



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

**HELD AT THE FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE, GREENGATE, MALTON
ON WEDNESDAY 25th FEBRUARY 2026 AT 6.30PM**

PRESENT Cllrs L Burr MBE (Mayor), M Carpenter (Deputy Mayor), J Aldrich, P Andrews, I Conlan, W Oxley, L Paley & S Thackray

IN ATTENDANCE Mrs G Cook (Clerk) & Tim Hicks (Deputy Clerk)

OTHERS Helen Gundry & Mike Potter

APOLOGIES Cllrs M Brampton, K Ennis, S Hawes & J Vale

135. REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Noted and accepted.

136. CODE OF CONDUCT

Members were reminded of their responsibility under the Code of Conduct in respect of making declarations of interest.

Cllr Aldrich declared an interest in planning application ZE26/00013/TPO as he lives in the area.

137. MAYOR & DEPUTY MAYORS REPORT

The Mayor's report was previously circulated to Members.

138. PUBLIC ACCESS

Helen Gundry gave a verbal report on the Moors Bus project for spring/summer 2026. The Moors Bus leaflets are to be made available at the Civic Office and Tourist Information BT box. The timetable and information will also be displayed on the Council website and Facebook page.

139. COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28th January 2026 be approved and signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Carpenter, seconded by Cllr Conlan. Cllrs Burr & Oxley abstained. All other Members approved.

140. FINANCIAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

- (i) Members noted the bank reconciliation showing the position as of 31st January 2026.
- (ii) Twenty-three accounts were submitted for approval

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| Big Boolies | Roundabout MIB Sign | 36.00 | On-line Payment |
| YMCA | Grant Payment | 500.00 | On-line Payment |

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| LITE | Christmas Tree Installation/Storage & Sim Card | 1296.00 | On-line Payment |
| R Yates & Sons Ltd | Tools & Materials | 54.37 | On-line Payment |
| Gail Cook | Laptop Microsoft & Antivirus | 120.00 | On-line Payment |
| J B Motors | Fuel | 79.83 | On-line Payment |
| In-Print | Remembrance Sunday Service | 256.80 | On-line Payment |
| Coppins Systems Services | Computer Maintenance | 18.65 | On-line Payment |
| Howarth Timber Supplies | Timber - Train Station | 48.65 | On-line Payment |
| Big Boolies | MIB Signage | 444.24 | On-line Payment |
| Paley's Fruit & Veg | Compost, Topsoil & Bark | 624.00 | On-line Payment |
| Salaries | Salaries | 7866.79 | On-line Payment |
| HMRC | Tax & NI | 3094.72 | On-line Payment |
| North Yorkshire Pension Fund | Pension | 2502.71 | On-line Payment |
| Spoton.net Ltd | MTC Website & Email Subscription | 73.20 | Direct Debit |
| Wirehouse | Employment Services | 102.00 | Direct Debit |
| North Yorkshire Council | Cemetery Rates | 76.00 | Direct Debit |
| North Yorkshire Council | Newgate Rates | 241.00 | Direct Debit |
| Business Stream | Water Charges - Old Malton Cemetery | 25.74 | Direct Debit |
| Business Stream | Water Charges - New Malton Cemetery | 80.43 | Direct Debit |
| Green Energy | Cemetery Energy | 605.46 | Direct Debit |
| Barclaycard | Stamps, Coffee & MIB Mtg Refreshments | 30.69 | Direct Debit |
| BT | Newgate Telephone & Broadband | 121.82 | Direct Debit |
| EE | Town Council Mobile Phones | 86.40 | Direct Debit |
| Total | | 18385.50 | |

RESOLVED

That twenty-three accounts be approved for payment. Proposed by Cllr Paley seconded by Cllr Carpenter. All other Members approved.

141. CLERKS REPORT

(a) CEMETERY MANAGER UPDATE

FUNERALS

New Malton Cemetery

Burial Interment Plot No: 6419K
Ashes Interment Plot No: 821
Ashes Interment Plot No: 7071A

Old Malton Cemetery

Ashes Interment Plot No: 1387

Other Work

Installed new bin on Wheelgate as part of the Wow Wheelgate project
Repaired Old Malton swinging wood sign
Removed Rotary Christmas tree from outside St Michael's Church

(b) MTC ATTENDANCE AT MULTI AGENCY COMMUNITY & DROP IN EVENTS

Wednesday 18th February - Free Fridge Multi-Agency Drop in 10-11am
Thursday 19th March - Multi-Agency Drop In, Morrisons 10-12noon
Thursday 23rd April - Multi-Agency Drop In, Asda 10-12noon
Wednesday 13th May - Multi-Agency Drop In, Morrisons 10-12noon

