



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

HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY 27 JANUARY 2021

PRESENT

Cllrs P Emberley (Mayor), K Ennis (Deputy Mayor), G Lake, J Lawrence, S Hawes, M Dales, C Turner, L Burr MBE (part) and M Brampton

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

OTHERS

Five Members of the public were in attendance

APOLOGIES

Cllrs P Andrews & C Delaney

119. 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.

The Mayor declared a personal interest in planning application No: 20/01256/ADV

Councillor Brampton declared a personal interest in planning application No: 20/01251/CAT

120. MAYOR'S REPORT, COVID-19 AND ASSOCIATED TOWN ISSUES

As members may be aware the COVID position continues to change. As of last Saturday, the seven day infection rate per 100,000 in Ryedale was 160, the second lowest figure in North Yorkshire. This compares with 208 per 100,000 in North Yorkshire as a whole, and the seven day rate per 100,000 in England was 369. Whilst there's evidence of some flattening of the transmission rate data overall, we've not yet reached the peak in our region for hospital submissions. So extreme caution remains necessary and we need to continue asking everyone to ensure they comply with the Government guidelines.

The Covid-19 mobile testing site on the upper level of Wentworth Street car park is seeing good usage, and the vaccination programme at Derwent Practice is proceeding to plan. The Practice has a declared aim to vaccinate everyone in cohort 4, i.e., 70's and above including the clinically extremely vulnerable by 15 February, with the remaining four cohorts undertaken thereafter. They are not currently vaccinating every day as this is subject to supply. I've noted that volunteers from Ryedale District Council have been helping out in the car park and elsewhere, and we're grateful to them.

Martin Dales our flood warden will give us a brief update on the current situation. For my part, on behalf of the town I especially want to thank Martin for the daily updates and his relentless engagement with all the relevant authorities and agencies, including Ryedale District Council, Yorkshire Water, the Environment Agency, North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue, the Police and others – who have all worked around the clock in such a coordinated manner, and from my regular visits to Castlegate/ County Bridge and Old Malton that's evident to see, and the 27 or so pumps in operation have so far kept our people and much of our property safe; the current circumstances remain stable, at least for the time being.

During the lockdown, Gail, Kerry and myself, continue to maintain close contact on a plethora of issues and I want to thank each of them, plus Tim and Mike for their continuing work under very challenging circumstances at present, and we're very grateful to them all.

Finally, I also just want to pay a brief tribute to Antony Croser and all the members of the Malton & Norton Tidy Group, who continue to help keep our streets and hedgerows clear of litter. I see they've now collected 500 sacks of rubbish in the last year. Whilst it remains disturbing that people continue to litter here in our rural community, it's remarkable too that the group have such a record of helping to clear it, so, a heartfelt thank you.

Councillor M Dales gave a verbal update on the current status of the flooding.

121. PUBLIC ACCESS

Cllr Burr reported as a County and District Councillor:-

Covid 19

This is causing devastation in the UK, we have reached over 100 thousand deaths across the country. Malton is suffering quite badly, and now, we all now know people in this area who are battling with COVID which it is extremely worrying. Sadly I have first-hand knowledge of this, however the figures are slightly declining in Ryedale.

The lock down has not been the same as March and it is disappointing to see Malton as busy as ever. I have received many calls from worried residents. It was excellent to see Derwent surgery busy, because of the vaccination programme, staff and volunteers have carried out such a well organised efficient programme thanks to all involved, long may the vaccinations continue.

Business in our town

Some of our local business are busier than ever, however the high street business e.g. small retail is struggling now, for some business they are in their 5th month of compulsory lock down (for some it could be 6 months soon) I notice in our town the big shops are all open which is legal but it's the small shops that have been hit worst.

The furlough scheme is now costing our business to keep their staff on unlike the March lock down, and the grants are not covering basic costs, many people have contacted me and are genuinely worried that they are going to be made redundant. And some shops will have to close. We need to do all we can to support residents and business. The economic vitality is critical to us. Could I ask that the Mayor and I meet on Zoom to discuss drawing up a recovery plan for our business in town?

Floods

You are all aware of recent flooding through all your first-hand knowledge and through our wardens and media coverage, we have all been encouraged by the resilience and tolerance of the public and are grateful for all the hard work that has gone in to helping our community. However permanent pump commitments from RDC and NYCC must now be escalated.

Schools

Parents and careers are doing a sterling job re home schooling but I am being contacted by parents who are struggling with home schooling.

Budget

I have attended many on line meetings over the last two months and they are mostly are around budgets and the effects Covid will have on these budgets. Cuts to budgets are imminent but we are relying on grant funding to help.

Skatepark

The Skate park was discussed at Norton Town Council and in my humble opinion we need to move towards looking at new sites in both towns and providing the youngsters with what they would like.

I am still working with County Officers and working hard putting pressure on getting our roads / pot holes repaired and or filled. This task is like pulling teeth to get our roads repaired, but you have my assurance that I will and am determined to keep fighting for Malton's needs, and represent the residents and business relentlessly.

