

RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 20 February 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. J H Gregory, Mrs. I Harry, M C Hooley, M J Missett and F A Raphael.

Five members of the public were in attendance.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1 Bus Shelter at the Windmill Inn Heage. (Minute No 4799)

A member of the public who works and lives at the Windmill Inn Heage spoke in favour of the removal of the bus shelter on the grounds that it was a public nuisance, subject to vandalism and provided a loitered place for large groups of 14/17 year olds. He also commented that the shelter had been provided with vandal-proof glass and was then set on fire. Damage to his adjacent property and garden was constant.

One member of the public reported that lots of people use the bus stop and a petition containing 32 names was handed in to the Mayor in opposition to the removal of the bus shelter.

2 Stan Moorhouse

A one minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect for Stan Moorhouse a former Mayor of Ripley who had recently died.

4784 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, Mrs. D D Goddard, R H Goddard, Mrs M E Kent, D R Neilson and M J E V Wilson.

4785 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillor G Carlile declared a personal interest in the item recorded at Minute 4799 because he was a member of Derbyshire County Council who provide the bus shelter.

4786 MINUTES – 23 JANUARY 2007

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 January 2007.

4787 MINUTES - CHAMBER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE LIAISON SUB-COMMITTEE - 23 JANUARY 2007.

RESOLVED to approve and adopt the Minutes of the Chamber of Trade and Commerce Liaison Sub Committee held on 23 January 2007 as shown at Appendix 1 to these Minutes.

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4788 ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

4789 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: -

26 Jan	Showmen's Dinner
28 Jan	Belper Town Council Civic Service

4790 REFUSAL BY AMBER VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL OF PLANNING APPLICATION AVA/2006/1484 FOR A SINGLE STOREY DWELLING AND DETACHED GARAGE AT LAND OPPOSITE 8 TENTER LANE HEAGE

RESOLVED to note that this application, to which this council had raised objections, had been refused by the Borough Council

4791 "APPEAL DISMISSED" DECISION BY THE INQUIRY INSPECTOR IN RESPECT OF THE APPEAL BY NIGEL CLIFTON ON BEHALF OF THE COPPER BEECHES HEAGE ROAD RIPLEY RESIDENTS AGAINST REFUSAL BY AMBER VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL TO RELAX CONDITION 12 OF THE PLANNING APPLICATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT TO PROVIDE A LANDSCAPE BUFFER AND LANDSCAPING

It was reported that the Town Clerk had appeared for the Council at the Inquiry to pursue the Council's case to resist the appeal by the residents of Copper Beeches to have Condition 12 of the planning application relaxed in respect of providing a landscape buffer at Copper Beeches Heage Road Ripley.

RESOLVED to note that the appeal decision of the Inquiry Inspector in respect of this application was "appeal dismissed".

4792 REQUEST FOR A GRANT TOWARDS THE REPAIR OF THE KNIGHTSBRIDGE PLACE CLOCK BY DERBYSHIRE INVESTMENTS LTD

It was reported that Derbyshire Investments had restored the clock on Knightsbridge Place (the former Co-op Buildings) at a cost of £3980+VAT and had asked the Council for a contribution in view of its significant focal point in the Town.

RESOLVED to inform Derbyshire Investments 1) that it was regretted that a grant could not be provided on this occasion as the works were carried out prior to requesting the Council for assistance and

2) that the Council would consider a grant towards future maintenance to the Clock, subject to the application being made prior to the maintenance work being carried out.

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4793 PRE PLANNING CONSULTATION BY COULSON PROPERTY SERVICES ON BEHALF OF ORANGE RE: REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER AT CLOWERS AND SONS LTD 48-52 NOTTINGHAM ROAD RIPLEY

It was reported that Coulson Property Services had contacted the Council as pre consultation to a formal planning application in respect of the replacement of the existing 30.0 metre tower with a new tower of the same height, three mobile antennae at 25.3 metres height and one T-Mobile 600mm transmission dish leg mounted at 27.0metres height and associated equipment at ground level within the existing compound.

RESOLVED that no comments be made to the proposed upgrading of the equipment at the existing compound of Clower and Sons 48-52 Nottingham Road Ripley.

4794 CALOR DERBYSHIRE VILLAGE OF THE YEAR 2007

RESOLVED that no action be taken on the invitation to enter the 2007 Village of the Year Competition

4795 REPLACEMENT POST BOX AT NETHER HEAGE (MINUTE 4773)

RESOLVED to note that Royal Mail had informed the Council that the local Collection Manager has carried out a site visit and has identified a suitable site for the new box on Spanker Lane near the playing fields and subject to the approval of the utility groups and the Borough Council giving Royal Mail planning permission an installation date late in February/early March was envisaged.

4796 DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCIL'S

RESOLVED to note the information contained in Circulars 1/07, 2/07, 3/07 and 4/07.