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| Thursday 18 th June | - | Multi-Agency Drop In, Asda 10-12noon |
| Thursday 20 th August | - | Multi-Agency Drop In, Asda 10-12noon |
| Wednesday 16 th September | - | Multi-Agency Drop In, Morrisons 10-12noon |
| Thursday 22 nd October | - | Multi-Agency Drop In, Asda 10-12noon |
| Thursday 26 th November | - | Multi-Agency Drop In, Morrisons 10-12noon |
| Wednesday 23 rd December | - | Multi-Agency Drop In, Asda 10-12noon |

FLOOD HUB EVENTS

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| Tuesday 24 th February | - | Newgate Civic Office |
| Tuesday 28 th April | - | Newgate Civic Office |
| Tuesday 30 th June | - | Newgate Civic Office |

MTC GAZEBO COMMUNITY CONSULTATION EVENTS

To be held in Malton Market Place, 9am-2pm. All Members are welcome to attend with Officers.

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| Saturday | 9 th February - completed |
| Saturday | 18 th April |
| Saturday | 20 th June |
| Saturday | 19 th September |

(c) MEETINGS/EVENTS ATTENDED

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| 14 January | - | Malton & Norton Town Investment Plan Meeting at Enterprise House, York Road |
| 14 January | - | Malton In Bloom Volunteer Meeting |
| 15 January | - | Meeting Cllr Jacqui Layman, Whitby Town Council |
| 20 January | - | Meeting with Darren Griffiths, NYC & Cllr Conlan re 20mph roads in Malton |
| 20 January | - | Meeting with Grace Lawes re Malton Emergency Plan |
| 20 January | - | Meeting with Deputy Mayor |
| 21 January | - | Site meeting with Ryedale Landscapes re Morrisons garden area |
| 21 January | - | Meeting with WOW Wheelgate |
| 21 January | - | Attended Old Malton Care Home official opening with the Mayor |
| 28 January | - | Malton & Norton Town Investment Plan Meeting at Enterprise House, York Road |
| 28 January | - | MTC Full Council |
| 29 January | - | Multi Agency Problem Solving Meeting |
| 29 January | - | Art of Protest Artwork Progress Meeting |
| 29 January | - | Art Workshop event at the Parish Hall |
| 3 February | - | Gateway to Ryedale Project launch at the Parish Hall |
| 3 February | - | Cemetery Manager Staff Development Review with Cllr Aldrich |
| 4 February | - | Virtual interview with Denmark team who visited Malton from being inspired by the WOW Wheelgate project and wanted information on culture and town governance structures that they can look replicate in Denmark |
| 5 February | - | RCIA AGM and Executive Meeting |
| 5 February | - | Meeting with Clerk to Norton and Pickering Town Council |
| 10 February | - | Meeting with Rebecca Wilkin, Head of Malton Fitzwilliam Estate |
| 11 February | - | Malton & Norton Town of Culture Steering Group Meeting |

(d) EMAILS SENT TO MEMBERS

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| 04/01/2026, 21:56 | Temp. Rd. Closure, Howe Road, Old Malton |
| 0 04/01/2026, 22:31 | Planning Appeal 25/00013/NONDET |
| 05/01/2026, 10:55 | CCTV Stats-Dec |
| @ 05/01/2026, 08:23 | Civility and Respect Protocol |
| 06/01/2026, 13:24 | Malton, Peasy Hills appeal for 200 houses next week |
| 06/01/2026, 14:23 | The Next Chapter - Malton 31st January at The Milton Rooms |
| 0 12/01/2026, 14:19 | Ryedale Cameras In Action - Agenda |
| 19/01/2026, 13:23 | Malton In Bloom Spring/Summer 2026 |
| @ 20/01/2 12/01/2026, | Northern Powergrid works, Castle Howard Road, Malton |
| 0 19/12/2025, 06:49 | Financial Policies for Review |
| 27/01/2026, 17:28 | Malton/Norton flooding issues - update |
| 29/01/2026, 08:53 | Temp. Rd. Closure, Swinton Lane, Malton |
| @ 29/01/2026, 08:59 | Malton/Norton flooding issues - update |
| 0 30/01/2026, 07:49 | Malton/Norton flooding issues - update |
| 30/01/2026, 07:52 | Request to Leave the Building Quietly After Meetings |