Matthew Lishman, Ryedale District Council forwarded an update to the Clerk which will be circulated to Members via email. Following a change in his role at Ryedale District Council, the Mayor thanked Matthew for his hard work carried out in Malton.

122. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16th December 2020 be approved and signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Turner, seconded by Cllr Lawrence. All other Members approved.

123. FINANCIAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

- (i) Members noted the bank reconciliation showing the position as of 31 December 2020
- (ii) Members noted the financial report to 31 December 2020
- (iii) Thirty accounts were submitted for approval

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ACCOUNTS JANUARY 2021

		£	Payment Method
Scarborough Borough Council	CCTV Qtr 4 Monitoring	3000.00	On-line Payment
VideCom	CCTV Qtr 4 Maintenance	953.80	On-line Payment
Barnes Nurseries	Winter Planting	306.30	On-line Payment
Tate Smith	MIB Gratuity	46.99	On-line Payment
J B Motors	Fuel	87.73	On-line Payment
John Wright	Cemetery Chapel Upgrade Works	1298.92	On-line Payment
Fitzwilliam (Malton) Estate	Orchard Fields Quarterly Rent	600.00	On-line Payment
Broxap	Refuse Bin - Middlecave Road	379.14	On-line Payment
Pearsons & Ward Solicitors	Professional Charges - Malton Lodge	1225.20	On-line Payment
Vertigrow Ltd	Middlecave Road Seating Area Planting	174.00	On-line Payment
MKM	Building Materials	289.72	On-line Payment
Rockin Horse Promotions	Market Place Portuguese Laurels Winter Lighting	840.00	On-line Payment
Hopkinson & Sons Ltd	Tractor Parts	35.01	On-line Payment
PPIY Architects	Contract Administrator Fee	897.00	On-line Payment
Harrison & Hargreaves	Street Furniture Paint	242.32	On-line Payment
R Yates & Sons Ltd	Spray Paint, Decco Pins & Tools	91.52	On-line Payment

Survey Monkey	One Year Subscription - Neighbourhood Plan	384.00	On-line Payment
Castle Howard	Old Maltongate Seating Area Planting & plant replacement in other areas	299.51	On-line Payment
Paley's Fruit & Veg Merchants	MIB Plants	296.00	On-line Payment
Malcolm Piercy	Additional Manpower	44.32	On-line Payment
North Yorkshire Pension Fund	Pension Contributions	1662.51	On-line Payment
HMRC	Tax/NI Contributions	1585.70	On-line Payment
Staff Salaries	Salaries	4428.39	On-line Payment
Ryedale District Council	New Malton Cemetery Rates	86.00	Direct Debit
Ryedale District Council	Malton Lodge Rates	147.00	Direct Debit
Spoton.net Ltd	MTC Website Subscription	56.40	Direct Debit
Brandsby Wilson	Chapel Lane Parking Permit	15.00	Direct Debit
Opus Energy	Cemetery Energy	12.59	Direct Debit
N Power	Christmas Lights	61.24	Direct Debit
EE	Town Council Mobile Phones	53.41	Direct Debit
Total		19599.72	

RESOLVED

That 30 accounts be approved for payment. Proposed by Cllr Dales, seconded by Cllr Turner. All other Members approved.

124. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

(a) CEMETERY MANAGER UPDATE
FUNERALS

New Malton Cemetery

Ashes Interment Grave No 5065 Peter Edward Ward

Old Malton Cemetery

Internment Grave No 1314 Muriel Johnson

OTHER WORK

Removed broken litter bins from East Mount and Old Maltongate
Installed new planters and benches on Old Maltongate
Removed damaged zip wire at Rainbow Lane Play Area due to anti-social behaviour
Removed old notice boards on the Old Town Hall
Installed new litter bin on Middlecave Road

(b) CHAPEL RESTORATION AND CONVERSION

The project is now in the final phase but has some outstanding works such as the replacement window and the sealing of the eastern elevation window in the Staff accommodation chapel being delayed until the end of January due to the government restrictions. The chapels are drying out nicely, although it will take some time to assess the final result due to the chapels not being heating previously.

(c) **MALTON IN BLOOM**

- The installation and planting up of the newly commissioned window boxes in the Market Place is now complete.
- Work has started on the installation of barrier baskets which have been commissioned for the Market Place opposite Chapter Two and 9-11, Castle Howard Road at the York Road junction, the War Memorial and finally Horsemarket Road.

(d) **HIGHFIELD ROAD SHELTER ART PROJECT**

The shelter roof has now been repaired and ready for the artwork which will be carried out in March. The Clerk has been working with Jeff Clark, Director of Art of Protest (York) and the artist produce three design options for Members comments.

The artist was born and raised in Scarborough, moved to London to carve their way in the urban artist world. They used their understanding of the north and the link our town has to the coast and turned them into a dynamic design with jagged lines, sharp edges and cool curves. Using bold colours against each other, the designs lend themselves to that of the elements. The elements were strong in the wind and sea and the leaves that fall in the autumn, representing the ever changing environment.

