



**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of
Northallerton Town Council held at 7.00pm on
Monday 20th October 2025 in the Town Hall, Upper Hall.**

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

Also Present: One member of the public; Kevin Broom, Headteacher Northallerton School; Cllr C Dickinson, North Yorkshire Council (NYC) Ward Councillor; Sgt Hughes, North Yorkshire Police (NYP); Flt Sgt Ollie Blumer, Mayor's Cadet and Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

25/067 Apologies

It was resolved that apologies be received and accepted from Cllr S Barber

Cllr S Watson, NYC had also offered apologies for this meeting.

25/068 To Note any Declarations of Interest

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

25/069 Public Participation

No comments made.

25/070 Northallerton School and Sixth Form

- Mr Broom took post on 22nd April and reported that the school has faced significant challenges, but is supported by a team of keen professionals and students who needed clear leadership.
- 17 new staff have been appointed and 8 staff members have changed roles; the senior team has been realigned.
- Focus areas include raising standards, improving behaviour and expectations and enhancing student presentation.
- Emphasis is also on character development and achieving the best outcomes for pupils.
- The school is moving at pace, with staff working hard and currently observing a welfare week (no after-school meetings).
- Mr Broom acknowledged that the journey has been challenging but noted the dedication to the community and will represent the school at Remembrance events.
- A Councillors visit is scheduled for 14th November which will include some Student Voice engagement.

Cllr Holmes advised that he had visited recently and was very impressed by the school's calm atmosphere, smooth running and positive student engagement. Cllr Atkin noted that uniform standards seem stronger. Sgt Hughes added that the Police have a positive relationship with the school; Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) incidents have reduced both in and out of school as behaviour expectations have improved.

Community and Partnership Discussions took place, suggesting community involvement opportunities in activities such as DofE, primary school support, 10K participation for voluntary hours, Community Garden Project.

Thanks were extended to Mr Broom for attending and for his positive update. Councillors look forward to building a strong and ongoing partnership with the school.

25/071 Minutes

To approve and sign the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 15th September 2025

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 15th September 2025 be approved

25/072 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

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25/073 North Yorkshire Police

- A report had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- It was noted that the local homelessness situation has now been resolved.
- There have been four ASB contracts issued, all of which have been successful in reducing related incidents.
- In terms of crime, there have been positive outcomes in several theft investigations.
- Some burglaries have occurred, mainly on Saturday nights.
- A cannabis farm was recently uncovered, which required approximately a week to deal with fully.
- Staffing levels remain challenging, with currently only two operational officers covering the Hambleton area. However, it was reported that by the New Year, numbers are expected to increase to between 11 and 13 officers (this figure does not include Response Officers, of which there are a small number).
- It was further noted that community tensions had risen during the period when the Allerton Court Hotel was undergoing changes linked to asylum accommodation. Right-wing activists were present in the area following suggestions that the hotel would house single male asylum seekers. The situation has since stabilised and police continue to monitor community relations closely.
- Inspector Rory Sadler will attend a future meeting to be introduced to councillors.
- An updated action plan from the Community Alcohol Partnership had been circulated in advance.

25/074 To receive reports from Ward Councillors

A report was circulated in advance of the meeting.

A Martyn's Law event had taken place in Northallerton which had been informative and well attended.

Cllr Holmes asked a question regarding the consultation on alternative provision for primary schools. The Clerk will forward this to Cllr Dickinson for response.

25/075 To receive the Mayor's Statement

Cllr Hugill offered thanks to members for their commitment to NTC and their engagement with activities and events.

25/076 Community Facilities

Positive progress has been made at the North Northallerton Allotment site. Thanks were offered to the councillors who have helped, the clean up is now complete and digging over the plots will take place this week.

An email has been sent to all parties interested in taking an allotment, with a view to allocating plots in November. Thanks were offered to the staff team for getting on with this project, given the disappointing state the site was handed over in.

25/077 Engagement and Events

Planning Applications were considered

It was resolved that there are no objections to these applications

A report from Northallerton BID had been received.

Several councillors were going to support the town rejuvenation day on 4th November.

The Clerk added that the Christmas Illuminations had been scheduled to switch on in time for the Late Night Shopping Evening.

A short update on the progress of the Town Investment Plan was shared. Stakeholders include the Town Council, NYC, Hambleton Community Action, Northallerton BID and Tourist Information and will be extended to incorporate others such as Education and Health providers. The importance of involving young people in planning what is required for the future was also noted. There will be a drop in consultation on November 5th in the Town Hall and the Council will share the surveys in paper form and electronically. Cllr Cornfoot added that it is important for NTC to be actively involved in this process as this plan will target where funding comes in the future.

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Two food festival stakeholders meetings have been held to look into the possibility of a future event and a draft vision statement will be developed with a view to a 2027 event being put together. NTC is hosting the discussions at the moment, but not necessarily with the intention of organising the event.

A cycle plan for the town is being prepared and as a result of work done by NTC previously, comments had been prepared and submitted.

25/078 Environment and Open Spaces

Cllr P Eames and Cllr P Cornfoot provided a verbal update following their attendance at the Incredible Edible AGM.

- It was reported that the group continues to manage the Secret Garden, two community gardens, and planters at the library and station in partnership with Trans Pennine Express.
- The group's Yorkshire in Bloom rating has been downgraded to "Thriving", though feedback was positive overall. An information board recently installed was highlighted as an excellent addition.
- There has been very little vandalism until recently, but the community spirit remains strong, and volunteers are enthusiastic to continue their work. The NTC staff team has been assisting with repairs following the vandalism.
- The Clerk confirmed that progress is being made on planting around the High Street trees and the group is keen to be involved in this initiative.
- The Community Garden group requires new volunteers, including officers and additional gardening helpers and has a number of planned activities in place. It was suggested that the Town Council consider offering support with administrative tasks.
- Finally, it was noted that options for installing cameras are being explored to help deter further vandalism.

25/079 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 Trust Bank £37,372.98 HSBC £258,047.57

It was noted that the Clerk had undertaken the completion of the safeguarding review for HSBC Bank.

Draft minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Monday 13th October 2025 were noted.

25/080 Staffing

The Clerk and Finance Officer had attended an event regarding Martyns Law at Harrogate. This legislation will have significant impact on some events but given the nature of the NTC events is unlikely to affect these. Staff work closely with the local Safety Advisory Group and Traffic Management organisations in line with Purple Guide recommendations for all events and have been trained on ACT and SCan as part of counter terrorism awareness.

24/081 To receive late correspondence

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

25/082 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 10th November.

25/083 Date of Next Meeting

It was resolved that the time and date of the next meeting will be Monday 17th November at 19:00

The meeting closed at 19.55

Signed
Mayor
Date