

RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 15 May 2007 at the Town Hall, Ripley.

PRESENT

Councillor C Cutting (in the Chair)

Councillors R P Ashton, Mrs J N Blake, D Bowley, Mrs E A Bowley, S D Carter, Miss L D Cox, I Fisher, S D Freeborn, M B Gent JP, M J Godfrey, Mrs J H Gregory, M C Hooley, Mrs L Joyes, Mrs C J Manterfield, D R Neilson, R A P Phillips-Forsyth, Mrs A S Ward and D A Williams.

25 members of the public were in attendance.

MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

Three members of the public spoke on the proposed Parkside Heage traffic calming measures. Two persons spoke in support of the proposed traffic calming plateau and reported the traffic incident involving three vehicles at the location on 11 May. The person who spoke against the proposal was the originator of the eight signature petition received since the papers for the meeting had been circulated and re-iterated the objections on the grounds of traffic noise and inappropriate location of the proposed plateau.

4840 ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR

RESOLVED that Councillor R A P Phillips-Forsyth be elected Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

(Councillor R A P Phillips-Forsyth thereupon occupied the Chair)

4841 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE - TOWN MAYOR

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 the Town Mayor Councillor R A P Phillips-Forsyth read and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the Town Clerk.

4842 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Mrs J N Blake) extended a vote of thanks for the manner in which the retiring Town Mayor Councillor Charles Cutting had carried out the Mayoral duties. The Deputy Leader of the Opposition Group (Councillor I Fisher) expressed similar sentiments to the Town Mayor for his year of office.

RESOLVED to place on record the thanks of the Council for the Mayoral duties carried out by Councillor Charles Cutting during 2006/2007.

4843 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs L Joyes be elected Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

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4844 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE - DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 the Deputy Town Mayor Councillor Mrs L Joyes read and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the Town Clerk.

4845 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE BY OTHER MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

All Members present other than the Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor took a declaration of acceptance of office before the Town Clerk and signed the appropriate declaration of acceptance of office form to be held by the Town Clerk.

4846 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillors G Carlile and M C Joyes.

4847 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillor R P Ashton declared a personal interest in Minute 4865 as a member of 1st Ripley Scouts and took no part in the discussion or decision on the matter.

Councillor J N Blake declared a prejudicial interest in respect of Minute 4860 and left the meeting before the decision was made.

Councillor I Fisher declared a personal interest as a Member of Codnor Parish Council in respect of Minute 4863 and took no part in the discussion or decision on the matter.

Councillor D R Neilson declared a prejudicial interest as a Derbyshire County Council Public Transport Department employee in respect of Minute 4862 and left the meeting before the decision was made.

Councillor A S Ward declared a personal interest in respect of Minute 4860 and spoke and voted on the matter.

4848 NON-EXEMPT MINUTES - 17 APRIL 2007

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Non-Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 17 April 2007 subject to Councillor I Fisher being added to the list of attendees.

4849 MINUTES – TOWN CENTRE FORUM – 3 APRIL 2007

RESOLVED to note the Minutes of the meeting of the Town Centre Forum held on 3 April 2007.

4850 ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

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4851 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was reported that the retiring Town Mayor (Councillor Charles Cutting) had attended the following functions to represent the Town Council since the last meeting of the Council:-

29 April	Ripley and Heanor Scouts Service
4 May	Town Council Civic Dinner

The new Town Mayor (Councillor Robert Phillips-Forsyth) thanked Members for the opportunity to represent the Town as Town Mayor and pledged his commitment to upholding the tradition set by his predecessors and was proud to have this honour bestowed on him. The Town Mayor's Consort would be Andrew Phillips-Forsyth

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

4852 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

The Leader of the Majority Group (Councillor Mrs J N Blake) proposed a resolution in respect of Membership of the Council's Planning Sub-Committee. This proposal was challenged by the Deputy Leader of the Minority Group (Councillor I Fisher) on the grounds of political proportionality. It was claimed that whilst this was not a statutory consideration for Parish Council's the spirit of political proportionality had always prevailed in the composition of the Council's Sub-Committees in previous Council administrations.

RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders to allow time for the respective Leaders to discuss and clarify the Sub-Committee proposals.

4853 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 (12)

The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Councillors R P Ashton, Mrs E A Bowley, G Carlile, S D Carter, M B Gent JP, M J Godfrey, Mrs J Gregory, M C Joyes, Mrs C J Manterfield and Mrs A S Ward.

Terms of Reference: To make recommendations to Council on planning application consultations and associated matters.

(b) Allotment Sub Committee (13)

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors R P Ashton, Mrs J N Blake, D Bowley, Mrs E A Bowley, G Carlile, S D Carter, M J Godfrey, M C Hooley, M C Joyes, Mrs C J Manterfield and Mrs A S Ward.

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Terms of Reference: To make recommendations to Council on the management and supervision of allotment and associated matters of the five Council Allotment Sites.

(c) Chamber of Trade and Commerce Sub-Committee (12)

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors R P Ashton, Mrs J N Blake, D Bowley, Mrs E A Bowley, G Carlile, S D Carter, M J Godfrey, M C Joyes, Mrs C J Manterfield, and Mrs A S Ward.

Terms of Reference: To make recommendations to Council on matters raised with and by the Chamber of Trade and Commerce in Ripley including the annual Christmas Lighting display in the Town

(d) Financial Grants Sub Committee (12)

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors R P Ashton, Mrs J N Blake, D Bowley, Mrs E A Bowley, S D Carter, M J Godfrey, M C Joyes, Mrs C J Manterfield, Mrs A S Ward and one Member of the Minority Party to be notified

Terms of Reference: To make recommendation to Council on the allocation of grants within the approved Budget for the year.

(e) Certificate of Merit Sub Committee (12 +1 Independent Person)

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors R P Ashton, Mrs J N Blake, D Bowley, Mrs E A Bowley, S D Carter, M J Godfrey, M C Hooley, M C Joyes, Mrs C J Manterfield, Mrs A S Ward and Mr Tony England as the Independent Person.

Terms of Reference: To recommend to Council the Annual Certificate of Merit winner having considered the nominations submitted following public advertisement.

(f) Two Internal Auditor Assessors to inspect the Council's Accounts on a twice-yearly basis.(Councillors Mrs E A Bowley and Councillor S D Carter)

(Councillor M C Hooley asked for his vote against the proposals to appoint such large Sub-Committees as detailed in Minute 4853 (a) (b) (c) (d) and (e) to be recorded

4854 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED 1) that the under mentioned representatives be appointed to the Outside Bodies detailed for the ensuing year: -

- (a) Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Executive Committee – The Mayor (Councillor R A P Phillips-Forsyth)
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- (b) Ripley and District Heritage Trust – Councillors D Bowley and Mrs J N Blake
- (c) Ripley and District Town Twinning Association – The Mayor (Councillor R A P Phillips-Forsyth)
- (d) Waingroves Community Association - Councillors I Fisher and M C Hooley
- (e) Heage Windmill Trust – Councillor Mrs A S Ward
- (f) Ripley Town Centre Forum - Councillors M J Godfrey and R A P Phillips-Forsyth
- (g) Amber Valley Local Plan Forum – Councillors R P Ashton and Mrs E A Bowley
- (h) Cinderhill Liaison Group – Councillors S D Carter and Mrs A S Ward.
- (i) Amber Valley Access – Councillor S D Carter
- (l) Police Parish Council Liaison Meeting – Town Mayor (Councillor R A P Phillips-Forsyth) and Councillor R P Ashton

2) to note that the term of office for the representatives to the William Holmes Court Almshouses and the Ernest Joseph Ellis Fermor Charity was four years (2006/2010) and the current representatives were Councillors I Fisher and S M Daley and

3) that if representation in respect of items (b) (f) and (g) is restricted to one representative the first named be appointed.