The symbolism of the chandelier shows that we are vulnerable even in strength and that we 'hang in the balance'. All these come together to show a concensious artist who punches their way through to grab the imagination and comes together to lead us to the future in the vision of art.

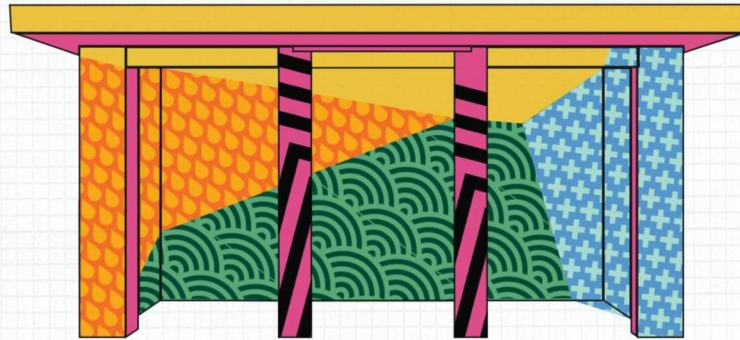
The artwork would be vandal proof and coated in a washable material that will remain in good condition for over twenty five years.

Once the artwork has been installed, the Town Council, working closely with Art of Protest would carry out a series of celebration posts via social media, therefore, creating the power of a conversation.

Other projects carried out by Art of Protest in York and around the world can be viewed at:-
www.artofprotestgallery.com

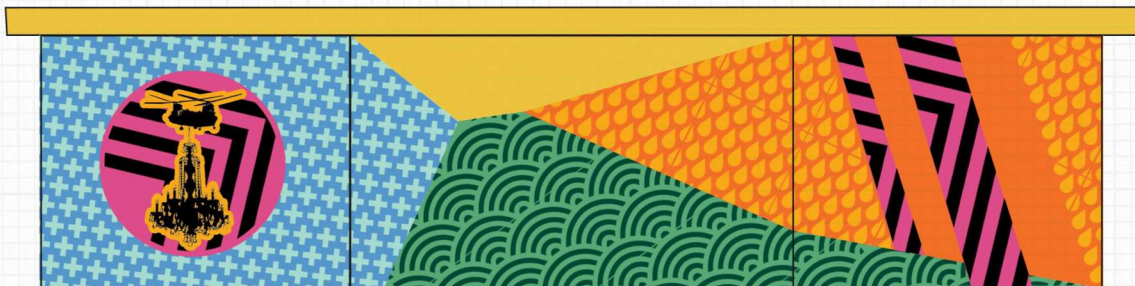
Working with their bright and bold use of pattern and colour, STATIC - who grew up in Scarborough - have created an eye catching design which captures the iconic elements of the Yorkshire countryside and coastline.

It is the combination of these things that make North Yorkshire a unique place that is the home of many artists and artisans, who proudly fly the flag for the people and produce being made here.



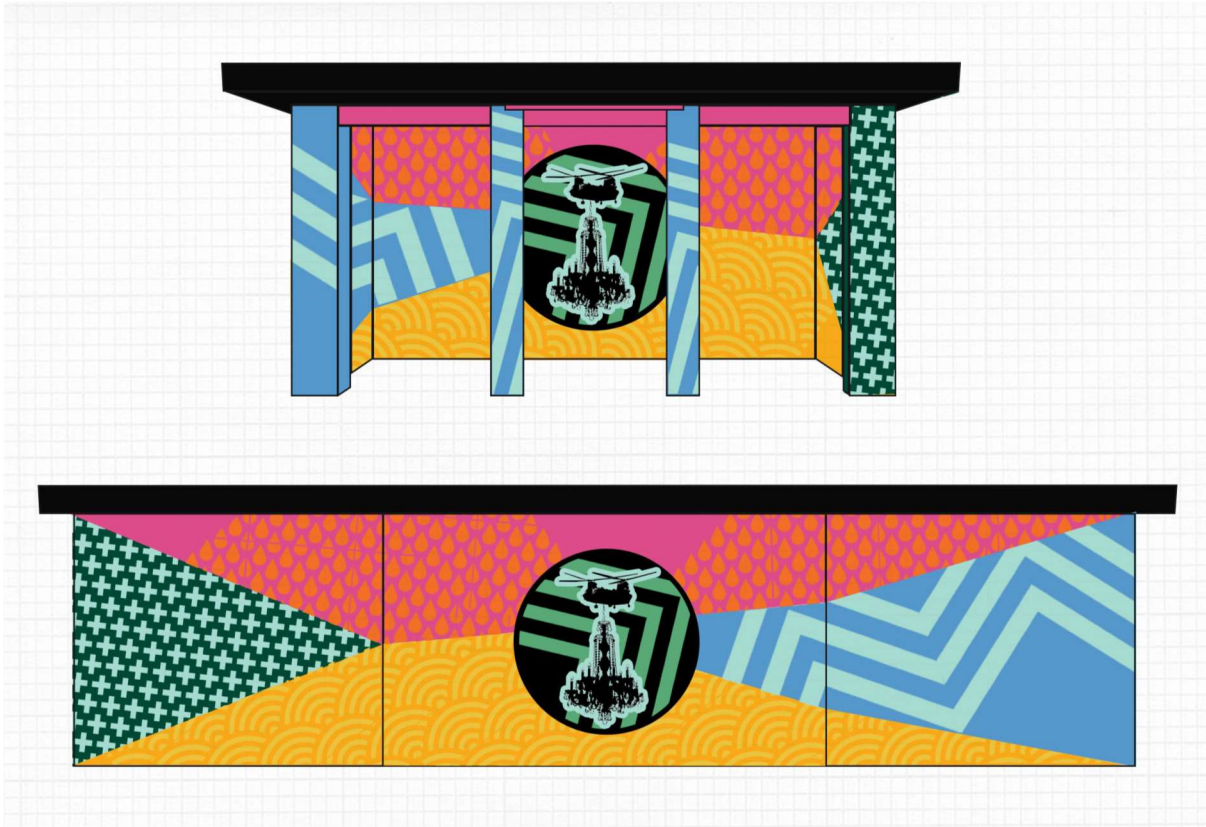
Craig & Tom - who started working together as STATIC in 2006 - are keen to see more opportunities and projects in the North East.

