

RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2006 at the Town Hall Ripley.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs. I Harry (in the Chair)

Councillors Mrs. J N Blake, G Carlile, Mrs. P D Carlile JP, C Cutting, S M Daley, I Fisher, S D Freeborn, M B Gent JP, M J Missett, F A Raphael and M J E V Wilson.

Five members of the public and PC John Fahey (881) were in attendance.

THE LATE PHILIP WHITEHEAD MEP

All persons present stood in silence as a mark of respect for Philip Whitehead Local MEP who had recently died.

COUNTY AIR AMBULANCE CHARITY

Julie Lopuszanski gave the Assistant Fund Raiser of the Charity a presentation on the work of the County Air Ambulance.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PC John Fahey provided the up to date crime figures for Ripley and the Town Clerk would circulate the figures for the information of Members. A Member congratulated the Police on the rapid response received to a personal request for assistance. The indiscriminate parking of vehicles in the vicinity of Alfred Street /Nottingham Road was reported.

4562 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillors Miss L D Cox, C A D Eley, W G Fryer MBE, Mrs. D D Goddard, R H Goddard, Mrs. J H Gregory, M C Hooley and D R Neilson.

4563 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillor I Fisher declared a prejudicial interest in respect of the item recorded at Minute 4581 and left the room during the discussion and decision on this item.

Councillor G Carlile declared a personal interest as a customer in the item recorded at Minute 4576 and took no part in the discussion or decision on this item.

4564 MINUTES – 22 NOVEMBER 2005

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 November 2005.

4565 MINUTES - PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE - 16 DECEMBER 2005

RESOLVED to approve and adopt the Minutes of the Planning Sub-Committee held on 16 December 2005 as shown at Appendix 1 to these Minutes.

4566 MINUTES - ALLOTMENT SUB-COMMITTEE - 22 NOVEMBER 2005

RESOLVED to approve and adopt the Minutes of the Allotment Sub-Committee held on 22 November 2005 as shown at Appendix 2 to these Minutes.

4567 ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items to be taken in exclusion other than the one item detailed on the Agenda.

4568 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 Nov	Annual Bazaar - Guide/Brownie/ Rainbows
29 Nov	Christmas Lights Switch-on
29 Nov	Amber Valley Rotary Dinner
10 Dec	County Air Ambulance Concert
11 Dec	Alfreton Town Council Civic Service
16 Dec	Salvation Army Christmas Concert

4569 CO-OPTION OF MEMBER FOR HEAGE WARD - 3 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST; MRS M E KENT - NETHER HEAGE, MRS A WARD - HEAGE AND MR D WILLIAMS -WAINGROVES.

Members had been provided with a copy of the letters of interest submitted by the three persons expressing an interest in joining the Council as a co-opted member.

RESOLVED to thank the three persons for expressing an interest in the vacancy and that Mrs M E Kent be co-opted to the Council to fill the vacancy of Member for the Heage Ward

4570 DATE OF APRIL MEETING - CHANGE FROM 18TH (EASTER TUESDAY) TO 11TH APRIL

RESOLVED that the April meeting date be changed from the 18th to the 11th in view of the Easter holidays.

4571 ALLOTMENT SUB-COMMITTEE - FILLING OF VACANCY (16/2005 ALLOTMENT SUB-COMMITTEE - 22 NOVEMBER 2005)

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs M E Kent be appointed to serve on the Allotment Sub-Committee for the remainder of the ensuing year.

4572 PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE - FILLING OF VACANCY (MINUTE 34/2005 - PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE - 16 DECEMBER 2005)

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs M E Kent be appointed to serve on the Planning Sub-Committee for the remainder of the ensuing year.

4573 REQUEST BY RIPLEY AMBER VALLEY LIONS TO USE TOWN COUNCIL COAT OF ARMS ON A TIE PRODUCED ON THE OCCASION OF HOSTING THE LIONS DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN MARCH 2006

RESOLVED to approve the request by Ripley Amber Valley Lions to use the Council Coat of Arms on a tie produced on the occasion of hosting the Lions District Conference in March 2006.

4574 APPROVAL BY AMBER VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL OF PLANNING APPLICATION AVA/2005/1101 - CHANGE OF USE TO A2 ESTATE AGENCY 2 GROSVENOR ROAD RIPLEY FOR GRAND ARRIVE LTD 37/8 IRONGATE DERBY

RESOLVED to note that the Borough Council had approved this application, which had raised objections by this Council.

4575 REFUSAL BY AMBER VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL OF PLANNING APPLICATION AVA/2005/0663 - TO REMOVE CONDITION 12 OF AVA/1097/0862 AT LAND AT COPPER BEECHES OFF HEAGE ROAD RIPLEY.

