

RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 14 May 2002 at the Town Hall, Ripley.

PRESENT

Councillor S M Daley (in the Chair)

Councillors G Carlile, J M M Chatburn, I Fisher, S D Freeborn, W G Fryer, M B Gent JP, Mrs J H Gregory, Mrs I Harry, M C Hooley, Mrs M E Kent and D R Neilson

An apology for absence was received from Councillors Mrs P D Carlile JP, C Cutting, C A D Eley, M J Hawkins, M J Missett, B Morris, Mrs J Morris, P J Wilde and C Worth.

3764 BARONESS CASTLE

All persons present stood in silence as a mark of respect for Baroness Castle who had worked tirelessly for the cause of women and old age pensioners in society and who had recently died.

3765 ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR

RESOLVED that Councillor S D Freeborn be elected Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

(Councillor S D Freeborn thereupon occupied the Chair)

3766 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE - TOWN MAYOR

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 the Town Mayor Councillor S D Freeborn read and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the Town Clerk.

3767 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR

A vote of thanks for the dignified and enthusiastic manner the Mayoral duties had been carried out was extended to the retiring Town Mayor Councillor Steve Daley by the Leader of the Council, in the knowledge that he had made himself available to attend as many functions as possible throughout the Town Council Area during his Mayoral year.

RESOLVED to place on record the thanks of the Council for the duties carried out by Councillor Steve Daley during his Mayoral Year 2001/2002.

3768 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

RESOLVED that Councillor M J Missett be elected Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

3769 NON-EXEMPT MINUTES - 16 APRIL 2001

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Non-Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 16 April 2002.

3770 ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

3771 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor took the opportunity to thank Members for the honour bestowed on him and pledged his commitment to upholding the tradition set by his predecessors.

The Town Mayor then invited all persons present for light refreshments after the meeting.

3772 APPOINTMENT OF SUB COMMITTEES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

RESOLVED that the under mentioned Councillors constitute membership of the following Sub Committees for the ensuing year: -

(a) Planning Sub Committee (8)

The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mrs P D Carlile JP. C Cutting, M B Gent JP., Mrs I Harry, M J Hawkins and P J Wilde.

(b) Allotment Sub Committee (5)

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors G Carlile, D R Neilson and P J Wilde.

(c) Chamber of Trade and Commerce Liaison Sub-Committee (4)

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors G Carlile and Councillor P J Wilde.

(d) Financial Grants Panel (4)

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors G Carlile and P J Wilde.

(e) Certificate of Merit Sub Committee (3 +1 Independent Person)

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillor P J Wilde and Mr A England.

(f) Two Internal Auditors to inspect the Council's Accounts on a twice-yearly basis. (Councillors S M Daley and M J Hawkins)

RESOLVED that the under mentioned representatives be appointed to the Outside Bodies detailed for the ensuing year: -

- (a) Amber Valley Council for Voluntary Service - Councillor M B Gent JP
- (b) Amber Valley Tourism Working Party - The Mayor (Councillor S D Freeborn)
- (c) Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Executive Committee - Councillor J M M Chatburn
- (d) Ripley and District Heritage Trust - Councillor C A D Eley
- (e) Ripley and District Town Twinning Association - Councillor Mrs I Harry
- (f) Ripley and District Youth Club - Councillor M C Hooley
- (g) Waingroves Community Association - Councillors I Fisher and Mrs I Harry
- (h) Friends of Heage Windmill Society - Councillor Mrs M E Kent.
- (i) Pub Watch Door Supervisors Disciplinary Committee - The Mayor (Councillor S D Freeborn)
- (j) Amber Valley Borough Council Environmental Forum - Councillor M J Missett
- (k) Amber Valley Borough Council Arts Forum - Councillor Mrs I Harry
- (l) Ripley Town Centre Forum - The Mayor - Councillor S D Freeborn
- (n) Amber Valley Local Plan Forum - Councillor Mrs I Harry
- (o) Cinderhill Liaison Group – Councillor M B Gent JP and Mrs F Parker
- (p) Amber Valley Access – Councillor W G Fryer
- (q) Police Parish Council Liaison Meeting (20.08.2002) – Town Mayor – Councillor S D Freeborn

3774 TO RE-AFFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES FOR FOUR YEARS FROM MAY 1999

RESOLVED to re-affirm that the under mentioned representatives be appointed to the Outside Bodies detailed below for the remainder of the four years from May 1999

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- (a) School Governing Bodies: -

Ambergate Primary - Councillor M B Gent JP
Heage Primary - Councillor J M M Chatburn
Ripley Infants – Mrs K Wain
St. Johns, Ripley - Councillor S Freeborn
Street Lane – Mr B Greensmith
Waingroves Primary - Councillor I Fisher
Ripley Nursery - Councillors I Fisher, M H Hawkins and Mrs B Harris
Ripley Junior - Councillor M J Missett
Lons Infant - Mr N M Robins

- (b) William Holmes Court Almshouses and the Ernest Joseph Ellis Fermor Charity -
Councillors I Fisher and M J Missett.

3775 REQUEST BY AMBER VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO RIPLEY RAILWAY LINE PROPOSED GREENWAY

RESOLVED that in view of information received that the total funding is now in place for this proposed development that this Council do not offer to contribute to the scheme.