Having worked with galleries and organisations across the globe for the last 14 years, they have seen the impact and positive influence similar schemes have had, inspiring communities and sparking conversations between people young and old.

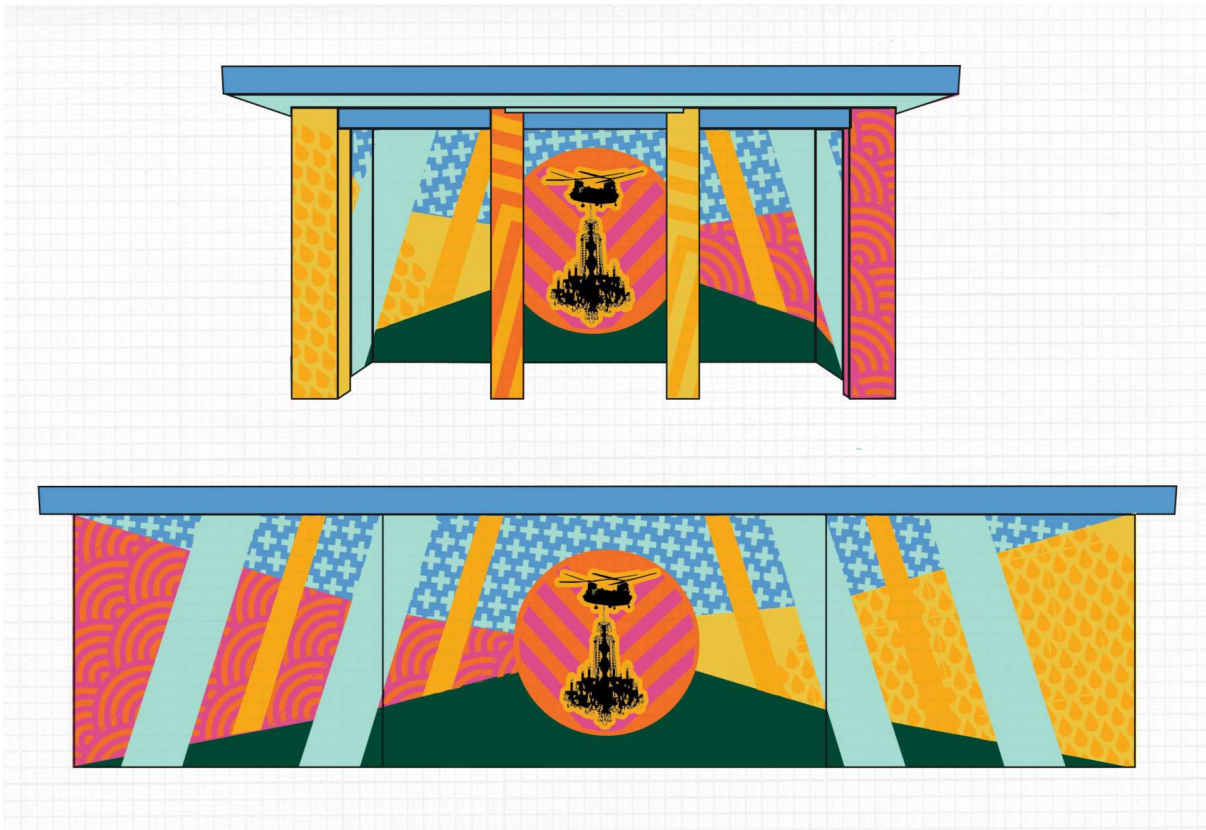


Outer design

Option A



Option B



Option C

(e) **RURAL/MARKET TOWN GROUP**

Members of Malton Town Council may like to consider joining the Rural /Market Towns Grouping which has formed over the last year and now has 155 rurally based Towns and strategic Parishes in membership. The Council can at this stage join on a free trial basis, their intention is to have a membership that spans all of the rural areas of England. Although they are doing well nationally currently there is a shortage of members in the Ryedale. It is vital that they achieve representative councils from across the entirety of the country.

