

RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 9 May 2006 at the Town Hall, Ripley.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs I Harry (in the Chair)

Councillors J N Blake, G Carlile, Mrs P D Carlile, Miss L D Cox, C Cutting, S M Daley, I Fisher, S D Freeborn, W G Fryer MBE, M B Gent, Mrs D D Goddard, R H Goddard, Mrs J H Gregory, M C Hooley, F A Raphael and M J E V Wilson.

Four members of the public were in attendance.

MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

The Town Clerk reported the latest published Police statistics provided by PC Fahey (PC881) in his absence. In terms of crime in Ripley the year end figures for the period 01/04/05 to 31/03/06 in comparison to the previous year were as follows:-

Violent Crime has reduced by 3.6%
Vehicle Crime has reduced by 28.6%
Dwelling Burglary has reduced by 42.9%
Other Burglary has reduced 44.9%

It was requested that the Council should place on record congratulations to the Derbyshire Police Force and particularly the Officers who serve the Ripley area for the significant reduction in crime revealed in the figures for the year ended 31 March 2006.

4630 ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR

RESOLVED that Councillor C Cutting be elected Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

(Councillor C Cutting thereupon occupied the Chair)

4631 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE - TOWN MAYOR

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

4632 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

The Leader of the Council extended a vote of thanks for the manner in which the retiring Town Mayor Councillor Mrs I Harry had carried out the Mayoral duties. He also thanked the retiring Deputy Mayor Councillor S D Freeborn for his year in office.

RESOLVED to place on record the thanks of the Council for the Mayoral duties carried out by Councillor Mrs I Harry and the duties of Deputy Mayor by Councillor S D Freeborn during the Mayoral Year 2005/2006.

4633 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

RESOLVED that Councillor S M Daley be elected Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

4634 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE - DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

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

4635 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillors C A D Eley, Mrs M E Kent, M J Missett and D R Neilson.

4636 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest made by Members.

4637 NON-EXEMPT MINUTES - 21 APRIL 2006

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Non-Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 21 April 2006.

4638 ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

4639 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

15 April	Ripley and District Twinning Association Celebration Dinner.
22 April	Heanor Town Council Civic Reception
23 April	Codnor St Georges Day Parade and Service
3 May	Mr and Mrs Eyre's 60th Wedding Anniversary
6 May	Town Council Civic Dinner

The new Town Mayor Councillor Charles Cutting thanked Members for the opportunity to again 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 then invited all persons present for light refreshments after the meeting.

4640 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, C A D Eley, M B Gent, Mrs J Gregory, Mrs I Harry and Mrs M E Kent.

- (b) Allotment Sub Committee (5)

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mrs J Blake, G Carlile and Mrs M E Kent.

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

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors J N Blake and G Carlile.

- (d) Financial Grants Sub Committee (4)

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mrs J N Blake and G Carlile.

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

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mrs J Blake and Mr A England.

- (f) Two Internal Auditors to inspect the Council's Accounts on a twice-yearly basis.

(Councillors S D Freeborn and W G Fryer MBE)

4641 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

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 R H Goddard

- (b) Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Executive Committee - Councillor M J Missett

- (c) Ripley and District Heritage Trust - Councillor C A D Eley

- (d) Ripley and District Town Twinning Association - Councillor M J Missett

- (e) Waingroves Community Association - Councillors I Fisher and M C Hooley

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- (f) Heage Windmill Society - Councillor Mrs P D Carlile
- (g) Pub Watch Door Supervisors Disciplinary Committee - The Mayor
- (h) Ripley Town Centre Forum - Councillor S Freeborn
- (i) Amber Valley Local Plan Forum - Councillor Mrs I Harry
- (j) Cinderhill Liaison Group – Councillor M B Gent JP and Mrs F Parker
- (k) Amber Valley Access – Councillor W G Fryer MBek
- (l) Police Parish Council Liaison Meeting – Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor
- (m) William Holmes Court Almshouses and the Ernest Joseph Ellis Fermor Charity - Councillors I Fisher and S M Daley.

4442 TIER 2 S32 NOTICE OF PROPOSED MERGER OF DERBYSHIRE-LEICESTERSHIRE- LINCOLNSHIRE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE AREAS AND LETTER FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND THE LEADER OF DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.

