

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE

# MALTON TOWN COUNCIL

# HELD AT THE WESLEY CENTRE, SAVILLE STREET, MALTON ON WEDNESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022 at 6.30PM

<u>PRESENT</u>	Cllrs K Ennis (Mayor), S Hawes (Deputy Mayor), P Andrews, L Burr MBE, M Brampton, I Conlan, P Emberley, G Lake and J Lawrence
IN ATTENDANCE	Mrs G Cook (Clerk), Mr T Hicks (Deputy Clerk), Revd P Sheasby, Sue Jefferson (Circular Malton), Rebecca Wilkin (MFE) and Martin Hall (MFE)
<u>OTHERS</u>	No members of the public were present
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Councillors M Dales, G Boler and C Delaney

## 154. <u>CODE OF CONDUCT</u>

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.

Councillor Paul Andrews declared an interest as the Chair of the Ryedale District Council Planning Committee.

#### 155. **PRESENTATIONS**

The Mayor thanked Rebecca Wilkin, Head of Estate and Martin Hall, Building Surveyor at Fitzwilliam Estate for the presentation on the proposed redevelopment of Middlecave Yard, Malton and Sue Jefferson for the updated presentation on Circular Malton.

## 156. PUBLIC ACCESS

Cllr Andrews reported as a District Councillor that the local plan was now proceeding in the right direction and hopefully that no more land in Malton or Norton would be allocated for housing development, although no decisions or recommendations has been made at the moment.

Cllr Burr reported as a District Council that she fully supports what is being achieved with the local plan and feels positive that with the new approach, we can get some new housing in the villages. The work force at RDC are working extremely hard under pressures of staff leaving, covid and moving towards the new North Yorkshire Council. Lot of meetings are ongoing with regard to the reorganisation, the next year will be very much a transition year. Members are working cross party to ensure that RDC reserves are spent in Ryedale.

The livestock working party is still working under a tight deadline, and that Cllr Burr reports that there is a willingness to want it to happen within a budget.

# 157. MAYOR'S REPORT

"I am sure all our thoughts and prayers go out to the people of the Ukraine with the terror and devastation caused by the Russian invasion. Although in no way mitigating the horrors that Ukranians are dealing with on a daily basis, it has been somewhat heartening to see the groundswell of support not only from the residents of Malton and Ryedale, but from the people of the United Kingdom and around the world. We can but hope that some kind of resolution to the conflict will come sooner rather than later, and indeed to those other conflicts around the world such as in Yemen.

Two quotes I recently read struck a note with me, the first from J R R Tolkein - "The world is full enough of hurts and mischances without wars to multiply them" and the other from H G Wells - "If we don't end war, war will end us", both quotes I believe as poignant and relevant now as when they were written.

24th February: I attended the Rainbow Lane Working Party meeting, the report of which will be discussed later this evening.

28th February: I dialled into the Local Government Re-Organisation - Meeting with Town and Parish Councils about double devolution and parish charter. It was made clear that going forward that for any town or parish councils wishing to take on further responsibilities that having the Local Council Quality Awards will in most cases be a prerequisite. So again we should thank our Clerk for all the hard work she has already done for the previous awards and the work she is doing to achieve Gold Status.

8th March: I attended the Milton Rooms Trustees Meeting. As an update on the refurbishment, the decorating of the main hall has commenced this week.

9th March: I attended the monthly multi agency drop in session at the Wesley Centre.

10th March: The Deputy Clerk and I interviewed for the junior gardener position. Although there was one outstanding candidate, we were also impressed with another young person although he had far less gardening experience. So much so in fact, that I have offered to pay for him out of my Mayor's allowance for this coming season. It is only 3 hours a month to tend the planters at Sparrow's Nest but I thought it would be good to encourage and support him as well.

16th March: I also attended the Castle Gardens meeting for which Cllr Boler has already sent the report.

23rd March: I attended the Malton in Bloom volunteers evening held in the Studio Bar at the Milton Rooms."

## 158. <u>MINUTES</u>

## RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 be approved and signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Lake, seconded by Cllr Lawrence. All other Members approved. Cllr Burr Abstained.

