be monitoring emails and telephone calls during the Christmas holiday period.

(j) **CASTLEGATE PLACE STANDARD STEERING GROUP**

The Clerk has been invited to join the Castlegate Place Standard Steering Group led by Ryedale District Council. The first meeting will take place before Christmas.

The Place Standard tool lets communities, public agencies, voluntary groups and others find those aspects of a place that need to be targeted to improve people's health, wellbeing and quality of life. It is used to assess the quality of a place, this can assess places that are well established, undergoing change, or still being planned. The tool can also help people to identify their priorities for a particular place.

(k) **OPUS ENERGY**

The Town Council are in dispute with Opus Energy who supply electricity at New Malton Chapels. The Clerk has submitted regular meter readings but since changing to Opus Energy from N Power 18 months ago never received an accurate bill. The meter readings on the chapel meter are a total meter reading, which does not correspond with the final reading to Opus from N Power.

The Clerk has cancelled the direct debit at the moment due to Opus Energy automatically taking over £6,000 out of the Town Council bank account in November, this was fully reimbursed the next day due to the Clerk contacting Barclays and issuing a formal complaint. The Clerk has issued a formal complaint to Ofgem and Opus Energy and will continue to try to resolve this issue as soon as possible.

(l) RYDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANTS

The Town Council has received notification on two successful grant applications, applied for as the Malton In Bloom constituted community group.

1. Orchard Fields Interpretation Panels £1,743
2. Broughton Rise Sensory Garden £1,000

(m) GOING FOR GOLD AWARD

Following receipt of the Quality Award on 1st December and the Foundation Award in 2020, the Town Council will embark on a journey to obtain Quality Gold status. Currently Malton Town Council and Hebden Parish Council are the only Councils in Yorkshire working towards achieving this prestigious award.

The Clerk will produce a Member briefing paper in due course but essentially the Quality Gold Award demonstrates that a council is at the forefront of best practice and achieves excellence in governance, community leadership and council development. Quality Gold councils are at the cutting edge of their sector and provide leadership for their communities, bring people together, have excellent business planning processes, ensuring value for money as well as constantly seeking new innovations and opportunities to improve. They highlight the very best we, as a sector, can achieve for our communities.

RESOLVED

That Members approve the report of the Town Clerk. Proposed by Cllr Dales, seconded by Cllr Lake. All other Members approved.

120. NEW MALTON CHAPELS BROADBAND

The Clerk presented a report (previously circulated)

RESOLVED

That the Council purchase a Teltonika RUT950 at a cost of £190 + VAT and sign up to a 24 month contract with O2 for unlimited data at £32.50 + VAT per month. Proposed by Cllr Lake, seconded by Cllr Lawrence. All other Members approved.

121. RYEDALE LOCAL PLAN REVIEW

Councillor Andrews presented a report (previously circulated)

RESOLVED

1. **The Council instructs the Clerk to draft a response indicating that neither option is acceptable, but that Option 2 would be acceptable if it is reworded: “A less concentrated and more dispersed approach to distributing growth across the towns and villages of Ryedale”, that a revision of the existing village and town development limits be initiated, that the Local Needs Occupancy Condition (LNOC) requirement should be deleted, and consideration should be given to substituting for this a “primary residence” condition.**
2. **The Council’s decision should be widely published and residents should be encouraged to respond in the same way. Proposed by Cllr Andrews, seconded by Cllr Hawes. Cllr Brampton abstained. All other Members approved.**

122. **MALTON & NORTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

RESOLVED

That following approval of the Plan (with amendments) at the November meeting of the Council, Members to grant delegated authority for the Malton & Norton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to certify the agreed changes and to submit the Plan and all associated documents to Ryedale District Council at the earliest opportunity. Proposed by Cllr Emberley, seconded by Cllr Hawes. Cllrs Andrews & Bampton voted against. All other Members approved.

123. **NEW UNITARY COUNCIL FOR NORTH YORKSHIRE**

The Mayor, Clerk and other Members of Malton Town Council attended the first virtual North Yorkshire Council and have signed up to working with North Yorkshire Officers with regard to working together to shape the new North Yorkshire Council.

124. **REPRESENTATIVES**

None

125. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

None

126. **EXCLUDED ITEM**

The clerk reported on the two Grass Verge Cutting Tenders received.

RESOLVED

That the Grass Verge Cutting Contract be awarded to Steve's Gardening Services. Proposed by Cllr Hawes, seconded by Cllr Andrews. All other Members approved.

127. **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

None

128. **NEXT MEETING**

Date of the next Town Council meeting: **Wednesday 26th January 2022, 6.30pm**