

RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2007 at the Town Hall Ripley.

PRESENT

Councillor C Cutting (in the Chair)

Councillors G Carlile, Mrs. P D Carlile JP, Miss L D Cox, I Fisher, M B Gent JP, R H Goddard, Mrs. I Harry, M C Hooley, Mrs M E Kent, M J Missett, D R Neilson and M J E V Wilson.

20 members of the public were in attendance, one Press representative and PC John Fahey (881)

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Four members of the public spoke on the proposed traffic calming measures for Parkside Heage. Two residents spoke in support of traffic calming on Parkside but were not specific in the proposed location of the plateau. A resident of Brook Street who supported traffic calming at this location requested that traffic cones be placed between 83 Brook Street and the jitty to the playing fields (the proposed cones being similar to those currently provided at a location in Alfreton that he would identify to the Council). One resident notified his objection to the proposed plateau on the grounds of aggravating a current flooding problem.

The following matters of concern were noted by PC John Fahey (881): parking on Street Lane Denby and parking on Jessop Street Waingroves. PC Fahey reported that progress was being made on the problems being experienced on the Elms Estate that had been referred by Members of the Council.

4755 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs J N Blake, S M Daley, C A D Eley, S D Freeborn, W G Fryer MBE, Mrs. D D Goddard, Mrs. J H Gregory and F A Raphael.

4756 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillor G Carlile declared a personal interest in the item recorded at Minute 4771 as a Member of Derbyshire County Council who are the Highway Authority.

4757 MINUTES – 21 NOVEMBER 2006

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

4758 MINUTES - ALLOTMENT SUB-COMMITTEE - 21 NOVEMBER 2006.

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

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4759 MINUTES - PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE - 29 DECEMBER 2006

RESOLVED to approve and adopt the Minutes of the Planning Sub- Committee held on 29 December 2006.

4760 ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items to be taken in exclusion other than the item detailed on the Agenda and referred to at Minute 4783.

4761 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: -

25 Nov	Ripley Guides/ Brownies / Rainbows Annual Bazaar
26 Nov	Horsley Woodhouse Church Choir Concert
1 Dec	Xmas Lights Switch-on and Late Night Shopping
2 Dec	Ripley School of Dancing Award Presentations
3 Dec	Ripley Hospital League of Friends Thanksgiving Service.
15 Dec	Somercotes Parish Council Carol Service
18 Dec	Swanwick Civic and Community Carol Service
23 Dec	Knightsbridge Place Indoor Market Traders Christmas Raffle Draw

4762 PRECEPT 2007/8(MINUTE 4727(4))

It was reported that income for the current year 2006/2007 was estimated as: -

	£
Balance brought forward from 2005/2006	41832
Precept from Amber Valley Borough Council	50700
VAT reimbursement	2645
Miscellaneous	2923
Total	<u>£98100</u>

The estimated expenditure for 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 was as detailed below and had been the subject of public consultation in accordance with Council policy. Four E-Mails from residents had been received and were reported to the meeting.

Original Estimate 2006/2007	Item	Probable 2006/2007	Estimate 2007/2008
£		£	£

1650	Mayors Allowance	1650	1700
14600	Town Clerk's Salary and NI	14600	16950
5000	Town Clerk's Gratuity	00	5000
4300	Admin Audit and Subs	4300	4430
3600	Grants to Voluntary Bodies	3250	3500

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4500	Grants to Special Projects/Lottery Match Funding	00	1500
900	Amber Valley Comm Transport	900	930
22750	Christmas Lighting	23000	23500
1000	Footpath Maintenance	700	1000
3500	Environment Improvements	3000	3000
2000	Blackspot Lighting	1500	2000
1000	Lighting Maintenance Charges	100	500
2400	Recreation/Summer Entertainment	1545	2400
3125	Insurance	2000	2250
8000	Misc/Contingency (Elections etc)	0	8000
0	Council Publication 2007	0	6500
850	Remembrance Day Parade/Service	850	900
4000	Newsletter	3750	4000
1000	War Memorials 500	550	
150	Bus Shelter Maintenance	50	150
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84325	TOTAL	61695	88760

RESOLVED that the estimate of expenditure for 2007/2008 be £88760 and the precept be £51760 (2.1% increase).

