



**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of
Northallerton Town Council held at 7.00pm on
Monday 20th April 2026 in the Town Hall, Upper Hall.**

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

Also Present: Cllr Caroline Dickinson North Yorkshire Council (NYC) Ward Member; One member of the public and Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

25/148 Apologies

It was resolved that apologies be received and accepted from Cllr C Hutson

25/149 To Note any Declarations of Interest

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

25/150 Public Participation

No questions from members of the public.

25/151 Minutes

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 16th March 2026 be approved

25/152 Exclusion of the Press and Public by virtue of Public (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

It was resolved that it was necessary to exclude members of the press and public for 25/157 re Neighbourhood plan.

25/153 North Yorkshire Police

A report from North Yorkshire Police had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

25/154 To receive reports from North Yorkshire Council (NYC) Ward Councillors

A report from NYC had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

Cllr Dickinson's Older Persons Annual Report has been approved by NYC and will be circulated.

Response to the flags being raised has been speedy and is appreciated by NYC. Cllr Dickinson confirmed that if perpetrators were found they would be charged.

An attempt has been made to clean the graffiti on the underpass and it has been rewritten again. A plan is being developed with the multi agency partnership to improve this space.

Registration for the recycling centres was discussed and there will be a queue building up as residents vehicles are checked on entry. This may cause an issue with cars queuing out onto the main road. Cllr Dickinson will find what the process will be for this.

25/155 To receive the Mayor's Statement

A Mayor's statement had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

25/156 Community Facilities

A business plan outline from a prospective Town Hall tenant had been shared with members.

It was resolved that a lease agreement will be drawn up for 3 years and rent will be charged from 1st May

25/157 Engagement and Events

To consider Planning Applications received and agree response.

It was resolved that councillors had no objections to these applications

Cllr Cornfoot gave a short verbal update on the current Church Commissioners planning application. Focus will be on active travel - routes into town - cycling, walking etc and the Highways Officer is minded to include the same. It is probable that the developers will also provide funding for development of green spaces. It was made clear that NYC would expect a contribution to bus provision within the application.



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Spring Food Market on Sunday 26th April - first of the year.

The Mayor noted how astonished he was at the number of visitors and what they gain from the trip to Northallerton.

Cllr Holmes - two former pupils noting how access friendly quality independent shops etc

The Clerk advised that a successful joint grant funding bid had been submitted to the York & North Yorkshire Mayoral Authority. £85,000 has been allocated to Vibrant Northallerton, a partnership between NTC and Northallerton BID to deliver four new events in the next 18 months.

Cllr Hugill gave a verbal update on the progress of the Town Investment Plan, which is currently sifting through potential projects and next steps will be a further meeting to confirm how these will fit in the final plan. NTC is keen to influence the projects and has been a key contributor to the development of this plan. Have ready to go projects.

Discussion took place regarding the format for the Annual Meeting 11th May 2026.

It was resolved that community groups will be included and bring their displays and the theme will be the possibility of developing a Neighbourhood plan

A report outlining the process to develop a Northallerton Neighbourhood Plan was considered after 25/163

25/158 Environment and Open Spaces

It was noted that a grant application has been submitted to the York & North Yorkshire Mayoral Authority Active Travel fund for improvements to cycle storage and improved signage for walking routes in line with the Council's Strategic Plan.

The Clerk advised that the issues regarding Dene Road are agenda items for detailed discussion at the EOS meeting on Friday 24th April.

25/159 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

HSBC	£102,957.52
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Unity Trust Bank	£ 24,378.42
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The income generated from the public loos was noted positively Discussion took place re the NYC public toilet charges have any impact on the NTC ones?

CD - NYC spends a lot of money on them - but so do we!!

25/160 Staffing

Nothing.

24/161 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.

25/162 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 11th May.

Disposal of untreated sewage into the beck a release - not a spillage

25/163 Date of Next Meeting

To confirm the time and date of the next meetings as the Annual Town Meeting Monday 11th May 7:00pm and Annual Town Council Meeting Monday 18th May 7:00pm



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19:35 Members of the press and public left the meeting

25/157 A report outlining the process to develop a Northallerton Neighbourhood Plan was considered
Discussion took place regarding the benefits of developing a plan to positively influence the future of the town

Legally influence the planning process Statutory document which would have the same weight as a Local Plan.

Hambleton District Plan will expire in Feb 2027 and when this disappears there is no plan for the town and this would be a free for all for development as there is no allocated land and as long as they accord with National Planning Policy it would be approved.

NYC is currently developing the new Local Plan for the whole of North Yorkshire which will take ages - this will be very broad given the geographical size of the NYC.

More formal influence on planning has legal weight when planning decisions are taken.
Specialist input will be required and there will be cost implications.

Represent views of the residents on the future of the town.
Increase in CIL contribution from 15% to 25% which would be a significant increase.

What is the position of Romanby & Brompton on this? Can we include them. Or not!

Cllrs were encouraged to look at the NYC Local Plan call for sites map.
Can the HDC plan be used to feed into this? And use it as a template almost?

Maps and boundaries need to be made clear.
Summary of how the planning process works
What is already included - land already allocated
What the objectives of this are
The Government wants to build more housing and the planning process supports this.
A way of residents having some influence over the future of the town
Mechanism of collecting feedback.
Impact on other issues such as quality of housing, parking, traffic etc.

It was resolved that this will be progressed to the next stage and residents will be invited to an initial launch of this at the Annual Town Meeting

The meeting closed at 20:00