

RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2006 at the Town Hall Ripley.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs. I Harry (in the Chair)

Councillors G Carlile, C Cutting, S M Daley, I Fisher, S D Freeborn, Mrs. D D Goddard, R H Goddard, Mrs. J H Gregory, M C Hooley, Mrs M E Kent and D R Neilson,

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No matters were raised.

4616 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs. J N Blake, Mrs. P D Carlile JP, Miss L D Cox, C A D Eley, W G Fryer MBE, M B Gent JP, M J Missett, F A Raphael and M J E V Wilson.

4617 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest made by Members.

4618 MINUTES – 21 MARCH 2006

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 March 2006.

4619 MINUTES - ALLOTMENT SUB COMMITTEE - 21 MARCH 2006

RESOLVED to approve and adopt the Minutes of the Allotment Sub-Committee held on 21 March 2006 as shown at Appendix 1 to these Minutes.

4620 MINUTES - PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE - 11 APRIL 2006

RESOLVED to approve and adopt the recommendations of the Planning Sub-Committee held on 11 April as shown at Appendix 2 to these Minutes

4621 MINUTES - TOWN CENTRE FORUM - 21 FEBRUARY 2006

RESOLVED to receive the Town Centre Forum Minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2006

4622 ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

4623 TOWN MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was reported that the Town Mayor had attended the following function to represent the Town Council since the last meeting of Council: -

27 March The Willows Slack Lane -Violet Fletcher's 100th Birthday
1 April Ripley Twinning Exhibition in Tourist Information Centre

4624 APPROVAL OF DCC PLANNING APPLICATION CW6/1005/110 - CONSTRUCTION OF ACCESS TRACK AND KIOSK TO A COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW ADJACENT TO APOLLO ENGINEERING OFF DERBY ROAD MAREHAY BY SEVERN TRENT WATER AUTHORITY

RESOLVED to note that the County Council had approved this application that had attracted comments from this Council.

4625 PRE PLANNING APPLICATION FOR PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF T-MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATIONS APPARATUS AT LAND OFF WARMWELLS LANE RIPLEY BY STAPPARD HOWES

RESOLVED that no comments be made on this pre planning application.

4626 PUBLIC EXHIBITION AND CONSULTATION ON M1 WIDENING BETWEEN JUNCTIONS 21 - 30

RESOLVED that no comments be made in respect of the proposed M1 widening scheme between Junctions 21-30.

4627 FINANCE

RESOLVED 1) to authorise the under mentioned payments: -

Town Clerk's Salary	£693.00
Inland Revenue	£342.35
B Wood - Postages (£429.25) Balance	£80.52
Lady Jowitt (Rent - 3 Grosvenor Road)	£462.50
DALC Subscription	£636.94
DCC IT Maintenance Contract 2006/7	£149.22
AVBC Non Domestic Rates (3 Grosvenor Road)	£952.60
Shelter Maintenance	£6.17
Summer Entertainment Programme	
Shirland Junior Band	£90.00
C Bullock-Nostalgic Sounds (2)	£340.00
Cliff Carlton Punch and Judy	£90.00
M Fentem - Uncle Michael the Clown(2)	£160.00
Heage Windmillers	£100.00
Patrick Cooke (2)	£60.00
K Allsopp - Auntie Katies Punch and Judy	£125.00

Peter Thompson - Gentle Jazzmen (Balance)	£85.00
Heage Band	£200.00
Ripley Folk Friendly Dance Group	£90.00
Waingroves Show Committee	£50.00
Total	£4713.30

2) to note the 2005/2006 Budget Review/Risk Assessment Report for the year to 31 March 2006.

4628 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

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

- (a) CPRE Magazine Voice - Spring 2006
- (b) AVBC Plastic Recycling Bins Schedule
- (c) AVBC -Amber Valley Residents Parking Scheme
- (d) Derbyshire Gold Card - Free Travel for over 60's from 1 April.

4629 AVBC PLASTIC RECYCLING BINS SCHEDULE

It was reported that following receipt of the Schedule referred to in Minute 4628 the Town Clerk had contacted the Borough Council to determine why no bins were to be provided in Heage and Nether Heage.

RESOLVED to note that the Borough Council were actively looking for a site(s) in Heage and Nether Heage and would report back to the Council.

Minutes of a Meeting of the Allotment Sub Committee held on 21 March 2006 at the Town Hall Ripley.

Present

Councillor Mrs I Harry (in the Chair)

Councillors Mrs. J Blake, C Cutting, G Carlile, S D Freeborn and Mrs M E Kent.

Representatives of the Allotment Societies: -

Messrs M Brown, B Fairey, L Harris, H Keable, M Kingsley, C Layton, B Maddocks and D Salt.

1/2006 MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were in attendance.

2/2006 MINUTES - 22 NOVEMBER 2005.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 November 2005 be confirmed as a correct record and to note that the recommendations contained therein were approved and adopted by Council.

3/2006 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were made.