4855 STREET LIGHTING ON JURA AVENUE RIPLEY (MINUTE 4815)

RESOLVED to note that Amber Valley Housing Ltd were in the forthcoming year as part of their major improvement programme to include new bulkhead light fittings to the rear of each property on Pasteur Avenue which should improve lighting in that area.

4856 BRITISH FORCES FREE POSTAGE PETITION

It was reported that the Borough Council had brought to the Council's attention that the Government had withdrawn the free parcel service for British forces and their families who are stationed overseas.

RESOLVED to support the petition to re-instate the service.

4857 CLOSURE OF AMBERGATE POST OFFICE BRIDGE HOUSE STORES DERBY ROAD FROM 30 MAY 2007

RESOLVED to note the closure of Ambergate Post Office on 30 May 2007 following the resignation of the current Postmaster and the withdrawal of the premises for Post Office use

and that efforts were being made to find an alternative location in the vicinity.

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4858 UPPER HARTSHAY BUS SHELTER (NEAR CHARITY FARM)

It was reported that the roof of this shelter was blown off by high winds in January leaving the three sides of the shelter in situ. It was also reported that the remains of the shelter were removed by the Borough Council.

RESOLVED to request the Borough Council to replace this Bus Shelter which had been destroyed by the January high winds.

4859 ADOPTION OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT) ORDER 2007 (SI NO1159)

It was reported that a new Code of Conduct came into force on 3 May 2007 and Parish Council's will have until 1 October 2007 to adopt the revised Code. However to ensure all Councillors are subject to the same Code the Standards Board for England have encouraged all Council's to adopt the Code as soon as possible.

Paragraph 12(2) is not mandatory for parishes but gives members with a prejudicial interest the opportunity to speak on an issue and then leave the room for the main discussion and vote. If Council's wish this provision to apply then any resolution must be quite clear in its intention.

RESOLVED to adopt the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 (SI No1159) including paragraph 12(2).

4860 TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES PARKSIDE HEAGE (MINUTE 4828)

Members had been provided with a comprehensive report by the Town Clerk on the history of the proposed traffic calming measures at Parkside Heage. Members present were also given details of an eight signature petition against the proposal submitted since the report was circulated and details of an accident involving three vehicles at the location on 11 May 2007. The two options available to proceed in this matter were therefore revised as follows:-

- 1 To disregard the eight signature objection from Julie Wild of 3 Tawny House Parkside, (including Mr. Fields the owner of Tawny House Flats) to the proposal for the plateau to be positioned immediately to the north of 99 Parkside Heage, approve the scheme and request the County Council as Highway Authority to implement.
- 2 To uphold the objection of the eight signature petition; abandon the scheme to provide traffic calming at Parkside Heage and request a return of the £2000 from the County Council to the Developer.

RESOLVED to disregard the objection from the eight signature petitioner against the proposal for the plateau to be positioned immediately to the north of 99

Parkside Heage, approve the scheme and request the County Council as Highway Authority to implement.

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4861 DERBY FLOOD MANAGEMENT STRATEGY – SCOPING REPORT CONSULTATION

It was reported that the Environment Agency were exploring options to reduce the flood risk in the River Derwent Corridor downstream of Milford and had invited comments from neighbouring Council's and interested parties.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

4862 RED ARROW BUS ROUTE BETWEEN CHESTERFIELD AND DERBY – WITHDRAWING OF STOPS IN THE TOWN COUNCIL AND SURROUNDING AREA

It was reported that to keep the Red Arrow bus route between Chesterfield and Derby on time it had been necessary for the company to review the route which had led to a reduction in the number of stops including Bowler Street Marehay and Swanwick every day and from Denby Pottery and Midland Railway Centre every day except Sunday.

