



**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of
Northallerton Town Council held at 7.00pm on
Monday 14th April 2025 in the Town Hall, Upper Hall.**

Present: Cllr P Eames, Mayor; Cllr P Atkin; Cllr S Barber; Cllr S Bell; Cllr D Calvert; Cllr A Eames, Cllr M Holmes; Cllr A Hugill, Cllr C Hutson; Cllr J Hutson & Cllr G Ramsden.

Also Present: 8 Members of the Public; Cllr C Dickinson, North Yorkshire Council (NYC) Ward Councillor and Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

24/151 Apologies

It was resolved that apologies for absence be received and accepted from Cllr P Cornfoot

Cllr S Watson, NYC Ward Councillor, had also offered apologies for the meeting.

24/152 To Note any Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest.

Cllr J Hutson declared a non pecuniary interest in items relating to Northallerton BID.

24/153 Public Participation

A resident raised the matter of proposed development of land at Winton Road and asked if Northallerton Town Council (NTC) is aware of the local opposition to this and the Environment Agency concerns. A number of potential impacts were noted including negative effect on the wildlife environment; developing an area which currently absorbs water; removing actively farmed land and the impact on Northallerton as a whole by increasing the population but not improving infrastructure.

Councillors referenced the Hambleton Area Local Plan as this development was outlined some years ago, via the formal process, with all associated consultation. Northallerton is like many areas where more housing is required by the government so NTC is supportive of development but on the understanding that it is respectful of the town; includes green space; maintains character and includes active travel improvements. Councillors did attend the recent exhibition detailing the plans and have been in discussion with the Church Commissioners, requesting additional green corridors to promote active travel links for pedestrians and cycling to reduce the use of cars. Concern regarding the water and drainage were valid and NTC would lobby the planning authority to pay careful attention to this. It was reiterated that the Town Council are not the planning authority, but will submit formal comments when the planning application is live. Residents are encouraged to give feedback to NYC at that time.

A resident raised several concerns regarding traffic management in Northallerton and noted that a historic Traffic Plan for the town had been in place but was in need of review. Many areas of the town are gridlocked throughout the day, there is inconsiderate parking which blocks pavements and dangerous vehicle movement out of the supermarket and dentist on Brompton Road. Children walking to and from school are in danger from traffic movements, particularly in Friarage Street. Councillors added that further issues with the Rail Network will contribute to this, with worsening of the level crossing usage.

NTC has had a number of meetings regarding transport around Northallerton and is actively engaged with all local stakeholders. It was agreed that further discussion and a formal response is needed from Highways, Planning Enforcement and Parking Enforcement alongside the local NYC Ward Councillors, Officers and the Executive Member for Transport.

Several residents expressed concern about the sale of land at the rear of Tom Umpleby Close as the sales brochure details an opportunity for development. A condition of the planning consent for this development was that the tank had to be built to take the flood water and that this would provide 60 sq m per house of amenity space for the estate and this is that green space. No equipment was to be positioned on this land because of the flood risk and, despite the recent Environment Agency Update, this land is still a designated flood zone 3.

It appears to be a speculator who has purchased the land and Councillors are concerned that these developers may be unscrupulous and try to push residents to purchase pockets of land at an inflated price.

All members of the public were thanked for attending the meeting.

Signed
Mayor
Date



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24/154 Minutes

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 17th March 2025 be approved

24/155 To receive a report from North Yorkshire Police

A report had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Cllr Atkin is still concerned that the figures are low and will follow this up with the police.

Some criminal damage had occurred at the planting area on Gardner Court. A suspect has been questioned and the Clerk has given North Yorkshire Police (NYP) details of the costs incurred to remedy this situation.

Rough sleepers are still in the centre of town and Councillors have requested an update on the position from NYP.

24/156 To receive reports from Ward Councillors

Cllr Dickinson had shared a Ward Council and Older Persons Champion Report in advance of the meeting.

Councillors noted the Director of Public Health report, which contained information regarding people keeping active. One clear outcome of this was the need for pavements and public transport to be improved and, given the strength of feeling here, Councillors asked how NYC plans to implement changes to develop these areas.

Cllr Dickinson also advised that the Area Committee Transport feasibility study, looking at how people are getting around the constituency, should offer a blueprint to develop improved transport. The York and North Yorkshire Mayor is keen to progress this.

24/157 To receive the Mayor's Statement

Cllr Eames gave a short verbal statement. An informal meeting had taken place with local landscape architects, regarding the possible green space development to be input in the NYC Local Plan.

Cllr Eames had attended the Kiplin Hall Visitor Centre Opening with the Tourist Information team. Coach links between here and Northallerton are key to increased visitors to the town.

24/158 Engagement and Events

1. A report from Northallerton BID had been shared ahead of the meeting.
2. Planning Applications were considered

It was resolved that Northallerton Town Council has no objections to these applications

24/159 Environment and Open Spaces

1. To consider the Town Council's position on the sale of a piece of land to the rear of Tom Umpleby Close.

It was resolved that NTC will raise this matter with NYC Planning Enforcement

24/160 Finance

1. **It was resolved payments be approved and receipts noted**
2. **It was resolved that bank account balances be noted as below and bank reconciliations signed.**
Unity £49,350.67 HSBC £88,655.21

24/161 To receive late correspondence

An update from the past Homegrown Food Festival organisers has been received and a meeting will be set up with interested stakeholders as soon as possible.

24/162 To receive items for inclusion in the agenda for the next meeting

No items received.

24/163 It was resolved that the next meeting will be 18:30 on Monday 12th May which will be the Annual Town Meeting and 19:00 on Monday 19th May which will be the Annual Council Meeting

The meeting closed at 20:06

Signed
Mayor
Date