The Rural Services Network itself is the national champion for rural services, ensuring that people in rural areas have a strong voice. They are fighting for a fair deal for rural communities to maintain their social and economic viability for the benefit of the nation as a whole. The organisation is a small but very committed organisation - the only one tackling rural services and seeking to set up a comprehensive rural network.

The Existing Rural Services Network (RSN)

The RSN have run an alliance of rurally based Principal Local Authorities for over 20 years. They currently have over 120 such local authorities engaged with our work, they have created strategic networks across services and at Westminster. Representing rural service partner's organisations, the Rural Service Partnership, around law and order; the Rural Crime Network. In Health, the Rural Health and Care Alliance. In parliament, they have introduced a Rural Services All Party Parliamentary Group, a Rural Fair Share Group and the Rural Lords Group. In terms of Rural Research we have created the Rural England CIC. Rural areas by their very nature are disparate. However they have to establish national rural consensus viewpoints from a range of service areas; look for rural best practice; and seek opportunities for rural representation to assist themselves. At a time when many other rural groups have had to close, by bringing people living and working in rural areas together.

The Rural/ Market Towns Group (RMTG) is in the interest of both the towns and their surrounding rural areas. Towns of less than 35,000 in population act as the service hubs for their surrounding countryside and that role is fundamental to the economy of the town and the wellbeing of the surrounding areas. It is not possible to argue a comprehensive rural case without such a Rural/Market Town grouping coming into the rural equation. There was previously a Market Towns grouping we worked with but it found financial narrowing difficult. Over the last year they have established a new grouping of 155 rurally based towns at the very root of what has become known over centuries as Rural Market Towns. This phrase that once came out of ancient charters and livestock and produce sales now personify attractive, often historic communities that are the service hub on which the surrounding rural communities are themselves reliant.

While the prefix Market is common the description by which the community calls itself varies. Some call themselves Towns, some prefer the continuation of the word Parish. It makes little difference - it is the hub activity of the largest community and its interrelationship with its catchment that is crucial.

Why a Rural/Market Towns Group now?

The RSN believes that Rural Communities and their Towns are frequently overlooked in a policy environment dominated by urban thinking and policy concerns. This often means communities either miss out on the benefits or experience unintended consequences from policies which are poorly thought-through from a rural perspective. This means that government policy currently neglects the many hundreds of important rural towns across England. That can only be corrected if the case is made.

They believe these towns play a vital role not only in the lives of their inhabitants but also in both the local and national economy. That is why we want them to receive more focus. Therefore, rural areas with their intricate network of differing rural communities should be able to realise

their potential within the national economy. To do that they need to be appropriately recognised and supported in government thinking and actions.

What will it be?

To underline the importance of these rurally based English towns, the role they play and their potential going forward, the Rural Services Network have developed a new initiative to develop a Rural Market Town Grouping within the Rural Services Network. This new Grouping will work to add to our Call on Government for an overall Rural Strategy.

RMTG have begun this initiative by approaching one town or the largest village in each of the 200+ rural areas across England which have been identified by Defra for their distinctive rural characteristic. This process will then be subsequently expanded to ensure that all those that wish to be involved are fully engaged.

Whilst they appreciate and celebrate the diversity of our rural areas, we seek to create a **common united** voice to represent all different types of rural areas across England ensuring that no form of rural area is excluded.

Up to until now we have in our group 155 members. <https://rsnonline.org.uk/a-ruralmarket-town-grouping-of-the-rsn>. **It is now time to complete the sought cross national network of 200 as well as opening out from there.**

What service would the Council get back from membership?

Services provided to the group will include:

- Involvement in the Rural Strategy campaign to ensure feedback from member Market Towns is considered within the **Revitalising Rural documentation** and its updates.
- Cataloguing and disseminating **good practice and learning material** related to the key policy areas and delivery challenges or opportunities for rural/market towns.
- Receiving the **‘Rural Bulletin’**, a weekly newsletter provided by the Rural Services Network highlighting rural news, issues affecting rural communities, and highlighting the work of the Rural Services Network.
- Provision of a dedicated quarterly newsletter **‘Rural Market Towns Group Roundup’** highlighting relevant latest policy developments, showcasing interesting member practice and flagging relevant initiatives or funding opportunities.
- **Periodic online surveys** of the members of rural/market towns, to gather comparative information about topics of particular interest to this grouping.
- **Free access** for Councillor Representatives or their nominee to the **9 topic RSN Cross Service Seminar programme**.
- Twice yearly Rural Town **Networking Meetings** held online.
- Meetings of a RMTG Town Clerk’s **Advisory Panel**.
- Whilst statistical information is almost always presented by Government at County and/or District level it is vital the messages this contains are known about across rural areas. We will issue **an area rural statistical profile** once a year to members of this grouping based on their nearest Principal Council area.
- The pattern of local area **Market Town meetings** seem mixed across England. We would like to look at this in a little detail to see if it is at all feasible to secure any improvement in areas where meetings/joint working are not taking place currently and also look at how liaison can take place between this national facing group and existing area meetings.