3776 HIGHWAYS AGENCY – REMOVAL FROM PLANS OF THE PROPOSED A6 PEDESTRIAN REFUGE AT AMBERGATE (MINUTE 3756)

RESOLVED to note that the proposed pedestrian refuge on the A6 at Ambergate had been removed following representations from Sustrans regarding the cycle provision and the problems posed by the access to the nearby café and the bus stop position.

3777 DERBYSHIRE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN– 2nd ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

RESOLVED to request the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport matters at the County Council if any progress had been made on the construction of the A610 By Pass from the Police roundabout at Ripley to Codnor.

3778 SECTION 247 – TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 – STOPPING UP OF HIGHWAY ADJACENT TO 19 WILLOW AVENUE RIPLEY

RESOLVED to inform the Government Office for the East Midlands that this Council have no objections to the proposed stopping-up of highway land adjacent to 19 Willow Avenue Ripley.

3779 PROPOSED SKATE BOARD PARK NOTTINGHAM ROAD RIPLEY (MINUTE 3751)

It was reported that Borough Council had confirmed that following consultation the proposed skateboard park was to be located at Nottingham Road Ripley and the contract for the ground works had already been let. The Council were concerned that the skateboard park was regarded as

mobile and expenditure on paths and lighting to which this Council had been asked to contribute could be abortive.

The Council were also concerned about the problem of road safety at this location in view of the large number of unsupervised young children who will undoubtedly be crossing the A610 in this vicinity and also supervision of the site. It was suggested that a parent group may wish to join the Borough Council in the management of the site to alleviate these problems.

RESOLVED 1) to inform the Borough Council that this Council consider that public consultation should be held to seek the formation of a parental supervisory group to address the road safety and supervision on site aspects of the development and

2) that this Council would not financially support this scheme as proposed.

3780 SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME 2002

RESOLVED 1) to note that the Gentle Jazzmen would now appear in Crossley Park on Sunday 25 August as part of the Summer Entertainment Programme in Ripley and

2) that a £200.00 contribution be made to the Ripley Original Rock Festival to be held in the Market Place on Sunday 28 July 2002.

3781 WAR MEMORIALS (MINUTE 3754)

RESOLVED 1) that subject to the Heage St Lukes Church giving their agreement to the proposed works to repair, clean and provide future maintenance of the Heage War Memorial to approve the additional resetting of the marble surround and the renewing of the floor base at an estimated cost of £150.00 plus VAT and

2) that a meeting with the Borough Council be requested to clarify the future maintenance responsibilities of the Ripley and Heage War Memorials.

3782 AMBER VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL – PUBLIC SERVICES DIVISION MANAGEMENT CHANGES

RESOLVED to note the Public Services Division Management changes a copy of which had been provided for all Members.

3783 STREET NAMEPLATES

RESOLVED to note that the Borough Council had accepted that there were 46 missing street nameplates in the Town Council area on the database: seven of which had been recently fixed, thirty four were awaiting fixing and five had yet to be ordered.

3784 HANGING BASKETS OXFORD STREET AND NEW STREET

RESOLVED to note that following representations from this Council the Borough Council had apologised for not implementing the agreement to provide hanging baskets for Oxford Street and New Street and that this will be rectified this year when eight new brackets and self watering specification baskets will be provided.

3785 LICENSING MATTERS

RESOLVED to confirm the action of the Town Clerk following consultation with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of raising no objection to the following Public Entertainment Licence applications :-

- (a) Mill Hill School Peasehill Ripley

(Councillor S D Freeborn declared a non-pecuniary interest in this matter as a Governor of the School)

3786 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT/INCOME

RESOLVED 1) to authorise the under mentioned payments:-

Town Clerk's Salary	£547.70
Tax and National Insurance	£244.59
AVBC - Office Services	£200.00
Cornhill Insurance	£996.11
Severn Trent Water (3 Grosvenor Road)	£13.80
M Fentem (Uncle Michael the Clown)	£140.00
Riddings Junior Band	£200.00
Shirland Junior Band	£85.00
Heage Bowmer and Kirkland Brass Band	£195.00
M/s K Hooker (Punch and Judy)	£115.00
C Bullock (Nostalgic Sounds)	£300.00
Kirkby Colliery Band	£300.00
Gentle Jazzmen	£250.00
Total	£3587.20

2) to note income received as follows:

VAT Refund	£2490.18
AVBC (Precept)	£23011.00
Total	£25501.18

RESOLVED that Council meet on the following dates for the ensuing year :-

11 June 2002	21 January 2003
16 July 2002	25 February 2003
17 September 2002	16 April 2003
15 October 2002	13 May 2003 (Annual Meeting)
26 November 2002	

3788 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Receipt of the following item was reported for the information of Members: -

- (a) Amber Valley Community Safety Strategy 2002-2005
- (b) DEFRA – Note from the Minister for Rural Affairs Rt Hon Alun Michael MP to all Parish and Town Clerks.
- (c) CPRE – Through the Planning Maze
- (d) Derbyshire Connexions Partnership to be launched in September 2002
- (e) Home Energy Conservation Bill

3789 PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the following item of business in accordance with the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960 as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted: -

- (a) Public Entertainment Licence application by Fifth Avenue/Central Park Ripley

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