4763 APPEAL BY OAK AUTOMATICS AGAINST REFUSAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION BY AMBER VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL FOR CHANGE OF USE FROM RETAIL TO AMUSEMENT CENTRE AND INSTALLATION OF NEW SHOP FRONT AT 41 OXFORD STREET RIPLEY. (MINUTE 4743)

RESOLVED to note that the applicants Oak Automatics had appealed this application that would now be decided by an Inquiry on a date to be arranged.

4764 DERBYSHIRE CONSTABULARY - ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL'S EVENING - COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS - 18 NOVEMBER 2006

RESOLVED to note comments and questions arising at the Annual Parish Council's evening held on 15 November 2006 that had been circulated to Members.

4765 DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - DRAFT RIGHT OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR DERBYSHIRE 2006-2011 - ARE WE ON THE RIGHT TRACK?

RESOLVED to note the County Council consultation for the Derbyshire's Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

4766 EXTERNALLY DECORATED PROPERTY COMPETITION WINNERS
2006

RESOLVED to note that the winners of the annual externally decorated property competition sponsored by the Ripley and Heanor News and Ripley Town Council were as follows:-

Winner £50.00

Mr. T Turner 36 Wright Avenue Ripley

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Second Prize £25.00

Mrs K Anthony 48 Steam Mill Lane Ripley

Joint Third Prize £10.00 each

Mrs. K Hall 119 Warmwells Lane Ripley

Mr. D Rice 22 Chestnut Avenue Ripley

4767 COMPLETION OF THE EAST MIDLANDS AIRPORT MASTER PLAN

RESOLVED to note the receipt of the summary of the East Midlands Airport Master Plan and that the full Master Plan could be viewed at County and City Libraries and downloaded from www.eastmidlandsairport.com web site.

4768 2006 POPPY APPEAL - RIPLEY, HEAGE AND AMBERGATE

RESOLVED 1) to note that the total raised in the 2006 Poppy Appeal for Ambergate Ripley and District was £14517.92 (2005 - £13164.72)

2) to thank Mr Colin Picken and all the many collectors who gave of their time to make the annual Poppy Appeal so successful and also the public who gave so generously.

4769 DERWENT VALLEY MILLS PARTNERSHIP - DRAFT REVISED
MANAGEMENT PLAN CONSULTATION

RESOLVED to not the draft Management Plan for the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site.

4770 LOCAL ELECTION COMPACT FOR AMBER VALLEY

It was reported that the Borough Council had promoted an Election Compact for the 2006 Borough Council Elections and wished to extend the Compact that outlines the criteria for an election campaign to the Parish/Town Council Elections in 2007.

RESOLVED to agree the Compact as outlined.

4771 PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES BY DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL AT PARKSIDE HEAGE (MINUTE 4661) AND TWO PETITIONS RECEIVED FROM RESIDENTS.

It was reported that the Council had objected to the Planning Authority on the residential development at Parkside by Kirk Hallam Homes on the grounds that there was no provision in the application to take account of the traffic hazards at this location and the on street parking of vehicles by the residents of 59-99 Brook Street opposite the development entrance.

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The Planning Authority - Amber Valley Borough Council, in approving the application recognised the traffic problems had secured a £2000 contribution to the Town Council from the developer towards traffic calming measures. This contribution has been passed to the County Council as Highway Authority who recommended a traffic calming plateau 10m long and 75mm high at the section of road at 54/56/60 and 105/107 Parkside. The Town Clerk had circulated the proposal to the residents of 77-107 and 48-60 Parkside inviting comments and this had given rise to two petitions being received by the Council. The first 13 signature petition informed Council that the Town Council letter was the first knowledge they had of the proposals. Secondly a fourteen-signature petition expressed "that they do not want traffic calming". Two E Mails of support for traffic calming had been received from persons outside the consultation letter area and one letter of objection from outside the consultation area that was subsequently withdrawn.

RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders to allow further public participation in view of the petition in support of the proposals received immediately prior to the meeting and the difference of opinion on the proposed traffic calming measures at Parkside Heage by residents present.