What cost is involved to the Council?

They recognise the service has to be affordable and therefore in overall budgetary relatively insignificant. It also has to be self -sustaining by being attractive to many councils. Eventually they would like to exceed 400 Rural Councils. For local councils of up to 5,000 population the annual charge will be £110 per annum, for those between 5,000 and 10,000- £130 p.a., and those

over 10,000 in population a yearly subscription of £150. VAT has to be added but is normally recoverable.

Free Trial Period

They offer a free service until the end of September 2021. You can take that service without commitment and decide whether you wish to continue with it for the remainder of the year.

Conclusion

The organisation came together to establish a common argument based on rural places which serve their catchments, represent ourselves nationally to get our individual value recognised across the country and the importance of our 'market' role properly appreciated. The term Market Town or Market Place itself is a marketable commodity often now commonly used by the tourist industry as a descriptive phrase in guidebooks.

Members **agreed** to join the Rural Market Town Group for the initial free trial period.

(f) MALTON & NORTON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN REGULATION 14 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Members will be aware that we have been working on the Neighbourhood Plan for some time.

We are at the final hurdle so to speak; in accordance with Neighbourhood Planning Regulation 14, Malton Town Council and Norton-on-Derwent Town Council are undertaking a public consultation. After this the plan goes to Ryedale DC for approval.

As part of this consultation we are inviting comments from organisations and individuals on its Pre-Submission Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The public consultation will run from **Friday 12th February until Friday 26th March 2021.**

Royal Mail. They will be delivering 10,800 plan summary documents across both towns and the surrounding villages, week commencing 5th February.

Websites. The plan, map and reports, together with supporting documents and evidence base may be viewed at Malton Town Council and Norton-on-Derwent Town Council websites at:

www.malton-tc.gov.uk/malton-norton-neighbourhood-plan/
www.nortononderwent.co.uk/neighbourhood-plan/

Hard Copies. Hard copies of the consultation document, including proposals map, are also available for inspection at the following deposit locations (subject to Covid restrictions):

Malton Town Council Offices, Norton on Derwent Town Council Offices, Norton Hive Library and Malton Library.

Online Drop In Sessions. In addition, the town councils will be holding online drop-in sessions, via zoom, during the consultation period, as follows:-

Tuesday 2nd March at 2pm, Saturday 6th March at 10am, and Tuesday 15th March at 6pm.

The links to the sessions will be posted on our website.

How to Comment. Individuals will be then able to comment using the Survey Monkey questionnaire link, again posted on our website. Paper questionnaires will also be available at deposit points and can be returned to the council offices.

(g) **NEW MALTON CEMETERY WORKSHOP/STORE**

Planning permission has now been granted for the New Malton Cemetery Workshop/Store. The Clerk has liaised with nine local builders to obtain quotes for the removal of the existing pre-fabricated garages and erection of the new store.

Once the quotes have been received, the Clerk will report to Members in due course.

(h) **MAIDEN GREVE, MIDDLECAVE ROAD, MOUNT CRESCENT, ORCHARD ROAD, RUSSETT ROAD, MALTON**

North Yorkshire County Council will be undertaking highway maintenance at the above locations.

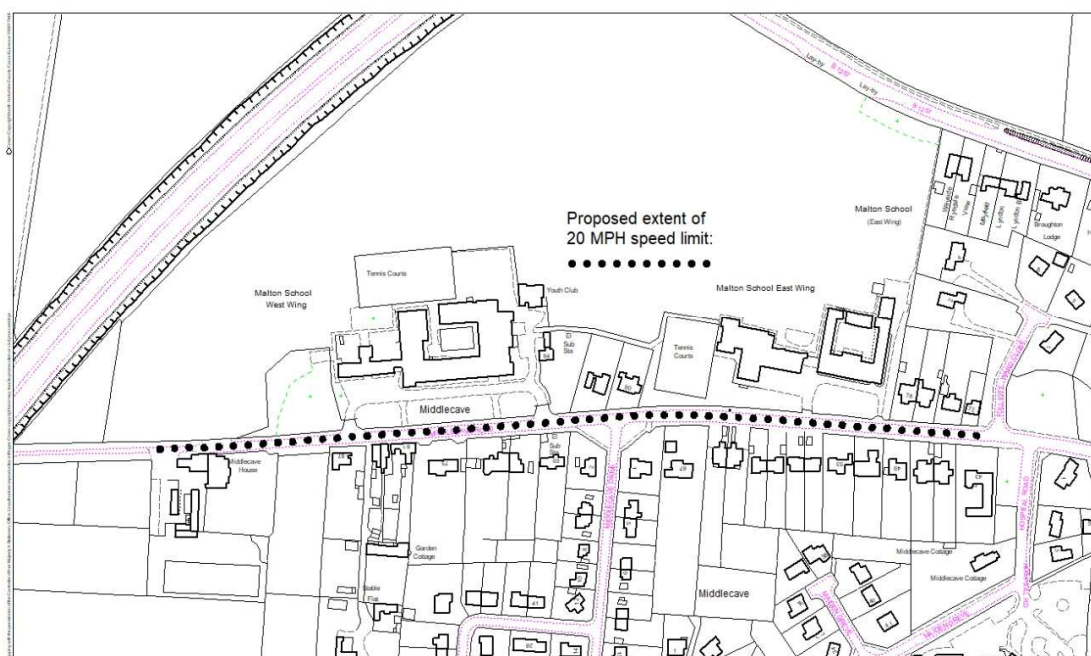
The works are currently programmed to commence on Monday 1st February and last for 11 Weeks under full road closure. Although the programme is due to last 11 weeks they will only implement a road closure on the streets they are working on and the closures will be removed at the end of each working day and weekend work will be required.