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| 0 30/01/2026, 08:34 | Creative Engagement Event - Murals & Alleyways Project |
| 0 02/02/2026, 08:44 | Malton/Norton flooding issues - update |
| 02/02/2026, 08:48 | Temp. Rd. Closure, Green Dykes, Malton |
| 02/02/2026, 08:48 | Temp. Rd. Closure, Maiden Greve, Malton |
| 0 02/02/2026, 08:56 | Malton/Norton flooding issues - update |
| 0 02/02/2026, 09:10 | >MTC - Full Council Minutes 28th January 2026 |
| 03/02/2026, 08:44 | Malton/Norton flooding issues - update |
| 0 03/02/2026, 15:05 | Malton/Norton flooding issues - update |
| 04/02/2026, 11:30 | Important Project Update: Proposed Yorkshire Wolds Area of |
| 05/02/2026, 08:29 | Temp. Rd. Closure, Wentworth Street, Malton |
| 05/02/2026, 08:29 | Property Marking - Malton [#613988828] |
| 10/02/2026, 15:23 | Stakeholder Sentiment Survey 2026: Building Better Working North Yorkshire Council Parish Liaison: North Yorkshire Local |

(e) **MALTON & NORTON TIDY GROUP UPDATE**

The second week in February and Malton and Norton Tidy Group has already broken through the 100-bag barrier. Like January, the February litter pick was down on volunteer numbers but with half-a-dozen police cadets and their volunteer coordinator in toe an impressive 35 bags were collected on the day:

7 bags from York Road right down to the A64 and including the entrance to Tara Park.

3 bags from around Morrison's, Castlegate and Norton Road.

4 bags from around the riverside on the Derwent Surgery side (the riverside picnic area was shut off for flooding).

1 bag from Wentworth Street car park.

6 bags from Broughton Road - right out to Swinton

With a shortage of pickers, three of us accompanied the police cadets to concentrate on an area around the back of some of the industrial units on the York Road industrial estate - 14 bags plus lots of debris from a very small area. At last, some before and after photos to do justice to the work of volunteers. Additional litter picking has taken the year's total to 103 bags. Just how much litter and debris are still to be discovered? It may be out of sight but to the Tidy Group it is not out of mind.

(f) **PUBLIC TOILETS REFURBISHMENT - MARKET PLACE, MALTON**

A date has been booked for the closure of Malton Market Place toilets to enable the refurbishment to take place. The contractors are looking to start the refurbishment on 26th February and hope to complete the toilets around the 31st March. NYC who own the toilets will be responsible for diverting clients to use the Wentworth Street public toilets.

Signage will be installed to the exterior of the toilet building explaining about the closure and directions to Wentworth Street toilets.

(g) **WOW WHEELGATE PROJECT**

The Clerk completed the partner return to the Mayor of York and North Yorkshire. It has been confirmed that the Wow Wheelgate project is to be a case study for the High Street fund.

(i) **TRAFFIC MIRROR**

The mirror which enables traffic to turn right safely from Finkle Street to Wheelgate has not been fit for purpose for some time. We have historically brought this to the attention of North Yorkshire but with little effect. One January morning it was misted over and totally unsafe, so we sent a photograph of this to North Yorkshire Highways. After this a replacement was swiftly made. The new mirror is effective and fit for purpose, please check it out.

142. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

ZE25/01355/LBC

Installation of glazed panels fixed between existing newel posts to upper story. Removal of pews and staging. Aisles between pews levelled with main body of the hall. Creation of 1no. male toilet, 1 no. accessible toilet and 2no. unisex WCs. Floor in rear

corridor to be raised. Fire exit to be raised one step. Installation on new boiler and new kitchen to be fitted at Baptist Church, Wells Lane, Malton

RESOLVED Recommend Refusal

Proposed by Cllr Thackray, seconded by Cllr Carpenter. Cllrs Burr, Paley, Conlan & Aldrich voted refusal. Cllrs Andrews & Oxley abstained.

ZE25/01368/HOUSE

Erection of single storey side extension with ramped access at 5 Ropery Walk, Malton

RESOLVED Recommend Approval

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

ZE26/00019/MFUL

Change of use of existing storage building to form a Padel court facility at Espersykes Farm, Wise House Lane, Old Malton

RESOLVED Recommend Approval

Proposed by Cllr Andrews, seconded by Cllr Paley. Cllr Thackray abstained. All other Members approved.