Members were informed of the Government's proposed re-organisation of the Derbyshire Police Force which would see the Force amalgamated with the other four police forces in the East Midlands ie: - Leicestershire, Lincolnshire Northamptonshire and Nottinghamshire.

All five Police Authorities believe that the decision was ill conceived and have major concerns about accountability, cost, undue haste of change and whether the changes will really deliver better protective services.

A letter had been received from the Chief Executive and the Leader of Derbyshire County Council asking for a direct approach to the County's MP's requesting a re-think of the whole concept, a copy of which had been circulated for the information of Members.

Arising from Parish/Town Council requests a Local Council's Conference had been arranged by the Derbyshire Association of Local Council's at County Hall Matlock at 10.00am on 10 June 2006, which would be addressed by the Chief Constable David Coleman and the Chairman of the Police Committee Janet Birkin. All Derbyshire MP's had also been invited.

RESOLVED 1) that the Town Mayor (Councillor C Cutting) and Deputy Mayor (Councillor Steve Daley) represent the Council at the Local Council's Conference on the future of the Police Force in Derbyshire on 10 June and

2) that this Council's comments on the proposals be formulated at the next meeting based on the feedback from the Council's representatives to the Conference.

4643 SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME - LOSS OF SPONSORSHIP - MIDLANDS CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY

RESOLVED to note that the Midlands Co-operative Society had reviewed its criteria for sponsorship and were now unable to continue its sponsorship of the Summer Entertainment Programme.

4644 DERWENT VALLEY MILLS WORLD HERITAGE SITE - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN CONSULTATION

RESOLVED to note 1) that the Economic Development Plan produced by Consultants for the World Heritage Site Partnership with support from the Derby and Derbyshire Economic Partnership

2) that to take the Plan's recommendations forward a bid had been submitted to DDEP for funding for a three year post of economic development co-ordinator/facilitator and

3) that the following priorities for the implementation of the Plan had been identified as follows:-

Economic Incubation and Support
Spatial Tourism (Development of the key Mill sites)
Strategic Tourism (Brand Development)
Transportation (Railway Improvements) and

4) that this Council would wish to see the possible restoration of the Cromford Canal as a major consideration in the Plan.

4645 DERBYSHIRE MINERALS AND WASTE DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK - SUBMISSION STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT - CONSULTATION

RESOLVED to note that the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) had been submitted to the First Secretary of State for independent examination.

4646 PURCHASE OF TOWER SCAFFOLDING FOR ERECTION OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

RESOLVED to authorise the purchase of a tower scaffold system from the SBG Group at an estimated cost of £2250 + VAT for use by the Christmas Lights Team to be contained within the Christmas Lights Budget.

4647 TOWN CLERK'S GRATUITY - H M CUSTOMS AND REVENUE APPROVAL OF "EXEMPT APPROVED SCHEME" FOR THE PURPOSES OF S592 OF CORPORATION TAXES ACT 1988.

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RESOLVED to note that the Town Clerk's Gratuity Scheme had been accepted by H M Revenue and Customs as an "exempt approved scheme" for the purposes of S592 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

4648 PROPOSED SUPPORT SERVICES PROJECT - BELPER METHODIST CIRCUIT

It was reported that Reverend Susan Chambers Methodist Minister in the Belper Circuit had contacted the Council to determine any "Gaps" in support services for persons in the Circuit area of this Council i.e. Ambergate, Heage, Nether Heage and Street Lane Denby.

RESOLVED 1) to note the initiate by the Methodist Circuit and

2) that the Circuit be requested to provide details of the support services currently provided in Methodist Churches in the area to allow an assessment of the base the project would be working from.

4649 CONSULTATION ON THE (DERBY) AMBERGATE JUNCTION AND MATLOCK (DERWENT VALLEY LINE) - DESIGNATION AS A COMMUNITY RAIL LINE

It was reported that the Department of Transport were to designate the Ambergate to Matlock railway line as a "Community Rail" route and had commenced consultation with the first and second tier local authorities and rail organisations in the area

The Derwent Valley Rural Transport Partnership supports the designation as it builds on existing work co-ordinated by the Partnership and opens up new potential avenues and approaches for services and future development of the Ambergate to Matlock Line.