Residents comments in the Public Participation were restated and the consensus view was in support of traffic calming but at a different location and the location suggested was between 83 Parkside and the playing fields jitty

RESOLVED to inform the County Council that in view of the residents comments on the proposed location of the plateau that this Council whilst supporting the principle of traffic calming could not support the current proposal and would suggest the location be between 83 Parkside and the playing fields jitty.

4772 REPLACEMENT COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FOR TOWN CLERK

It was reported that it had been necessary to have the County Council Maintenance Agreement contractor to investigate problems with the Town Clerk's IT equipment. The Contractor had advised replacement of the equipment, which was now over five years

old. To remain on the County Council Maintenance Contract it was necessary to purchase equipment recommended by the County Council.

RESOLVED to approve the purchase of a new PC screen and printer for the Town Clerk from the County Council contract supplier CBC in the sum of £645.00 plus VAT.

4773 REPLACEMENT POST BOX - NETHER HEAGE POST OFFICE

It was reported that since the closure of the Nether Heage Post Office local residents were required to use the post boxes at Ridgeway and the White Hart public house both being nearly a mile and in the case of access to the White Hart box meant a steep hill walk. Royal Mail had been contacted and had confirmed that it was their intention to survey the whole village to identify a suitable site that meets the 1.25 metres access requirement.

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RESOLVED 1) to request the Post Office to provide a replacement post box in Nether Heage and

2) to suggest that a suitable site would be the Nursery/Recreation Ground entrance off Spanker Lane.

4774 THE GREAT TREES OF DERBYSHIRE PROJECT - DERBYSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST

It was reported that the Great Trees of Derbyshire Project was an ambitious venture aiming to encourage volunteers to locate, survey and research the history of, and stories attached to Derbyshire trees. The Council's Tree Warden Mr Dave Hall had expressed an interest in being trained for this project

RESOLVED to support the expression of interest by Town Council Tree Warden Dave Hall to assist with the Great Trees of Derbyshire Project of Derbyshire Wildlife Trust.

4775 RE-ORGANISATION OF PROBATION SERVICES

It was reported that the Chair of the Derbyshire Probation Board had written to all Parish/Town Council's regarding the proposals in the Offender Management Bill that proposed to:-

- (a) Abolish the Probation Service and replace it with "probation functions"
- (b) To take the duty of probation functions away from local probation boards for exercise by the Secretary of State
- (c) Allow the Secretary of State to award contracts of probation functions to "any person"

- (d) delete the current aims of the probation service to protect the public; reduce re-offending and rehabilitate offenders and
- (e) Allows the Secretary of State to create Trusts following the abolition of probation boards as provider-only bodies competing for work commissioned by regional civil servants known as Regional Offender Managers

An East Midlands Offender would commission Derbyshire probation services Manager across the five Counties.

RESOLVED to urge the Home Secretary to keep local accountability for the probation service to maintain local partnership working.

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4776 FURTHER FENCING DAMAGE AT NUTTALLS PARK ALLOTMENT SITE (OPPOSITE ALBION STORES)

RESOLVED to note that for the third time in as many months the close board fencing at the Nuttalls Park allotment site boundary with Albion Street had been vandalised late at night and had required emergency repairs in the sum of £150 plus VAT.

4777 DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCIL'S

RESOLVED to note the information contained in Circulars 40/06, 41/06 and 42/06.

4778 FINANCE

RESOLVED 1) to authorise the under mentioned payments: -

Town Clerk's Salary	£693.00
Inland Revenue	£342.35
Lady Jowitt (Xmas Lights - Rent 3 Grosvenor Road)	£462.50
Brady Corporation (Xmas Lights)	£166.15
Chains&Lifting Tackle (Xmas Lights)	£408.90
Remco Signs (Xmas Lights)	£1905.33
Symanhire (Xmas Lights)	£1264.86
PCS Edmundson (Xmas Lights)	£1091.09
Harlite (Xmas Lights)	£1038.34
Tarmac (Xmas Lights)	£164.95
Shelter Maintenance (Replacement Panel)	£100.78
DCC (Blackspot Lighting Brook Street Heage)	£1648.32

