



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

**HELD AT THE WESLEY CENTRE, SAVILLE STREET, MALTON
ON WEDNESDAY 31st AUGUST 2022 AT 6.30PM**

PRESENT Councillors I Conlan (Mayor), L Burr (Deputy Mayor), P Andrews, J Aldrich, G Boler, M Brampton, M Carpenter, S Hawes, K Ennis, S Pritchard and S Thackray and W Oxley

IN ATTENDANCE Mrs G Cook (Clerk), Mr T Hicks (Deputy Clerk) and Bishop Graham Cray

OTHERS No members of the public were present

APOLOGIES None

48. 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.

Councillors Oxley, Thackray and Andrews declared an interest as District Members.

49. MAYOR'S REPORT

I am covering 2 months as I was away the last meeting. On Saturday 9th July 11am-3pm I spoke at Malton's first Climate Café organised by Gail, Tim, myself, Cllr Burr and Cllr Carpenter, funded from the Mayor's allowance. We had 4 speakers, promoting the Jump and 20s Plenty, Regenerative Farming, Cllr Carpenter about Active Travel and Modeshift Stars, and Ryedale Cycle Forum. There was also a Fair Trade Stall, Ryedale Environment Group display, and Gail put up a display about Malton in Bloom. We obtained all vegan refreshments principally from Malton Relish, vegan canapes, complimented with other vegan fayre that Gail sourced. We had a fair but not large number, with some really positive feedback but Cllr Burr and I felt we reached far more people (as in hundreds) giving leaflets out on Saturday 2nd July the week before, hence the proposal today for investing in a Gazebo for engaging with more of the public. We would also have shorter events in the future as 4 hours is quite a long time!

On Wednesday 13th July I joined Cllr Keal from Norton to welcome the Queen's Baton for the "run-up" to the Commonwealth Games, and for which we both judged for competitions for best dressed window, and an art competition for school children. There was a good turnout for a weekday, in the Market Place, and I talked to the various stall holders and gamely jumped onto the rowing machine. I arranged an informal look around Eden Camp with the marketing manager Harriet Stainton on 22nd July to see how transformed Eden Camp has been with new planting, and introducing a wide range of renewable energy measures, new virtual reality and adventure playground to make it a more family friendly and sustainable tourist attraction.

On Friday 15th July I attended with Cllr Burr the Lions OAP Dinner, raffle and bingo. As a result, we had a new recruit for our Malton and Norton Speed watch Team. On Tuesday 19th July Cllr Burr, myself and Gail had positive meetings with the mayor and deputy of Norton Town Council, and with the Fitzwilliam Estate.

On 20th August I went to an excellent Nomads (Norton and Malton Amateur Dramatic Society) production of “A bunch of amateurs”.

On Saturday 27th August I talked to individual stall holders at this years’ second Malton Food Festival. This looked quite busy, though spending was perhaps understandably not as free flowing as in May. I am glad to say I had more positive feedback concerning the state of the toilets this time. There is some concern about the cost of stalls in comparison to other food festivals, but on the whole stall holders really like this festival as having a good vibe, thriving and very well run.

The Malton and Norton Speed watch Team, for whom Malton Town Council purchased the Speed Gun, have undertaken a session in Wentworth St in Malton, and have further sessions planned this week there and at Rainbow Lane, as well as having undertaken 2 sessions on Langton Road in Norton this month.

50. PUBLIC ACCESS

None

51. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Cllr Andrews gave a verbal update on his role as a District Councillor. It was **agreed** to send a letter of support for the motion of District Councillors Burr and Andrews to Ryedale District Council requesting the transfer at Market value of Wentworth Street Car Park to Fitzwilliam Malton Estate subject to a covenant restricting the use to car parking only. Proposed by Cllr Carpenter, seconded by Cllr Hawes. Cllr Oxley voted against, all other Members approved.

52. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27th July 2022 be approved. Proposed by Cllr Ennis, seconded by Cllr Oxley. Cllrs Thackray, Conlan & Hawes abstained. All other Members approved.

53. FINANCIAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

- (i) Members noted the bank reconciliation and financial report showing the position as of 31st July 2022
- (ii) Thirty one accounts were submitted for approval

J B Motors	Fuel	203.52	On-line Payment
Glasdon	Litter Bin	461.27	On-line Payment
YLCA	Annual Conference Clerk & Mayor	240.00	On-line Payment
Barriers Direct	Cycle Stands	387.32	On-line Payment
Press Green Ltd	Orchard Fields Interpretation Boards	4594.50	On-line Payment
J T Atkinson & Sons Ltd	Memorial Bench - Brockless	400.99	On-line Payment
MKM	Gravel	217.04	On-line Payment
Harrison & Hargreaves	Street Furniture Paint	59.47	On-line Payment
Business Stream	Old Malton Cemetery Water Charges	27.75	On-line Payment
Business Stream	New Malton Cemetery Water Charges	74.38	On-line Payment
Business Stream	New Malton Cemetery Workshop	126.76	On-line Payment
Angela Wright	Chapel Cleaning	100.00	On-line Payment
Hopkinson & Sons Ltd	Chainsaw	199.66	On-line Payment

Stuart Bainbridge	Additional Manpower	17.00	On-line Payment
Vertigrow Ltd	Plants	40.00	On-line Payment
YLCA	Training Course - Off to a Flying Start Part 2 - 28 July	33.40	On-line Payment
Streetscape	Wet Pour Patch Kit	156.00	On-line Payment
YLCA	Training Course - Writing Grant Applications	30.00	On-line Payment
MKM	Top Soil	83.82	On-line Payment
Howarth Timber	Timber - Malton Cemetery	77.87	On-line Payment
Streetscape	Annual Play Area Inspection	240.00	On-line Payment
R Yates & Sons Ltd	Batteries, cleaning, tools, bin bags, wood filler, stamps & brackets	135.14	On-line Payment
North Yorkshire Pension Fund	Pension Contributions	1686.34	On-line Payment
HMRC	Tax/NI Contributions	1780.32	On-line Payment
Staff Salaries	Salaries	5525.65	On-line Payment
Ryedale District Council	Cemetery Rates	86.00	Direct Debit
Square One	Chapel Broadband	54.61	Direct Debit
Spoton.net Ltd	MTC Website & Email Subscription	67.20	Direct Debit
Brandsby Wilson	Chapel Lane Parking Permit	20.00	Direct Debit
E-On	Christmas Lights Energy	47.02	Direct Debit
EE	Town Council Mobile Phones	64.08	Direct Debit
Total		17237.11	

RESOLVED

That thirty one accounts be approved for payment. Proposed by Cllr Ennis, seconded by Cllr Hawes. All other Members approved.

54. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

(a) CEMETERY MANAGER UPDATE

FUNERALS

New Malton Cemetery

Interment

Grave No: 4858

Margery Doreen Flaherty

OTHER DUTIES

Gravelling old graves in Old Malton & New Malton Cemetery

(b) COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Press Release Gazette & Herald – Town Council Toilet Twinning Project

(c) NEW MALTON CEMETERY CHAPEL BELL RESTORATION

Whilst the refurbishment of the bell is taking place, the Clerk is liaising with the electrical contractor to install a three-core electrical wiring system inside the chapel porch, which will provide power to the Tempora Control Unit and facilitate hourly chimes. The unit will include a programmable time clock and wireless remote control push button control, for sounding single blows of the bell.

(d) **MEETINGS ATTENDED**

19 th July	Joint NTC/MTC Mayor, Deputy Mayor & Clerk quarter one meeting at The Wesley Centre
21 st July	Multi Agency Problem Virtual Solving Meeting
26 th July	M&N Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting at Norton TC Chamber
27 th July	Malton TC Full Council Meeting
28 th July	Kirkbymoorside Town Council, RDC & Clerk – virtual meeting re CCTV installation at Kirkbymoorside
18 th August	Site Meeting – New Malton Cemetery chapel bell electrical contractor
22 nd August	Site Meeting – Orchard Fields Interpretation Boards installation contractor
24 th August	Meeting with Tony Heilds, Impact Living at The Wesley Centre
25 th August	Meeting with the Chair of Malton Museum at The Wesley Centre

Weekly meetings with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor at 8.40am Tuesday

(e) **RAINBOW LANE PUMP TRACK PROJECT**

The Clerk attended a site meeting with the designers of Dirt Factory on Friday 22nd July, a design meeting is scheduled with another company known as, Clark & Kent on 12th September. Once both quotes and designs have been received, the Clerk will arrange a Rainbow Lane Working Party will be convened and the outcome presented to Members for consideration at full council.

(f) **ORCHARD FIELDS INTERPRETATION BOARDS**

The five interpretation boards are now in the Town Council store and will be installed at Orchard Fields as soon as possible. Once installed a press release and photo will be issued.

(g) **INTERNAL CONTROLS**

Councillors Ennis and Hawes carried out the Councillors Internal Audit controls on 23rd August with the assistance of the Clerk.