RESOLVED 1) to note the proposed designation of the Ambergate to Matlock Line, which will remain as part of the Network Rail, network and services will continue to be run by franchise operators

2) to express to RTP the requirement for the local management of Rail Services to focus management attention on providing services that can satisfy demand and

2) to seek a massive improvement on the existing Derby to Matlock line to a one hourly service and in that regard request the bridge and tunnel works programmed for 2007/2008 be brought forward in view of the urgent need for an improvement in this service.

4650 DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

RESOLVED to note the information contained in the following Circulars :-

- (a) Circular 12/2006 - General
 - (i) Accounts and Audit (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006 SI 2006 No564
 - (ii) 101 to be the new single non-emergency number
 - (iii) Section 137 Expenditure (£5.44 for 2005/6)
 - (iv) RFO Vacancy - Belper Town Council
- (b) Circular 13/2006 - What does your Council do for your Community
- (c) Circular 14/2006 - General
 - (i) Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005
 - (ii) OFCOM - Final Report on the Review of the Universal Service Obligation
 - (iii) Increases in Statutory Pay and Statutory Maternity Pay from April 2006
 - (iv) Reprint of the Good Councillor Guide
- (d) Circular 15/2006- Local Vision Conference - 1/2 June 2006
- (e) Circular 16/2006 - General
 - (i) Local Council Administration - New Edition
 - (ii) Car Allowances 2006
 - (iii) Licensing Act
 - (iv) E Alert - Parcel Delivery Scam
- (f) Circular 17/2006 - General
 - (i) Council of the Year 2006
 - (ii) Clerk of the Year 2006
 - (iii) Communications Awards 2006
- (g) Circular 18/2006 - General
 - (i) War Memorials Trust (previously Friends of War Memorials)
 - (ii) Parochial Fees from 01.01.2007
 - (iii) Derbyshire Police Re-organisation (Also Agenda item 13(a))
 - (h) Circular 19/2006 - Conference on Proposed Police Re-organisation

4651 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT/INCOME

RESOLVED 1) to authorise the under mentioned payments: -

(a) General	
Town Clerk's Salary	£693.00
Inland Revenue	£342.35
AVBC - Office Services	£250.00
ILE (CSS code for Xmas Lights)	£45.00
STWA (3 Grosvenor Road Ripley)	£19.14
1st Ripley Scouts (Street Lighting electricity)	£35.00
Staples (Printer Cartridges)	£66.94

(b) Christmas Lights - Electricity Payments	
Powergen	£486.51
England Barker	£22.86
Nottingham Road Dental Practice	£8.51
Total	£1969.31

2) to note the following income: -	
AVBC (50% Precept)	£25350.00
Midlands Co-operative Society (SEP 05/06)	£200.00
L B Plastics (SEP 06/07)	£250.00
Total	£24935.00

3) that the Co-operative Bank should remain as the Council's Bankers.

4652 DATE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2006/2007

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

27 June 2006	23 January 2007
25 July 2006	20 February 2007
12 September 2006	20 March 2007
10 October 2006	17 April 2007
21 November 2006	15 May 2007 (Also Annual Meeting)

4653 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

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

- (a) AVBC Press Release - Ripley Twinning Anniversary
- (b) AVBC Press Release - Free "Starting a Business" Seminars
- (c) AVBC Press Release - Borough Council Praised by Audit Commission
- (d) AVBC Press Release - Postal Votes deadline brought forward
- (e) AVBC Press Release - Youngsters Compete for Basketball
Title
- (f) AVBC Press Release - Leisure Centres Transformation
- (g) AVBC - Social Enterprise in Amber Valley
- (h) CPRE Newsletter and Annual Report 2006 & AGM 10 May
Notice
- (i) DCC b-line Magazine - Spring 2006
- (j) DCC Derbyshire Gold Card Magazine Spring/Summer 2006
- (k) DCC Child Seat Checking Events 2006
- (l) Derwent Valley Rural Partnership Newsletter
- (m) Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage News - Issue 6 -2006

RESOLVED to discontinue the circulation and receipt of Amber Valley Borough Council Press Releases