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

4576 WITHDRAWAL BY THE APPLICANTS OF PLANNING APPLICATION AVA/2005/1096 - ERECTION OF DWELLINGS AT LAND AT THE BLACK BOY INN OLD ROAD HEAGE FOR MR AND MRS C GREGORY BY JOHN CHURCH PLANNING CONSULTANCY LTD

RESOLVED to note that this application, which had raised objections from this Council had been withdrawn by the applicants.

4577 REQUEST FOR ANNUAL GRANT - MID-DERBYSHIRE CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAU

RESOLVED not to accede to an annual grant application in accordance with the Council's policy not to support county voluntary not for profit organisations.

4578 DERBYSHIRE PARTNERSHIP FORUM - HELP SHAPE FUTURE OF YOUR COMMUNITY.

It was reported that the Derbyshire Partnership Forum (DPF), a collective of over 50 such agencies working in the county, has the responsibility to develop the strategy and

work together to improve quality of life for all people in Derbyshire. Representatives on the DPF include local councils, the Police, Probation Service, Primary Care Trusts and the voluntary and community sector.

The Derbyshire Community Strategy is the key element of the Partnership and tries to make sense of the many organisations, partnerships, agendas and plans operating across Derbyshire by drawing everyone together to share resources and work towards common overarching goals. The DCS priorities sit under four themes which mirror the Derbyshire Local Area Agreement (LAA), an initiative which aims to improve links with central government and gives local partners more freedom and flexibility to choose how funding is spent locally. The themes are: Safer and Stronger Communities, Children and Young People, Sustainable Communities and Healthier Communities and Older People.

The DPF had circulated throughout the County a short consultation questionnaire asking for views on the priorities within the four themes.

RESOLVED that the comments noted by the Town Clerk be submitted as the Town Council's response to this questionnaire.

4579 STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (SCI) FOR AMBER VALLEY

RESOLVED to note that the Town Council submission had been omitted from the Amber valley submission but would be referred with the submissions on the current version of the SCI.

4580 AMBER VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL/PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON COMMITTEE MINUTES - 30 NOVEMBER 2005.

RESOLVED to note the matters discussed at the Liaison Committee and that it was proposed to hold such meeting twice each year in the future.

4581 TRENT NHS STRATEGIC HEALTH AUTHORITY - CONSULTATION ON NEW PRIMARY CARE TRUST ARRANGEMENTS IN TRENT: ENSURING A PATIENT LED NHS

RESOLVED 1) to note the consultation document on the new primary Care Trust arrangements in Trent NHS Strategic Health Authority: Ensuring a patient Led NHS and

2) that this Council favour Option Four which provides for 2 PCT's: Derby City and Derbyshire County organisations coterminous with both city and county councils and including Glossop

4582 TRENT BARTON - SERVICE PROBLEMS CAUSED BY INDISCRIMINATE PARKING

Members took the opportunity to again raise the parking of vehicles at Brook Street Heage which following consultations with the County Council as Highway

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Authority had resulted in an advisory road markings scheme being implemented. Currently that had not proved totally effective.

- RESOLVED 1) to note the campaign by Trent Barton to achieve a reduction in indiscriminate parking, which impairs service delivery and
- 2) that Members note that any representations in respect of indiscriminate on street parking on Brook Street Heage should in the first instance be referred to Derbyshire County Council as Highway Authority.

4583 GROUNDWORK EREWASH - AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL GRANT SCHEME (£1000)

RESOLVED to note that a maximum of £1000 could be applied for environment projects which meet the established criteria for schemes administered by Groundwork Erewash.

4584 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE AVBC WORKSHOP - URBAN FUTURE GAMES AIMED TO "RE-ENERGISE RIPLEY" - WEDNESDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2PM

RESOLVED that the Town Mayor (Councillor Mrs I Harry) and the Deputy Mayor (Councillor S D Freeborn) represents the Council at this Workshop.

4585 ALLOWANCES FOR PARISH COUNCIL'S - AMBER VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL QUESTIONNAIRE.

- RESOLVED 1) to re-affirm that this Council do not wish to implement a Members Allowance scheme for Council members and
- 2) that the comments recorded by the Town Clerk be submitted in respect of the Questionnaire circulated by the Borough Council.

4586 STANDARDS OF CONDUCT IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT: THE FUTURE - DISCUSSION PAPER

It was reported that the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister had published a Discussion Paper which sets out its vision for a future comprehensive conduct regime for local authority members and employees.

In 2005 the Committee on Standards in Public Life (Graham Committee) made recommendations about the local government regime including the Standards Board for England in their report Getting the Balance Right. Later in the year the ODPM Select Committee made recommendations following the Inquiry into the Role and Effectiveness of the Standards Board for England. The Standards Board also made recommendations to the ODPM following its review of the code of conduct for members.