(i) **PROPOSED 20MPH SPEED LIMIT ON MIDDLECAVE ROAD, MALTON**

Please see over the attached a plan showing a proposed 20 MPH speed limit on Middlecave Road, Malton.

This area is currently subject to a speed limit of 30 MPH. whilst it is predominantly residential, there is also Malton School to the north of the site. The entrances to the 20 MPH limit would be signed.

To enable the proposal to be progressed NYCC Highways are requesting any objections the Town Council may have in writing within 28 days.



(j) **WARD WALK**

The Deputy Mayor and the Clerk carried out a Ward walk in December, several issues were identified and reported to the relevant agency.

Three domestic properties in the Peasey Hills area with overgrown boundary hedges and debris on the footpath have received letters requesting that they address the issue.

The Clerk has given instruction to NYCC to remove the redundant concrete posts on Milton Avenue and outside J B Motors at a cost of £30 each.

(k) VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN – YORK ROAD

The Clerk has obtained approval from NYCC for the installation of the new mains operated VAS on column number 20, York Road.

The VAS which is the same design as the Old Malton sign has been ordered from TWM and will be installed in due course. The sign was 100% funded by grant aid received from the Police & Crime Commissioners AJ1 Road Safety Project Fund.

(l) SALE OF CEMETERY CHAPELS FURNITURE

The Clerk & Deputy Clerk have inspected the cemetery chapel furniture kindly stored by Malton Fitzwilliam Estate. Unfortunately, after close inspection, the furniture is not suitable to be renovated and reused in the Cemetery Officers accommodation due to the length of pews and some of the furniture being infested with woodworm.

The Clerk will contact Boulton & Cooper with a view to selling the items and utilising the funds to purchase more suitable furniture.

(m) NOTICE BOARD

The new Town Council notice board is due to be installed on the gable end wall opposite The Golden Lion on Thursday 21st January 2021.

125. POLICY REVIEW

Members reviewed the following documents (previously circulated):-

- (i) Financial Regulations
- (ii) Risk Assessment Management Policy
- (iii) System of Internal Audit
- (iv) List of Regular Direct Debit Payments

RESOLVED

That the Malton Town Council approve the four documents above. Proposed by Cllr Dales, seconded by Cllr Hawes. Cllr Brampton abstained. All other Members approved.

126. MALTON LODGE

Members reviewed the outcome from the recent viewings at Malton Lodge.

RESOLVED

That the Malton Town Council accept the highest offer. Proposed by Councillor Turner, seconded by Councillor Hawes. All other Members approved.

127. COUNCILLOR VACANCY

10 people have come forward to express an interest in filling the vacancy left by Ed Jowitt's death.

Whilst one of these has today withdrawn from the process, the fact that 9 other people from our community have expressed a desire to help shape the future of our town and this council, is testament to the transformation of Malton over recent years, as a forward looking and visionary town, which wants to do more for its residents, its businesses, and its visitors. As we gradually emerge from the pandemic,

the development of strategies and plans to re-engage with all the stakeholders in the town, including the Fitzwilliam Estate, will be key to ensuring we maintain a strong and vibrant visitor economy.

We've now been advised by the Deputy Returning Officer that the required number of valid requests for an election has been received. As a consequence therefore, rather than filling the vacancy by co-option there will be an election on Thursday 6 May, the earliest current date permitted during national lockdown. It remains possible, but not likely that this date will be deferred. The Government's view as reported by the Minister of State for the Constitution and Devolution that the present restrictions do not support door to door campaigning or leafleting.

The Notice of Election will be published on 15 March, and the Clerk will shortly be writing to candidates tomorrow to advise them of this.

