



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

**HELD AT RYEDALE HOUSE, MALTON, YO17 7HH
ON TUESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2023 AT 6.30PM**

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

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

OTHERS Seventy one members of the public, Hannah Chapman & Frances Nicholson (Harmony Energy)

APOLOGIES Councillors Boler & Thackray

148. 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.

Councillor L Burr (MBE) declared an interest as a County Councillor, Councillors Andrews and Oxley declared an interest as District Councillors. Councillor Aldrich declared an interest as the applicant in planning application 23/00067/HOUSE. All Members declared an interest in planning application 23/00046/MFULE due to being lobbied by the Tenant Farmer and the Director of Eden Camp Museum.

149. PRESENTATION – FRANCES NICHOLSON, HARMONY ENERGY

The Mayor thanked Frances Nicholson for their presentation as the applicant in relation to planning application 23/00046/MFULE.

150. PUBLIC ACCESS

Rob Sturdy and Howard Johnson addressed Members with regard to their objection to planning application 23/00046/MFULE.

151. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

23/00046/MFULE

Installation and operation of a solar farm and battery energy storage system with associated infrastructure including substation, access tracks, pole mounted CCTV, fencing and landscaping for a period of 40 years at Land Off Great Sike Road Old Malton, Malton.

RESOLVED

Refusal

Cllr Conlan proposed Approval of this application, which was seconded by Cllr Brampton. Councillor Oxley also voted approval. Councillors Aldrich, Andrews, Burr, Carpenter, Ennis, Hawes and Pritchard voted against this application.

Members have voted in favour of refusal of the planning application, stating the following reasons:-

1. The majority of the proposal is on best and most versatile land which National Planning guidance advises against.
2. Would have an adverse impact on the local tourism site “Eden Camp” situated adjacent to the site.
3. Would set a precedent to use best and most versatile land for solar sites.
4. Would have an adverse impact on the flooding situation in Malton if the tenanted land is not managed and drainage sustained along with other environmental impact such as fire risks, noise and visual impact.
5. Would have an impact on any tenant farmers losing rights to maintain their living, which is a material planning consideration.

23/00003/FUL

Change of use of former retail premises (Use Class E(a) – formally A1) to beer packing, warehousing, cold storage and product distribution (Use Class B2 & B8) with office space at 31 Horsemarket Road, Malton, YO17 7NB

RESOLVED

Approval. Proposed by Cllr Conlan, seconded by Cllr Hawes, Cllr Andrews abstained, all other Members approved

NY/2023/0013/FUL

Consultation on planning application for the purposes of the Installation of an anaerobic digestion facility together with site accesses, internal access and yard areas, security measures, access gates, other ancillary infrastructure and landscaping on land at Eden Business Park, Edenhuse Drive, Old Malton, Malton, YO17 6AE

RESOLVED

Approval. Proposed by Cllr Carpenter, seconded by Cllr Ennis, Cllr Andrews abstained, all other Members approved

23/00119/HOUSE

Erection of replacement garage at 7A The Mount, Malton, YO17 7ND

RESOLVED

Approval. Proposed by Cllr Carpenter, seconded by Cllr Ennis, Cllrs Andrews & Aldrich abstained, all other Members approved

23/00067/HOUSE

Erection of two-storey rear extension following demolition of existing single-storey extension and conservatory at 69A Newbiggin, Malton

RESOLVED

Approval, subject to no neighbour objections
Proposed by Cllr Conlan, seconded by Cllr Hawes, Cllr Andrews abstained, all other Members approved

152. **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

None

153. **DATE OF THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday 22nd February 2023, 6.15pm to be held at Ryedale House, Malton, YO17 7HH

The meeting closed at 8.30pm