## 159. FINANCIAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

- (I) Members noted the bank reconciliation showing the position as of 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022
- (ii) Twenty two accounts were submitted for approval

Kerry Ennis	Mayors Allowance 2021-22	1200.00	On-line Payment
Malcolm Piercy	Additional Labour	83.10	On-line Payment
J B Motors	Fuel	63.20	On-line Payment

Angela Wright	Chapel Cleaning	80.00	On-line Payment
Easy Office Supplies	Stationery	26.95	On-line Payment
Harrison & Hargreaves	Street Furniture Paint	100.07	On-line Payment
The Milton Rooms	Hall Hire - First Aid Course	200.00	On-line Payment
R Yates & Sons Ltd	Tools, Bolts & Keys	56.41	On-line Payment
Amberol	2 x Planters Market Place	1497.00	On-line Payment
York Training	3 Hour Basic First Aid Course	250.00	On-line Payment
Tim Clad	MIB Workshop	5600.00	On-line Payment
Derventio Fire & Security	CCTV Annual Sim Card and Service - Rainbow Lane Play Area	376.80	On-line Payment
Coppins Systems Services	Computer Maintenance	75.00	On-line Payment
Vertigrow Ltd	MIB Plants	229.40	On-line Payment
Ryedale Steel Fabrications Ltd	Repairs to lopping shears	43.20	On-line Payment
North Yorkshire Pension Fund	Pension Contributions	2063.37	On-line Payment On-line
HMRC	Tax/NI Contributions	2245.86	Payment On-line
Staff Salaries	Salaries	6484.35	Payment Direct
Square One Spoton.net Ltd	Chapel Broadband MTC Website Subscription	39.00 56.40	Debit Direct Debit
Brandsby Wilson	Chapel Lane Parking Permit	20.00	Direct Debit
EE	Town Council Mobile Phones	63.83	Direct Debit
Total		20853.94	

## **RESOLVED**

That twenty two accounts be approved for payment. Proposed by Cllr Hawes, seconded by Cllr Lake All other Members approved.

## 160. <u>REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK</u>

#### (a) <u>CEMETERY MANAGER UPDATE</u>

FUNERALS

New Malton CemeteryIntermentGrave No: 4941Patricia Ann JohnsonIntermentGrave No: 5166Doreen Susan Pawson

#### **OTHER WORK**

Assisting in the preparation of the wild flower border at the new Broughton Rise Sensory Garden.

## (b) <u>COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT</u>

The Clerk was invited to give a presentation on the work of the Council to the Parkinson's group on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March at The Trinity Church, Commercial Street, Norton. The presentation was extremely well received with a question and answer session at the end. The Clerk is also booked to do a presentation to WI and the St Leonards Community Group in due course.

A Multi Agency Drop In session was carried out on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022, the next session is booked for 6<sup>th</sup> April 10.30-11.30am at The Wesley Centre.

The Clerk attended the virtual Multi Agency Problem Solving meeting for Ryedale on 17<sup>th</sup> February. This is a monthly meeting which Officers work together to problem solve issues such as anti-social behaviour, hot spot locations, identify cross-cutting issues and share intelligence using problem solving methodologies to develop a specific response to alleviate the issue.

## (c) <u>2021-22 NATIONAL SALARY AWARD</u>

The National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) have agreed the new rates of pay applicable from 1 April 2021. Malton Town Council staff are employed under the terms of the model contract, therefore, all employees will receive back pay from April 2021 in their March salary. If any Member would like a copy of the new pay scale list, please request this from the Clerk.

## (d) <u>CEMETERY IMPROVEMENTS</u>

The new Malton In Bloom new storage shed will be installed on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022. The shed will be similar to the picture below but without the glazing in the doors, the attached car port provides weather proofing and security for the utility vehicle.

The Clerk is continuing to obtain additional quotes for the glass doors at the cemetery, the doors are very bespoke, therefore, we are limited to specialist glass door companies who have the skills to install the doors.



#### (e) <u>MALTON IN BLOOM</u>

Work has commenced at the Broughton Rise Sensory Garden site, the border has been dug over and ready for wild flower seeds planting in due course. The lavender maze will be planted in late April along with the installation of the Emma Stothard sculpture, feature stepping stone path and lots of additional features. We have had a fantastic response from volunteers who would like to be involved in this project, including the offer of labour from staff at James Fisher Nuclear.

# (f) <u>SEASONAL LIGHTING</u>

The trench and power for the tree at the bottom of Castlegate is being installed on 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Fitzwilliam Estate have arranged for the tree to be pruned and ivy removed and the railings and gate will be painted in due course. The LED lights will be installed on the tree in early April.

