

RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 17 April 2007 at the Town Hall Ripley.

PRESENT

Councillor C Cutting (in the Chair)

Councillors Mrs J N Blake, G Carlile, Miss L D Cox, S M Daley, I Fisher, M B Gent JP, Mrs. D D Goddard, R H Goddard, Mrs. J H Gregory, Mrs. I Harry, M C Hooley, Mrs M E Kent, B Gent JP, F A Raphael and M J E V Wilson.

Three members of the public were in attendance.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident of Brook Street Heage spoke in support of traffic calming at this location and considered that the latest proposed siting for a traffic calming plateau at Brook Street Parkside Heage was better than that previously proposed.

4821 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs. P D Carlile JP, C A D Eley, S D Freeborn, W G Fryer MBE, M J M Missett, D R Neilson and.

4822 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillor Mrs J N Blake declared a prejudicial interest in respect of consideration of the item detailed at Minute 4828 and left the room during discussion and decision on this matter.

Councillors G Carlile declared a personal interest as in respect of the consideration of the items detailed at Minutes 4828, 4829, 4833 and 4834.

Councillors I Fisher and M C Hooley declared a prejudicial interest as Members of the Waingroves Show Committee in respect of consideration of the item detailed at Minute 4835 and left the meeting during the discussion and decision on this matter.

4823 MINUTES – 20 MARCH 2007

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 March 2007.

4824 MINUTES - ALLOTMENT SUB-COMMITTEE - 20 MARCH 2007.

RESOLVED to approve and adopt the Minutes of the Allotment Sub Committee held on 20 March 2007 as shown at Appendix 1 to these Minutes.

4825 MINUTES - PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE - 30 MARCH 2007 AND 17 APRIL 2007.

RESOLVED to approve and adopt the Minutes of the Planning Sub Committee held on 30 March and 17 April 2007 as shown at Appendix 2 and 3 respectively to these Minutes.

4826 ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

4827 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: -

15 April Codnor Parish Council Civic Service

4828 TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES - PARKSIDE HEAGE (MINUTE NO 4807)

The Town Clerk reported that the residents of 77-107 and 48-60 Parkside had been re-consulted by letter on the revised proposal which would provide a traffic-calming plateau immediately south of 99 Parkside Heage.

One letter of objection had been received by the date of the meeting from an owner of properties in Brook Street and this was reported to the meeting.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk and the Leader of the Council arrange a meeting with the objector in an attempt to satisfy the property owner's objections.

4829 BUS SHELTER OPPOSITE THE WINDMILL INN HEAGE (MINUTE 4808)

The Town Clerk reported that he had received a copy of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Heage Neighbourhood Watch held on 28 March 2007 which had indicated that of the persons voting at the meeting 16 wished to see the shelter remain in its present position with three persons voting for the shelter to be moved 100 yards towards the grit bin.

RESOLVED 1) not to proceed with the relocation of this bus shelter
2) to note that the Borough Council had now accepted responsibility for its future maintenance.

4830 EAST MIDLANDS RURAL ACTION PLAN 2007 – 2013

RESOLVED to note receipt of the East Midlands Rural Action Plan 2007-2013 which identified the seven policy areas where a step change was needed to ensure that rural areas in the region remain vibrant places to live work and visit.

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4831 RIPLEY ARTICLE - DERBYSHIRE LIFE - SIR CLIFF RICHARD CONNECTION

The Town Clerk reported that the March Edition of Derbyshire Life had featured an article on Ripley and in the article it had been highlighted that one of Sir Cliff Richard's first appearances as Harry Webb and the Drifters was at the Regal Ballroom in Ripley on 3 May 1958.

RESOLVED that the Council recognise the fact it would be 50 years on 3 May 2008 since Sir Cliff Richard appeared as Harry Webb and the Drifters at the Regal Ballroom in Ripley by mounting a suitable plaque at the Regal Ballroom.

4832 TOWN MAYOR'S CHAIN OF OFFICE - DAMAGE REPAIR

It was reported that enamelling at the centre of the Town Mayor's Chain of Office had been damaged.