RESOLVED to express the Council's dissatisfaction at the reduction in the number of stops including Bowler Street Marehay every day and withdrawing from Denby Pottery and Midland Railway Centre every day except Sunday on the Red Arrow route between Chesterfield and Derby from 3 June 2007

4863 ST JAMES CHURCH CODNOR WAR PLAQUE – INSCRIPTION OF NAMES OF THOSE WHO DIED FROM WAINGROVES – REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

It was reported that St James' Church was the Anglican Church for the Ecclesiastical Parish of Codnor and Waingroves and currently had a plaque commemorating those who had lost their life in service in the First World War but not subsequent conflicts.

Waingroves Methodist Church has the names of those from Waingroves who have lost their life in service in both the First and Second World Wars. Codnor Parish Council had requested a contribution of £300 to pay the cost of the Waingroves names being displayed on the Codnor St James' Church brass plaque.

RESOLVED that a grant of £300 be made to Codnor Parish Council in respect of the names of those who have lost their life in service from Waingroves being added to the brass plaque of all war dead in Codnor and Waingroves to be provided at St James' Church Codnor.

4864 DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

RESOLVED 1) to note the information contained in the following Circulars, correspondence and minutes:-

- (a) Circular 9/2007 – Code of Practice of Local Authority Publicity in the run up to an election.
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- (b) Circular 10/2007 – Model Contract of Employment Revisions
- (c) Circular 11/2007 – Training
 - (i) New Students – CiLCA
 - (ii) CiLCA Revision/Mentoring
 - (iii) Basic Training for Clerk’s and Councillors – 20 June
 - (iv) Bursary Fund
 - (v) Councillor and Clerk Training Day – 21 July
 - (vi) Chairmanship Training – 4 August
- (a) Circular 12/2007 – General
 - (i) Freedom for Information Act 2000 and Environmental Information Regulations 2004 – Basic Compliance Guide
 - (ii) Section 137 Expenditure – Limit for 2007/2008
 - (iii) RoSPA Inspections – Misleading Credentials
 - (iv) Good Councillor Guide
 - (v) Clerk Vacancy – Outseats Parish Council
 - (vi) Clerk Vacancy – Hayfield Parish Council
- (d) Review of Maternity Services in North Derbyshire
- (e) Executive Committee Minutes – 3 March 2007

and 2) to authorise attendance at the following DALC Training Courses as follows:-

21 July – Clerk and Councillor Training Day – Councillors R Ashton, E A Bowley, M J Godfrey, Mrs L Joyes and M C Joyes

4 August – Chairmanship Training – Deputy Town Mayor Councillor L Joyes

4865 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT/INCOME

RESOLVED 1) to authorise the under mentioned payments: -

Town Clerk's Salary	£693.00
Inland Revenue	£342.35
STWA (Water Services – 3 Grosvenor Road)	£20.76
1st Ripley Scouts (Street Lighting electricity)	£40.00
Summer Entertainment Programme	
Shirland Junior Band	£90.00
C Bullock-Nostalgic Sounds (2)	£360.00
Cliff Carlton Punch and Judy	£95.00
M Fentem - Uncle Michael the Clown (2)	£160.00

Heage Windmillers	£100.00
Patrick Cooke (2)	£60.00

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Ashover Training Band (2)	£180.00
Peter Thompson - Gentle Jazzmen (Balance)	£110.00
Heage Band	£200.00
Ripley Folk Friendly Dance Group (2)	£180.00
Waingroves Show Committee	£50.00
Total	£2676.11

2) to note the following income:-

AVBC (50% Precept)	£25880.00
Interest	£13.32

Total £25893.32

4866 DATE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2007/2008

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

26 June 2007	22 January 2008
24 July 2007	19 February 2008
18 September 2007	18 March 2008
30 October 2007	15 April 2008
27 November 2007	13 May 2008 (Also Annual Meeting)*

4867 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

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

- (a) Derbyshire Gold Card Magazine Spring/Summer 2007
- (b) CPRE Derbyshire Annual Report 2006
- (c) Vitalise Needs Your Help

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