(h) **CHAPEL EXTERNAL GLASS DOORS**

The Clerk has submitted the Listed Buildings application for the installation of the external glass doors to Ryedale District Council.

 of child exploitation in North Yorkshire	A knowledge hub for everyone in North Yorkshire, so we can tackle child exploitation together. www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/beaware	
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(i) **BE AWARE OF CHILD EXPLOITATION IN NORTH YORKSHIRE**

North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership are proud to launch their new **Be Aware** Knowledge hub.

Be Aware is a knowledge hub designed to help prevent and tackle child exploitation in North Yorkshire. It has been used by professionals across North Yorkshire as a key source of knowledge and information about child exploitation since March 2021. The site has now expanded to include vital information designed for young people, parents, carers and local communities so we can all help to tackle child exploitation in North Yorkshire together.

The site has been developed in consultation with young people and families across North Yorkshire, ensuring the information is shaped in ways that will have the biggest impact.

Stories and experiences of child exploitation have also been shared, so families and residents can see what child exploitation can look and feel like, and the impact it can have on victims.

(j) **GREEN DOG WALKERS SCHEME**

Ryedale District Council are launching the Green Dog Walkers Scheme.

Dogs are a valued part of the community in Ryedale, with many dogs living in the area. They want to make sure the good practices of many dog owners are shared and celebrated.

The Green Dog Walkers scheme began in Falkirk and has now been adopted by over 40 councils across the UK.

It is a non-confrontational and friendly way to change attitudes about dog fouling. Green Dog Walkers are role models for responsible dog ownership and sign up to the pledge to always:

- Clean up after their dog
- Carry extra dog waste bags
- Be happy to be approached to 'lend' a dog poo bag to those without
- Be a friendly reminder to other dog walkers to clean up after their dogs

Dog owners who take the pledge will play a part in helping to keep their communities free from dog fouling. They will receive a free dog collar and tag.

Officers from our Community team launched a pilot of the scheme at the Castle Howard Festival of Dogs in May and have since promoted it at several events.

They also held a sign up event in the grounds at Ryedale House during Bring Your Dog to Work Day on 24 June for staff and councillors to take the pledge. Residents and visitors can sign the Green Dog Walkers pledge online using the link below:-

<https://www.ryedale.gov.uk/green-dog-walkers-scheme/>

RESOLVED

That Members approve the report of the Town Clerk. Proposed by Cllr Ennis seconded by Cllr Boler. All other Members approved.

55. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

22/00755/FUL

Change of use from taxi office (sui generis) to part retail space, part workshop (Use Class E) at 6 - 8 Railway Street Malton North Yorkshire YO17 7NR

RESOLVED

Approved

22/00877/HOUSE

Render the outside of the 3no. bedroom semidetached house in a Parex Monorex cream render at 22 Almond Tree Avenue Malton North Yorkshire YO17 7DF

RESOLVED

Approved

Councillor Burr attended the meeting at 7.05pm

22/00855/FUL

Change of use from residential annexe to holiday let with internal alterations. 2 no. roof lights to be added and flue for a log burner to side elevation and a new window to the rear elevation at 2 Showground Road Malton North Yorkshire YO17 7PJ

RESOLVED

Deferred, for additional information

56. **TOWN COUNCIL EVENT GAZEBO**
The Clerk presented a report (previously circulated).

RESOLVED

Approved that the Council purchase a 3m x 3m gazebo complete with Town Council logo on each side and foldable table at a cost of £1,150, to be allocated from the civic event budget. Proposed by Cllr Oxley, seconded by Cllr Carpenter. All other Members approved.

57. **ACTION PLAN**
The Clerk presented the action plan (previously circulated). Councillor Oxley suggested that recycle bin sculptures are added to the action plan similar

RESOLVED

Approved that a Task & Finish Group be formed to look at the Action Plan in detail, the updated plan would then be brought back to Full Council for consideration. The group will include the Clerk, Councillors Pritchard, Oxley and Aldrich. Proposed by Cllr Burr seconded by Cllr Andrews. All other Members approved.

58. **TOWN COUNCIL GREEN ENERGY SUPPLIER**
The Clerk presented a verbal update.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk contact Ecotricity, Green Energy and Good Energy with a view to obtaining quotes in due course. Proposed by Cllr Brampton seconded by Cllr Burr. All other Members approved.

59. **RYEDALE ENVIRONMENT GROUP**
Councillor Brampton gave an update with regard to the event arranged by the Ryedale Environment Group due to be held on 4th September, 10am-2pm at The Milton Rooms, Malton. Further details can be found on their website www.ryedaleenvironmentgroup.co.uk

60. **WENTWORTH STREET – RESIDENTS PARKING/TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES**
Councillor Hawes presented a verbal report on the issues in Wentworth Street, following which it was agreed:-

1. To support Councillor Hawes in her attempts to reduce speed and the implementation of a residential parking scheme.
2. To request a 20mph speed limit for Wentworth Street.
3. That the Clerk formally invite County Councillor Kean Duncan to attend either the September or October Town Council meeting to discuss the issues on Wentworth Street further.