ZE26/00013/TPO

Removal of 1no. Wellingtonia Tree within TPO 333/2013 21 The Mount, Malton

RESOLVED Recommend Deferral, pending the NYC Tree Officer Report

Proposed by Cllr Burr, seconded by Cllr Paley. Cllr Thackray abstained. All other Members approved.

143. SEASONABLE STREET SCENE ROLE

To consider report and make recommendation (previously circulated): -

RESOLVED

That the Town Council approve (i)-(iv). Proposed by Cllr Carpenter, seconded by Cllr Aldrich. All other Members approved.

- (i) That the job description and advert be approved**
- (ii) That recruitment process will be recommence on 26th February, closing date 19th March 2026**
- (iii) Staffing Committee & Clerk to carry out interviews and be given delegated authority to employ the most suitable candidate**
- (iv) That the job be advertised on social media, notice boards and with other local key stakeholders and organisations**

144. RYEDALE CAMERAS IN ACTION RELOCATION OF CCTV RECEIVER TO THE NEWGATE CIVIC OFFICE

The Clerk presented the report (previously circulated).

RESOLVED

That the Town Council approve the relocation of the CCTV receiver to the Newgate Civic Office. Proposed by Cllr Thackray, seconded by Cllr Andrews. All other Members approved.

145. POLICY REVIEW

Members reviewed the following documents (previously circulated): -

- (i) Lone Worker Policy
- (ii) Equality & Diversity Policy

RESOLVED

That the Town Council approve Policies (i) and (ii). Proposed by Cllr Burr, seconded by Cllr Oxley. All other Members approved.

146. REPOSITIONING OF THE 30MPH SIGN ON BROUGHTON ROAD

The Clerk presented the report (previously circulated).

RESOLVED

That the Town Council approve the submission of a request to NYC Highways to move the 30mph sign to the west side of the A64 bridge on the B1257. Proposed by Cllr Conlan, seconded by Cllr Carpenter. All other Members approved.

147. MALTON MUSEUM MATCH FUNDING REQUEST

The Clerk presented the report (previously circulated).

RESOLVED

That the Town Council approve £3,000 (5%) funding towards this project, subject to the remaining match funding of £57,000 required being in place by the deadline 1st August 2026. Funds to be allocated to this project only. Proposed by Cllr Burr, seconded by Cllr Conlan. All other Members approved.

148. ANNUAL TOWN MEETING (PARISH ASSEMBLY)

RESOLVED

That the Town Council hold their Full Council meeting at 6pm on 29th April prior to the Annual Parish Assembly meeting at 7.30pm. The Clerk to invite the Malton & Norton Tidy Group to give a presentation at the Parish Assembly. Proposed by Cllr Burr, seconded by Cllr Oxley. All other Members approved.

149. NORTH YORKSHIRE LOCAL PLAN AND THE THIRD RELEASE OF “CALL FOR SITES” SUBMISSIONS

Members discussed the third release of Call for Sites submissions at length. It was **agreed** that the Clerk circulate a draft a letter to be sent to North Yorkshire Council for Members consideration.

Cllr Carpenter left the meeting at 8.10pm

150. REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Thackray gave a verbal report on his attendance at the planning appeal APP/U2750/W/25/3371863 for 200 homes at Highfield Meadows, Land East of Rainbow Lane, Peasey Hills, Malton, YO17 7AF.

151. MEMBERS QUESTIONS

Cllr Conlan raised a question:-

My question concerns the Plantation, a very recently designated Green Space in the Neighbourhood Plan. By way of context, the views from the public path through the Plantation sited within the boundary of the Howardian Hills was the principal reason the High Malton housing application was rejected.

Given the huge upset for a large number residents who have enjoyed walking the public footpath through Plantation for generations, on discovering the extent of the clear felling of the vast majority of them, around 1600 trees by the Fitzwilliam Estate, on the professed grounds of public safety around diseased Ash Die back, could this council set up a working group to scrutinise the Estate's justification for the felling, their public engagement, or lack of it, to look at the Estate's plans to plant saplings to triple the size of the Plantation and their Forestry Commission licence, and to take into account resident's concerns and wishes on the future of these much loved woods in deciding what response to recommend to this council?

It was concluded that a Working Party be set up including Cllrs Burr, Conlan and Paley

Cllr Aldrich raised a question with regard to North Yorkshire Council implementing a 10% increase in parking fees across its 170 car parks from 1st April 2026 to "rebalance" tariffs across North Yorkshire and raise revenue. Members noted this and the impact of the increase is to be monitored.

152. DATE OF THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 18th March 2026, 6.30pm to be held at the Friends Meeting House

The meeting closed at 8.45pm