4797 FINANCE

RESOLVED 1) to authorise the under mentioned payments: -

Town Clerk's Salary	£693.00
Inland Revenue	£342.35

Symanhire (Xmas Lights)	£861.32
AVBC (Newsletter 18)	£627.20
Heage Band (Xmas Saturday Entertainments)	£220.00
Ashover Brass Band (Lights Switch-on)	£120.00
Shelter Maintenance (Marehay Bus Shelter)	£6.78
Tom Coope (Xmas Lights Team)	£682.72
Geoff Ford (Xmas Lights Team)	£674.91
Mick Fox (Xmas Lights Team)	£702.18

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Chris Willgoose (Xmas Lights Team - includes £10 expenses)	£908.98
Ken Carter (Xmas Lights Team)	£1035.05
B Ward	£9.28
Total	£6856.79

2) to note the following income: -

Interest	£17.80
Total	£17.80

3) to note the 2006/2007 Budget Review/Risk Assessment to 31.01.2007

4798 HEAGE AND AMBERGATE PUBLIC TOILETS PROVIDED BY AMBER VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Councillor G Carlile had requested discussion on this matter to clarify the closing of the toilets prior to public consultation.

RESOLVED to note the toilets had been returned to service at no cost to this Council.

4799 BUS SHELTER OPPOSITE THE WINDMILL INN HEAGE (MINUTE 4867)

A petition for retention of a bus shelter at this location was formally received by the Council. The comments received in public participation at the start of the meeting had provided support for retention and removal by different parties.

It was reported that originally the bus shelter had been provided by the County Council subject to the maintenance being the responsibility of the Amber Valley Borough Council. Unfortunately the maintenance of the shelter had been unable to keep up with the vandalism but the maintenance solution was the responsibility of the Borough Council.

A Local Member had suggested a Teen Shelter in the recreation ground as a solution and comments were made as to the need for careful siting of such a shelter.

RESOLVED that the location of a replacement shelter be the subject of discussions with the local Neighbourhood Watch, the County Council as Highway Authority and the Borough Council as the maintenance provider prior to the consultation exercise

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4800 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

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

- (a) e-on Central Networks - Parish Council Power Cut Pack
- (b) Rural Matters Winter 2006/7 - DRCC Publication
- (c) Derbyshire County Council Supporting People Information Leaflet
- (d) Countryside Service Events in Derbyshire 2007
- (e) Derwent Valley Mills Partnership Meeting Papers - 31 January 2007

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Minutes of a meeting of the CHAMBER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE LIAISON SUB-COMMITTEE held on 23 January 2007 at the Town Hall Ripley.

PRESENT

Councillor C Cutting - Ripley Town Council (in the Chair)

AMBER VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Layton Davis - Principal Town Centres Officer

RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Councillor G Carlile.

RIPLEY AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE

J Davey (Amber Value), M Dudley (The Martyn Dudley Studio)

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor A Cox (Amber Valley Borough Council) Councillors Mrs J Blake and S M Daley (Ripley Town Council) and Mr D Clarke (W E Clarke and Sons) and P Maciejewski (Romac Motor Factors)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Member of the public was present.

1/2007 MINUTES - 10 OCTOBER 2006

RESOLVED to confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Chamber of Trade and Commerce Liaison Sub Committee held on 10 October 2006 and to note that the recommendations contained therein were approved and adopted by the Town Council.

2/2007 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

No interests were declared

3/2007 LATE NIGHT SHOPPING AND CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON AND CAROL SERVICE 2006

The Town Clerk reported that he had been asked by Mr D Clarke on behalf of the Chamber of Trade and Commerce to praise the Town Council on the excellent Christmas lighting display in Ripley for Christmas 2006 and that a contribution of £50 to the electricity costs would be donated by the Chamber.

The Town Centre Forum had agreed to contribute £450.00 to the costs of the lighting display. It was reported that a re-assessment of priorities in the Borough Council might result in Town Centre involvement being reduced.

The combination of the Friday Late Night Shopping Event promoted by the Town Centre Forum and the Christmas Lights Switch-on arranged by the Town Council had been a change from the established practice of the events being on different nights. Over 400 people attending the switch-on and carol service. Mr Davey however reported that it had been a disappointing trading night at his store.

RESOLVED 1) to note the praise of the Chamber of Trade representative on the 2006 Christmas lighting display in Ripley and to thank them for the contribution of £50 towards the electricity costs of the lights

2) that subject to any views expressed by the Town Centre Forum to recommend to Council that the Christmas Lights switch-on and Carol Service return to a Tuesday night ie Tuesday 4 December 2007 with the Late Night Shopping Event being on a night decided by the Town Centre Forum

3) to recommend to Council to continue the Saturday morning Brass Band concerts of carols around the Town

4) to recommend to Council to express to the Borough Council satisfaction of the parking concession arrangements made for 2006 and to request an extension of the period to allow the whole week prior to Christmas i.e. from 17 December 2007

5) to recommend to Council to place on record the thanks of the Council to the Town Centre Team and the Town Centre Forum for the excellent entertainment provided around the Town which was successful in encouraging the public to stay in the Town centre after the lights switch-on and carol service and to seek a clarification from the Borough Council on the future Town Centre provision planned by the Council.

4/2007 MR GILL - DERBYSHIRE INVESTMENTS

RESOLVED to recommend to Council that Mr D Gill of Derbyshire Investments be invited to be a Member of the Sub - Committee.

5/2007 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on Tuesday 16 October 2007 unless there is sufficient business to warrant the calling of a meeting before that date.

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