!401 Squadron (Alfreton & Ripley) ATC (Rem Day)	£160.00
Miles Cooper (Remembrance Services)	£60.00
Royal British Legion (Remembrance Day)	£73.50
1st Ambergate Brownies (Newsletters 17&18)	£100.00
Postages to 31.12.2006(£396.66) Balance	£155.44
Image Printing (Publications)	£423.08
Derby Telegraph (Newsletter 17)	£104.48
Midland Newspapers (Newsletters 17 & 18)	£131.84
Ripley All Saints Church (Grant towards Flagpole)	£150.00
Audit Commission (Audit Fee 2006)	£411.25
A M Hall	£88.12
Christmas Lights Competition	£95.00
AVBC (Newsletter 17)	£627.20
Total	£12043.75

2) to note the following income:-

HM Revenue and Customs (On-Line Payment)	£250.00
DCC (Footpath Maintenance)	£112.50
Interest	£48.61
Total	£411.11

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3) to note the 2006/2007 Budget Review/Risk Assessment to 31.12.2006

4779 HEAGE AND AMBERGATE PUBLIC TOILETS PROVIDED BY AMBER VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

RESOLVED that this matter be deferred to the next meeting.

4780 BUS SHELTER OPPOSITE THE WINDMILL INN HEAGE (MINUTE 4867)

RESOLVED that this matter be deferred to the next meeting.

4781 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

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

- (a) Derbyshire County Council Safer Derbyshire Leaflets (Circulated)
- (b) CPRE Countryside Voice - Autumn 2006
- (c) CPRE Fieldwork - December 2006
- (d) Highways Agency - Stakeholder News - Issue 15
- (e) b_line - Derbyshire Student Card Magazine - Winter 2006/7
- (f) Derby-Belper-Matlock Train Times and Visitor Guide (Circulated)
- (g) Christmas Drink Drive Campaign 2006
- (h) Draft East Midlands Regional Plan Part 2 Milton Keynes and South Midlands Sub-Regional Strategy and additional consultation on a replacement housing provision figure for the Northampton Implementation Area

(i) SACRE Annual Report 2005/2006

4782 PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the following item of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the personal payment awarded.

4783 HONORARIUM FOR BARRY WARD - CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ORGANISER
2006

RESOLVED that the 2006 Honorarium for Mr Barry Ward in respect of his management of the 2006 Christmas Lights be increased by 2.1% on the 2005 figure.

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APPENDIX 1

RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

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

Present

Councillors G Carlile, C Cutting and Mrs M E Kent.

Representatives of the Allotment Societies - Messrs M Brown, B Fairey, L Harris, H A Keable, M Kingsley, C Layton and G A Peplow.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were in attendance

15/2006 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED that Councillor C Cutting be appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

(Councillor C Cutting thereupon occupied the Chair)

16/2006 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED that Mr Brian Fairey be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

17/2006 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs J N Blake and S M Daley.

18/2006 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

No interests were declared

19/2006 MINUTES - 21 MARCH 2006.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 March 2006 be confirmed as a correct record and to note that the recommendations contained therein had been approved and adopted by Council.

20/2006 BEST ALLOTMENT COMPETITION 2006

RESOLVED to note 1) that the Midlands Co-Operative Society had sponsored the Best Allotment Competition with prizes of £25, £15 and £10 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively and

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2) that the winner from the three entries received for the 2006 competition was Mr Terry Long of the Sandham Lane site, Mr C Brown of the Heage Road Site was second with Mr B Sharp of the Nuttalls Park site third.

20/2005 ALLOTMENT IMPROVEMENTS REQUESTS 2007/8

RESOLVED to recommend to Council that within the terms of the Council's policy of the Allotment Budget being based on an annual break even of income and expenditure that the clearance of the sites of asbestos and other non perishable materials should be a priority expenditure within the 2007/2008 Budget and the position be reviewed in November 2007.