4/2006 CHANGE IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

RESOLVED to note that following the resignation of Councillor D R Neilson, Councillor Mrs M E Kent had been appointed to the Sub-Committee.

5/2006 "BEST ALLOTMENT" COMPETITION 2006

RESOLVED to recommend to Council that each of the five Allotment Societies be invited to nominate an allotment for the 2006 "Best Allotment" Competition sponsored by the Midlands Co-operative Society and the Town Clerk contact each Society giving as much notice as possible of the judging date.

6/2006 ALLOTMENT RENTS 2006/2007

RESOLVED to recommend to Council that rents for the individual Societies for 2006/7 and due on 1 April 2006 be increased by 2.5% rounded to the nearest pound as follows: -

Nuttalls Park	£246.00
Parkside Heage	£82.00
Greenhillocks	£77.00
Sandham Lane	£77.00
Heage Road	£220.00

7/2006 ALLOTMENT IMPROVEMENTS/MAINTENANCE 2006/2007

RESOLVED to recommend to Council 1) the following improvements/maintenance for 2006/2007 in the priority order given, subject to the Council's policy of expenditure not exceeding income in the financial year: -

- (i) New stop tap for water supply - Parkside
- (ii) Access fencing - Parkside (Estimate £385+ VAT)
- (iii) Water trough - Heage Road

2) that a report be prepared by the Town Clerk on the access of vehicles to the Council's five allotment sites in view of the requests for the setting back of the Heage Road site access gate on highway safety grounds and the request for the access road to be stoned.

8/2006 ADVERTISING OF VACANT ALLOTMENTS

RESOLVED to recommend to Council that vacant plots as noted by the Town Clerk be advertised by Press Release emphasising the established policy of Societies not charging a rent for the first year for uncultivated plots.

9/2006 ALLOTMENT HOLDERS RISK ASSESSMENT (SELF ASSESSMENT)

RESOLVED to note that all societies had been supplied with risk assessment forms for completion by individual plot holders to allow a self-assessment prior to the Town Clerk carrying out a formal risk assessment of all sites and producing an action plan.

10/2006 DIG PORTAKABIN - NUTTALLS PARK ALLOTMENT SITE

It was reported that the portakabin left by the now defunct DIG project was being used by persons other than allotment holders and had been the subject of Police surveillance. It had been necessary to take immediate action to remove the portacabin and with the approval of the Town Mayor the unit had been removed from the site.

RESOLVED to confirm the action of the Town Mayor in authorising the removal of the portakabin from the Nuttalls Park site at a cost of £100.00.

11/2006 RE-INSTATEMENT OF ALLOTMENT SITE BOUNDARY WITH 26 FEARN AVENUE RIPLEY

It was reported that the missing allotment boundary fence at this location was adjacent to the unit referred to in Minute 10/2006. To avoid any further access to the site it was now imperative for a fence to be provided. The occupier had indicated to the Town Clerk that it was her intention to provide a fence as soon as circumstances would allow.

RESOLVED to inform the occupier of 26 Fearn Avenue that if the fence is not erected before 31 July 2006 the Council intend to take legal action to secure a new replacement fence.

12/2006 ALLOTMENT HOLDERS DOGS ON ALLOTMENT SITES

The Town Clerk reported that he had been asked for the Council policy on allotment holders taking dogs on to allotment sites. A perusal of the Council's records had not revealed any existing policy.

RESOLVED to recommend to Council that any allotment holder taking a dog to an allotment site should keep the animal on a lead at all times; with all allotment holders being informed immediately and the condition being included in any new tenancy agreements.

13/2006 FINANCE

RESOLVED 1) to note that the following expenditure had been incurred since the last meeting: -

A M Hall (Parkside Grazing Site boundary fences re complaint)	£840.12
Wardmans (Gate -Sandham Lane)	£93.10
Total	£933.22

2) to note income received to 21 March 2006

Rent - Parkside Heage Grazing	£170.00
Rent - Parkside	£80.00
Interest	£35.96
Total	£285.96

14/2006 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on 21 November 2006.

Minutes of a meeting of the PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE held on 11 April 2006.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs I Harry (in the Chair)

Councillors S M Daley, S D Freeborn, Mrs D D Goddard, Mrs J H Gregory and Mrs M E Kent.

There were no members of the public present.

1/2006 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs P D Carlile JP, C A D Eley, M B Gent JP.

2/2006 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest by Members.

3/2006 PLANNING APPLICATION AVA/2006/0392 - CHANGE OF USE FROM RETAIL TO AN AMUSEMENT CENTRE AND INSTALLATION OF NEW SHOP FRONT AT CELLARS LTD 41 OXFORD STREET RIPLEY FOR OAK AUTOMATICS BY ROGER ETHELLES AND CO THE OLD BANK KILWARDBY STREET ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH

RESOLVED to recommend to Council 1) to object in the strongest possible terms to this application on the grounds that Oxford Street is the most significant retail area in the Town and the loss of a retail shop in this Street would have a significant effect on the future retail trading status of the Town and

2) that the Borough Council Planning Board be urged to consider this application.