# (g) <u>ANNUAL LEAVE</u>

The Clerk will be away on annual leave for two weeks commencing Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April, returning to the office on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April. If any Member requires assistance during this time, please contact the Deputy Clerk on Email: deputy.clerk@malton-tc.gov.uk

## (h) ORCHARD FIELDS INTERPRETATION BOARDS

The application submitted to the Ancient Monument Society has now been approved and the official order has been submitted for the interpretation boards.

### (i) <u>CASTLEGATE STEERING GROUP</u>

The Clerk has attended the second meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> February. The group are working together to establish how they can get people involved and work together to tackle the economic and environmental issues that are important to their neighbourhood, including improving air quality, land use and housing issues. Ryedale District Council have subscribed to the Local Insight Tool which provides online data and mapping with information on unemployment and vulnerable groups.

Residents and business owners on Castlegate will shortly be invited to attend a face to face engagement event, giving them the opportunity to have their say on what matters to them and what can be done to bring about real change to help improve the quality of life and wellbeing of those people living and working in the Castlegate area.

## **RESOLVED**

That Members approve the report of the Town Clerk. Proposed by Cllr Emberley, seconded by Cllr Andrews. All other Members approved. Cllr Brampton Abstained.

## 161. RAINBOW LANE WORKING PARTY

The Committee circulated a report following the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February with the following recommendations:-

#### **RESOLVED**

Proposed by Cllr Burr, seconded by Cllr Conlan. All other Members approved.

- (i) That the Town Council instruct the Clerk to obtain two or more quotes for the design and installation of a pump track at Rainbow Lane Play Area
- (ii) That the Clerk look into what external grant aid is available to fund the pump track and all other items in Phase 1-4.

#### 162. POLICY REVIEW

Members reviewed the following documents (previously circulated):-

(i) Climate & Biodiversity Policy

#### **RESOLVED**

That the Malton Town Council approve the Climate & Biodiversity Policy. Proposed by Cllr Conlan, seconded by Cllr Burr. All other Members approved.

(ii) Anti Fraud & Corruption Policy

#### **RESOLVED**

That the Malton Town Council approve the Anti Fraud & Corruption Policy. Proposed by Cllr Lake, seconded by Cllr Hawes. All other Members approved.

## 163. BUSINESS PLAN 2022-2026

The Clerk presented the four year Business Plan for consideration by Members. Members **approved** in **principal** and **agreed** that the document be considered again for resolution at the May Town Council.

164. <u>REPRESENTATIVES</u>

None

# 165. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

22/00253/CAT	T1 Leyland Cypress – Fell, T2 Yew, remove lower branches and other shrubs along the boundary wall.         2 Westgate, Old Malton, YO17 7HE <b>RESOLVED</b> Approved.         Cllrs Burr, Brampton, Conlan & Andrews abstained. All other Members approved.
22/00161/FUL	Change of use, rebuild and extension of former agricultural buildings to form 2no production and processing units (Use Class E) following the demolition of existing buildings together with access and parking (revised scheme to planning approval 18/00514/FUL dated 22.08.2018 and planning refusal 20/00167/FUL dated 11.08.2020). Middlecave Yard, Middlecave Road, Malton, YO17 7JH <u>RESOLVED</u> Approved Clir Andrews abstained. All other Members approved.
22/00250/LBC	Installation of partition walling and pocket sliding door into existing partitioned layout and installation of air conditioning system. 17 Yorkersgate, Malton, YO17 7AA <u>RESOLVED</u> Approved Cllr Andrews abstained. All other Members approved.
22/00312/CAT	Removal of self seeded sycamore.Taylor and Brown, Castlegate, Malton, YO17 7DZ <b>RESOLVEDRefusal. Cllr Andrews abstained.</b>
22/00254/CAT	<ul> <li>Fell 6no. Norway Spruce due to the trees causing damage to a walled garden that is listed.</li> <li>88 Old Maltongate, Malton, YO17 7EG</li> <li><b>RESOLVED</b> Approved, subject to the replanting of additional trees. Cllr Andrews abstained, Cllr Lawrence Refused . All other Members approved.</li> </ul>

# 166. <u>MEMBERS QUESTIONS</u>

Councillor Burr raised the suggestion of the clerk looking into hiring out the chipper and the agricultural vehicle.

# 167. DATE OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Wednesday 27th April 2022, 6pm to be held at The Wesley Centre, Saville Street, Malton

# DATE OF THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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