21/2006 RE-INSTATEMENT OF NUTTALLS PARK ALLOTMENT BOUNDARY WITH 26 FEARN AVENUE (MINUTE 11/2006)

The Clerk reported that the tenant of 26 Fearn Avenue had been requested verbally and by confirmation letter to re-instate the boundary hedge or fence in 2 June 2005, 9 November 2005, 24 November 2005 and 18 April 2006. The tenant responded in November 2005 to say that it was her intention to provide a fence and asked for more

time to complete the works. An inspection on 17 November 2006 revealed that no action had resulted

RESOLVED to recommend to Council that if a replacement fence has not been provided at 26 Fearn Avenue by the next meeting of Council (23 January 2007) an estimate of the cost of providing a replacement fence be obtained and procedures be implemented to recover the cost by a County Court Order.

22/2006 RISK ASSESSMENT OF ALLOTMENT SITES

The Town Clerk reported that self-assessment risk assessment forms had been completed by plot holders for four of the five Council allotment sites. A site assessment based on those forms had been undertaken on the four sites by the Town Clerk and an interim report based on those findings was considered by the Sub-Committee.

RESOLVED 1) that the interim report on the Council's Risk Assessment Programme for Allotment Sites be noted
2) that the final report be submitted to the March meeting of the Sub-Committee following consultation with all the Individual Society's
3) that arrangements be made to remove the loose asbestos from the Heage Road and Greenhillocks sites as soon as possible with the Society's being informed that the Society would be responsible for removal of any loose asbestos subsequently found on the site and
4) That All Society's be requested to address the covering of water butts and troughs during the winter period.

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23/2006 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED 1) to note that the following accounts had been paid: -

A M Hall (Fence Repair - Nuttalls Park -Crime Ref 20273-06)	£70.50
A M Hall (Fencing at Parkside)	£401.37
L Harris - Greenhillocks Site (Water supply parts)	£15.36
C Layton - Heage Road Site (new water trough parts)	£44.74
Total	£531.97

2) to note the following income to 31 October 2006

Allotment Rents	£620.00
Rent from grazing land	£300.00
Interest	£28.21
Total	£948.21

24/2006 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on 20 March 2007.

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APPENDIX 2

RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE held on 29 December 2006.

PRESENT

Councillor C Cutting (in the Chair)

Councillors G Carlile, M B Gent JP and Mrs M E Kent.

Two members of the public were present.

11/2006 MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The two members of the public attending expressed their objection to the planning application detailed at Minute 14/2006 on the grounds that the Tenter Lane/Bowing Alley/New Road and Old Road junction was a dangerous junction patrolled by a school crossing warden because of the large number of children using this route to School and this proposed development would make the junction more dangerous and would increase on street parking Tenter Lane which was a service road with inadequate footway provision. The members of the public had submitted an objection to the Borough Council in respect of this planning application on the terms outlined.

12/2006 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs P D Carlile JP, S Daley, C A D Eley, Mrs J H Gregory and Mrs I Harry.

13/2006 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillor M B Gent JP declared a personal interest as a Member of the Planning Authority, the Borough Council, and left the meeting during the discussion and decision in respect of the application detailed at 14/2006.

14/2006 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATION AVA/2006/1484 -
SINGLE STOREY DWELLING AND DETACHED GARAGE - LAND OPPOSITE
8 TENTER LANE HEAGE FOR MR S BROWN BY MIKE EMERY 45 BELPER
LANE BELPER

RESOLVED to recommend to Council 1) to strongly object to this application on the grounds that:-

- (a) the proposal is out of character with the area
- (b) the proposed development site will require access from a narrow service road with inadequate footway provision

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(c) the narrow service road feeds into a dangerous junction that is a busy school crossing with warden control and the proposed development will further restrict visibility and

2) that if the Borough Council were mindful to approve the application that the provision of an improved footway particularly for the safety of schoolchildren be requested at this location.

15/2006 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATION AVA/2006/1384 -
OUTLINE APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT 66 NORMAN

ROAD RIPLEY FOR MRS J BETTS BY GRAHAM MARKWELL ASSOCIATES 1B
DERBY ROAD BORROWASH

RESOLVED to recommend to Council to object to this application on the grounds that:-

- (i) the access to the site will cause loss of on street parking on Norman Road
- (ii) the lack of visitor parking provision on the development site will further exacerbate the on street parking problems on Norman Road
- (iii) the current on-street parking on Norman Road (which also acts as the Southern By Pass when circumstances require) restricts access to one carriageway width, which regularly obstructs free passage of buses and other vehicles.