



**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of
Northallerton Town Council held at 7.00pm on
Monday 16th June 2025 in the Town Hall, Upper Hall.**

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

Also Present: Cllr S Watson, North Yorkshire Council (NYC); 2 representatives of North Yorkshire Police and Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

25/018 Apologies

All councillors were present.

25/019 To Note any Declarations of Interest

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

25/020 Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

25/021 Minutes

- 1. It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 14th April 2025 be approved**
- 2. It was resolved that the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Northallerton Town Council (NTC) held on Monday 19th May 2025 be approved**

25/022 Exclusion of the Press and Public by virtue of Public (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

It was resolved that it was not necessary to exclude members of the press and public

25/023 North Yorkshire Police

A report from North Yorkshire Police had been circulated, Sgt Hughes introduced a new member of the policing team and confirmed that crime figures are currently low. Arrests have been made on two significant incidents and progress is ongoing in dealing with the issue of two homeless people. A Community Protection Warning has been issued today and, if this is breached continually, it would escalate to a Community Protection Notice. Councillors agreed to support the police as required with this matter.

An updated action plan from the Community Alcohol Partnership had been circulated to councillors and Cllr S Bell had provided a summary of the last meeting. The next meeting is 8th July.

25/024 To receive reports from Ward Councillors

Cllr C Dickinson had offered apologies for the meeting. A report had been circulated in advance, the Local Plan Consultation has been highlighted and NTC will submit comments to this.

Cllr Watson did not attend the recent consultation for housing at Darlington Road as he is on the Planning Committee and would wish to take part in a vote, if required.

There is concern about private sports activities taking place on land behind Northallerton School. Ward Councillors will discuss this with the Headteacher. NTC Councillors suggested this may be a good use of the space to benefit the wider community.

Outstanding matters with the housing developments by Taylor Wimpey and Persimmon are being progressed and Cllr Watson will share contact details with the Clerk.

25/025 To receive the Mayor's Statement

A statement had been received in advance of the meeting. The Mayor had also attended the North Yorkshire County Show to award prizes. He commented that it was an excellent event and congratulations were offered to the organisers. It was also noted that NTC has a positive relationship with this committee.

Feedback on the Springwell Lane path work is positive and thanks were given to the staff for good progress made.

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25/026 Community Facilities

It was noted that the Community Facilities Committee Meeting, Friday 6th June, was not quorate. Minutes of the NRJBC Meeting on 4th March and draft minutes of the meeting on 3 June 2025 were noted. A brief update on the BT Digital Hub programme was given by the Clerk. BT partners have confirmed they will submit a planning application for the upgrade of two BT phone boxes on the High Street to Digital Hubs. **It was resolved that the Clerk will submit a letter of support for this upgrade**

25/027 Engagement and Events

Planning Applications were considered.

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

Some concern was raised about the application at Regents Gate, as the developers are looking to move away from over 55's only to being available for anyone. Existing residents are not happy with this and several resident objections have been submitted. Cllr Watson added the developers had held a seminar with residents and they had been reassured as a result of this. Cllrs Cornfoot and Ramsden will review NTC's previous comments.

Cllr J Hutson gave a short verbal report from Northallerton BID and upcoming activities were discussed.

Volunteers were requested to support the traffic management at the 1940s Extravaganza.

There will be a Food Market 6th July and Jurassic Northallerton Event on 3rd August.

A Phase One Vibrant & Sustainable High Streets Fund grant application was submitted and this was not successful however the BID Manager challenged the outcome and the York & North Yorkshire Combined Authority has taken onboard comments and there is now the possibility of this being made available to the town. BID will respond and the NTC is supportive of this.

Draft minutes of the Engagement and Events Committee Meeting on 6th June 2025 were noted.

Concerns were echoed regarding the potential change in the Grammar School site school development. A Government White Paper suggests that SENDS education will be included in mainstream schooling, so a change in government policy may impact on this project.

Cllr Holmes gave a verbal report on the recent visit of the eighteen residents from Ormesson-sur-Marne which had been a successful trip, including an event at the Town Hall attended by Cllrs A & P Eames, Cllr Holmes and the Clerk. There are 29 active citizens in the Northallerton group and Cllr P Eames had met with the organisers from France to consider opportunities for development in the future. It was agreed that connections will be made with local groups that overlap with groups in Ormesson and programmes of events in each town will be exchanged to see if there is opportunity to attend other activities in each town.

25/028 Environment and Open Spaces

Draft minutes of the Environment and Open Spaces Committee Meeting on 6th June 2025 were noted.

25/029 Finance

Draft minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting on 4th June 2025 were noted.

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

a. HSBC £ 223,615.33

b. Unity £ 50,224.59

The Annual Accounting Statement 2024/2025 was discussed

3. It was resolved that the Annual Accounting Statement 2024/2025 be approved

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The AGAR submission 2024/2025 was discussed.

4. It was resolved that the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2024/2025 will be submitted and the Clerk will publish the Notification of Public Rights

An Internal Audit report visit had taken place, which had not raised any matters of concern, however feedback from this will be considered at the next Finance Committee Meeting.

25/030 Staffing

Draft minutes of the Staffing Committee Meeting on 4th June 2025 were noted.

It was resolved that the amended Staffing Committee Terms of Reference be approved

The Clerk had attended the Prepare & Protect quarterly meeting.

24/031 To receive late correspondence

Emails for information have been circulated between meetings and require no further action.

Late correspondence requiring a decision will be placed on the next agenda.

25/032 To receive items for inclusion in the agenda for the next meeting

Items to be added to the next agenda should be notified to the Clerk by midday on Monday 14th July.

25/033 Date of Next Meeting

It was resolved that the time and date of the next meeting will be Monday 21st July at 19:00.

The meeting closed at 20:07

Signed
Mayor
Date