128. **SKATEPARK**

The Mayor delivered a power point presentation on issues surrounding the Malton and Norton skatepark. It was **agreed** that the Clerk send a letter to Norton Town Council outlining options below as a sensible way forward:-

- In view of the generally dilapidated nature of the park, the slow and unsatisfactory progress associated with the current remedial works, together with the ongoing liabilities which are likely to ensue hereafter, that, for all practical purposes – as a community – we jointly cut our losses on the facility now. Under this scenario, Malton would urge Norton Town Council to consider finding an alternative site for the park in Norton where it could provide adequate investment of circa £100,000+ from a grant funder such as Sport England, or where for example the part-utilisation of its CIL funds for a brand new facility for young people could be justified.
- Give notice to Norton Town Council of Malton's preferred intention to withdraw altogether from the current arrangement from April 2021. Dependent on Norton's views, Malton members might consider supporting the venture on the current basis for one further year, but in any case such continuing joint support not to be extended beyond 31 March 2022.
- Utilising grant funding, Malton Town Council actively considers a further new investment for young people at its Rainbow Lane Play Area, where there is already space for a new 'skate bowl'.

The skatepark will be an agenda item at the February Town Council meeting.

129. **REPRESENTATIVES**

Cllr S Hawes reported on the Malton and Norton Skatepark (previously circulated).

130. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Nine applications to the Local Planning Authority was considered.

20/01074/FUL

Workhouse Gym, Market Street, Malton

Change of use of sloping land at the rear of the gym to include excavation works to form three terraces with timber steps and levelled ground for use as an outdoor recreation, socialising and exercise space during the existing business opening hours together with installation of 2no. sets of pull up bars with an approximate height of 2.5 metres on the first terrace and a 1.9 metre high privacy fence on the southern boundary (part retrospective application).

RESOLVED

Approved

20/01192/73	Caravan Park, Wyse House, Wise House Lane, Old Malton, Malton Removal of Condition 05 of approval 16/00380/FUL dated 22.04.2016 to allow year round opening of the area of the site <u>RESOLVED</u> Approved
20/01251/CAT	Derwent Mount, 6 York Road, Malton Removal of 1996-Norway Maple, 1997-Pear, 1999-Incense Cedar, 2000-Osier Willow, 1995-Plum x 2, 1998-Apple x 3 as indicated on Tree Survey and Constraints Plan Dwg. No. BA6149TS <u>RESOLVED</u> Approved, subject to the replacement of mature specimens
20/01256/ADV	Malton Methodist Church, Saville Street, Malton Display of 2no. externally illuminated hanging signs to front elevation <u>RESOLVED</u> Approved
21/00004/CAT	West Royd, Castle Howard Road, Malton Removal of T1 Walnut and T2 Sycamor and removal of main leaning stem on T3 Holly <u>RESOLVED</u> Approved
21/00010/HOUSE	20 The Mount, Malton Installation of part recessed hot tub with patio surround and installation of French doors to side elevation as replacement to centre section of existing bay window (part retrospective) <u>RESOLVED</u> Members raised some concerns with regard to this development therefore urged Ryedale District Council to proceed with caution.
20/01227/HOUSE	Stone Rigg, House, 1 West Lodge Gardens, Malton Erection of first floor front extension, erection of single storey rear extension together with relocation of parking area and access door to garage <u>RESOLVED</u> Approved
21/00088/HOUSE	55 Middlecave Road, Malton, YO17 7NQ Erection of two storey side extension and single storey extension to garage <u>RESOLVED</u> Approved
21/0050/TPO	White Gables, 9 Castle Howard Drive, Malton, YO17 7BA Crown reduction of 3 metres and crown thin of 15% to 2no. limes within TPO 336/2014 <u>RESOLVED</u> Approved

131. MEMBERS QUESTIONS

Member Question from Cllr Paul Andrews

What authority has the Mayor to include personal statements in the minutes? If he is allowed to do so, why cannot other members? Who writes the minutes? Is it the mayor or the clerk?

Response from the Mayor

As the Chair, and given the unprecedented circumstances at present, I consider it appropriate that any opening informational remarks I choose to make as the Chair are recorded as such. I have no doubt that most reasonable members would agree that it's the Chair's prerogative to speak briefly about essential 'informational' issues of concern to the town, but not to add their personal views at this point, and I will continue to do so as Chair in such a leadership role.

For the avoidance of doubt however, I have no issue whatsoever with our County Councillor speaking in her own right or as a District Councillor, and I'm sure members welcome such updates, and if Cllr Andrews is in attendance, I will continue to defer to him for any additional District-related remarks also.

Out of respect to our colleagues that hold other County or District posts, I've no objection at all to having these remarks recorded verbatim in the minutes, with the reasonable caveat that they should be kept overwhelmingly informational (as are mine) and that they do not drift into speech-mode or campaigning territory in this format. As Cllr Andrew's rightly suggests, every member has the opportunity to have any item or issue of concern placed on the agenda for genuine discussion and debate by everyone, that is the proper opportunity for all members to make their democratic views known and long may that process continue. As Cllr Andrews', knows very well, whilst it is normal for the Chair and the Clerk to confer, it is the Clerk that writes the minutes.

132. NEXT MEETING

Date of the next Town Council meeting: **Wednesday 24th February 2021, 6.30pm**