RESOLVED to authorise repair to the Town Mayor's Chain of Office subject to the repair not being in excess of £400

4833 STREET LANE HEAGE - TRAFFIC CONDITIONS

The Town Clerk reported that this matter had been raised with the Police in Public Participation prior to the March meeting.

The route does not qualify for camera enforcement and occasional visits by Police Officers was unlikely to be sufficient to reduce speeds to a desired level. However the site has been given high priority status for speed enforcement purposes and the County Council were to consult on a proposal to provide a 40mph limit between Chadwick Grove and the existing 30mph limit on Street Lane.

RESOLVED that the position be noted.

4834 SPEEDING TRAFFIC ON HARTSHAY HILL NEAR HEAGE ROAD JUNCTION

The Town Clerk reported that this matter had been raised with the Police in Public Participation prior to the March meeting.

RESOLVED to note that the Derbyshire Safety Camera Partnership were to arrange a speed survey at this location and would advise on the outcome in due course.

4835 SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME 2007

RESOLVED 1) to note the 2007 Summer Entertainment Programme detailed at Appendix 3 to the Minutes and

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2) to note that the total cost to the Council for the 14 Saturday performances was £1425.00 and sponsorship was being sought to support that level of programme

3) to approve the payment of the £110 balance to secure the 26 August concert in Crossley Park Grandstand by The Gentle Jazzmen and

4) to approve a grant of £50 towards the Brass Band Concert held at the Waingroves Show Lunchtime Roast on 15 July 2007

4836 POSTWATCH - POST OFFICE CLOSURES

It was reported that the government had recently consulted on the future of the post office network including the proposal to close up to 2500 post offices throughout the UK, extend government funding for the post office network to 2011 and put in place 500 alternative delivery services.

Obviously some closures will be necessary but Postwatch are anxious that these closures are managed and have expressed concerns to the government on a number of issues. In the meantime however Postwatch have asked if all Parish/Town Council's could consider constructively the customer need in their area so that when the government's decision document is published to allow a swift response to the proposals.

RESOLVED to further consider this matter when the government decision is known.

4837 REMOVAL OF NETHER HEAGE TELEPHONE BOX

It was reported that the Nether Heage Telephone Box had been removed by BT at the land owners request following the display of a 42 day notice of removal in the box that had resulted in no objections to its removal being received. BT had also reported negligible use of this telephone box. As far as could be determined no consultation/notification letter had been received by the Borough or the Town Council.

RESOLVED 1) to consider this matter that was not on the Agenda in view of the urgent need to clarify the removal of the only public telephone box in Nether Heage

- and
- 2) to note the reasons for the removal of this telephone box
 - 3) that BT is requested to outline its procedures for consultation on this matter.

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4838 FINANCE

RESOLVED 1) to authorise the under mentioned payments: -

Town Clerk's Salary	£693.00
Inland Revenue	£342.35
Town Clerk's Allowance 2006/07	£750.00
DALC Subscription	£717.19
Lady Jowitt (Rent 3 Grosvenor Road)	£462.50
DCC (IT Maintenance Contract 2007/2008)	£149.23
AVBC (Non Domestic Rate Demand 3 Grosvenor Road	£976.80
AVBC (Office Services)	£250.00
Shelter M/ce (Marehay Bus Shelter)	£6.78
England & Barker (Xmas Lights Electricity Payment)	£34.12
Nottingham Road Dental Surgery (Xmas Lights Electricity)	£12.69
B Wood - Postages to 31.3.2007(Total £485.10) Balance	£85.44
Total	£4480.10

2) to note the following income

Interest	£14.19
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3) to note the 2006/2007 Budget Review/Risk Assessment to 31.03.2007

4839 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

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

- (a) Highways Agency - Stakeholder News - Issue 16
- (b) CPRE Fieldwork Magazine - March 2007
- (c) AVBC Landscape Services Unit Review
- (d) DCC b-line Magazine - Spring 2007
- (e) DCC Head of Trading Standards Services available

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