61. **MALTON & NORTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**
Councillor Pritchard presented a report (previously circulated).

RESOLVED

Approved. Proposed by Cllr Brampton seconded by Cllr Andrews, Cllrs Burr, Conlan, Thackray, Carpenter and Pritchard. Councillors Ennis, Hawes and Oxley voted against. Cllrs Boler and Aldrich abstained.

1. To approve the appointment of Directions Planning for their ongoing planning consultancy support to the Town Councils in connection with proposed amendments to the Neighbourhood Plan. The costs to be allocated from the current Neighbourhood Plan budget.
2. To approve the target programme to withdraw the Neighbourhood Plan and recommence the Regulation 14 process.
3. To approve an additional one hour per week for the Clerk and Deputy Clerk with immediate effect, to be allocated from the salary budget, the additional Directions Planning costs to be allocated from the current Neighbourhood Plan budget.
4. To approve that Malton Town Council manage the process of making the amendments to the Neighbourhood Plan, keeping Norton Town Council closely informed, drawing on internal resources from the Clerk and Deputy Clerk and retaining support from Directions Planning to ensure continuity, drawing upon advice from the Steering Group as necessary.

62. **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

Councillors Burr and Brampton left the meeting at this point.

Councillor Aldrich raised a number of concerns with regard to the one way traffic trail on Norton Road which was debated at length. It was **agreed** to send the letter below to County Councillor Duncan, Richard Marr NYCC), Tim Coyne (NYCC), Kevin Hollinrake MP, County Councillor Burr and Press.

Dear Cllr Duncan

Malton Town Council formally requests that plans or actions for any further work beyond the current traffic lights adjustments at Butcher Corner be suspended in so far as they relate to the proposed one-way system on Norton Road or the proposed traffic lights at Norton level crossing.

NYCC predicts a worsening of air pollution due to its proposed works, which will, according to its own report, lead to illegal and harmful concentrations of Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂). Nitrogen Dioxide is a known carcinogen. It irreversibly stunts the development of the lungs of young children, causes Arteriosclerosis and Heart Disease, Asthma and Strokes. It causes Dementia.

Malton Town Council takes this matter very seriously and will be considering legal action should it be necessary.

Within a designated Air Quality Management Area, actions should be taken to improve poor air quality, and thereafter sustain and maintain those improvements. It is not permissible to allow the air quality to deteriorate. The NYCC proposals predict a deterioration in air quality to harmful and unlawful levels i.e. dangerous air quality will be the 'side-effect' and outcome of the scheme.

We are deeply disappointed that NYCC has progressed these proposals thus far in the full knowledge that its actions will cause an increase in air pollution to illegal levels. NYCC has imposed this scheme on Malton and Norton communities without consent, which will, by its own admission, have harmful consequences. The NYCC report into air pollution states in bold on page 1 of the summary, that this scheme will result in a concentration of Nitrogen Dioxide above the UK and EU legally binding limit.

This area has suffered poor, dangerous and often illegal levels of air pollution over the last decade, and only recently shown some improvement. These gains must not be sacrificed in order to accommodate the NYCC scheme. The Malton and Norton Neighbourhood Plan has recently been amended by votes in both Malton and Norton Town Councils, to oppose any development that would lead to any worsening of levels of air pollution in the Air Quality Management Area.

Furthermore, there is no published contingency plan in this scheme for what happens when County Bridge is closed because of flooding, once a footpath is established on the South side of Norton Road. Presumably anyone wanting to cross the level crossing in a motor vehicle south into Norton would have to travel via Brambling Fields instead.

Malton Town Council would like clear assurance from NYCC that any work it undertakes to improve traffic flows in the towns will not have a negative impact on air quality. NYCC must demonstrate that any action it takes leads to improvement in air quality and that those improvements be both maintained and sustained.

Malton Town Council is committed to working with NYCC, Norton Town Council, and residents in finding safe and effective traffic solutions which don't come with such a high environmental price tag.

Yours sincerely

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Councillor Ian Conlan
Mayor to Malton Town Council

Councillor Ennis raised a question for Councillor Brampton, Chair of the Malton & Norton Area Partnership with regard to Lady Spring Wood, stating that the paths are overgrown and the Himalayan balsam requires attention.

63. **DATE OF THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**
Wednesday 28th September 2022, 6.30pm to be held at **Ryedale House, Malton, YO17 7HH**