The Discussion Paper draws together all the responses made and indicates the approach the Government is minded to follow on the conduct of employees, in particular on the political restrictions which apply to local government employees, the pay of political assistants, and the code of conduct for employees.

The two most significant changes to current arrangements involves the initial assessment of all misconduct allegations and the responsibility for investigating and determining most cases by Standards Committees, rather than the Standards Board and the provision of a code of conduct for local government employees.

RESOLVED to offer no comments to the ODPM on the discussion paper.

4587 THE DERBYSHIRE DIRECTORY OF ORGANISATIONS TO BE CREATED FOR DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL WEBSITE, LIBRARIES AND THE DERBYSHIRE CALL CENTRE

It was reported that as a new initiative Derbyshire County Council were inviting all Parish/Town Council's to be included in a Derbyshire Directory of voluntary and community organisations.

RESOLVED to authorise registration of the Town Council's details in the Derbyshire Directory managed by Derbyshire County Council.

4588 EXTERNALLY DECORATED PROPERTY COMPETITION WINNERS 2005

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

Winner - Mr. T Turner 36 Wright Avenue Ripley
Second - Mrs. K Hall 119 Warmwells Lane Ripley
Third - Mr. D Rice 22 Chestnut Avenue Ripley

4589 PRECEPT 2006/2007

It was reported that income for current year 2005/2006 was estimated as: -

	£
Balance brought forward from 2004/2005	41366
Precept from Amber Valley Borough Council	49470
VAT reimbursement	2675
Miscellaneous	989
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Total	£94500

The estimated expenditure for 2005/2006 and 2006/2007 was as detailed below And had been the subject of public consultation in accordance with Council policy. One letter of comment had been received and was reported to the meeting.

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Original Estimate 2005/6 £	Item	Probable Expenditure 2005/6 £	Estimate 2006/7 £
1610	Mayors Allowance	1610	1650
14000	Town Clerk's Salary and NI	14100	14600
5000	Town Clerk's Gratuity	00	5000
4200	Admin Audit and Subs	4200	4300
3500	Grants to Voluntary Bodies	3250	3600
4500	Grants to Special Projects/Lottery Match Funding	00	4500
850	Amber Valley Comm Transport	865	900
22000	Christmas Lighting	23140	22750
1000	Footpath Maintenance	900	1000
3500	Environment Improvements	1000	3500
2000	Blackspot Lighting	1500	2000
1000	Lighting Maintenance Charges	600	1000
2400	Recreation/Summer Entertainment	1710	2400
2500	Insurance	3035	3125
6500	Misc/Contingency(Elections etc)	0	8000
2000	Lottery Matching Funding	0	0
810	Remembrance Day Parade/Service	850	850
3000	Newsletter	3750	4000
1000	War Memorials 1000	1000	
150	Bus Shelter Maintenance	30	150
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81520	TOTAL	61540	84325

RESOLVED 1) that the budget for 2006/2007 be £84325 and with the use of balances the precept be £50700 (2.5% increase) and

2) that arising from the letter received in respect of the consultation process the Newsletter "Info and Help" table be added to the Town Council Web Site at the next review.

4590 LICENSING MATTERS

RESOLVED to confirm the action of the Town Clerk following consultation with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of raising no objection to the application for a Gaming Permit in accordance with the Gaming Act 1968 s34 in respect of the following premises: -

Rumi Tandori Takeaway 18 Church Street Ripley

4591 DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

RESOLVED to note the information contained in Circulars 33/2005, 34/2005, 35/2005, 36/2005, 37/2005, 38/2005, 39/2005, 40/2005, 1/2006, 2/2006, 3/2006, 4/2006, 5/2006, 6/2006, 7/2006 and 8/2006.

4592 FINANCE

RESOLVED 1) to authorise the under mentioned payments: -

Town Clerk's Salary (Dec, Jan and Feb)	£2022.54
Inland Revenue	£998.22
B Wood - Postages to 31.12.2005(£348.73) Balance	£125.25
Lady Jowett (Rent 3 Grosvenor Road)	£462.50
Information Commissioner (Data Protection)	£35.00
RBL (Wreaths and Crosses)	£72.00
Image Printing (Rem Day & Xmas Lights Progs)	£308.12
Staples (Stationery)	£6.27
1st Ambergate Brownies (Newsletter x 2)	£100.00
Midland Newspapers Ltd (Newsletter 13 & 14)	£119.86
Derby Evening Telegraph (Newsletter 14)	£50.76
AVBC (Newsletters 13&14)	£1446.20
Shelter M/ce	£6.17
AVBC (Transport - Chairs for Remembrance Sunday)	£70.50
Out Framed (Cert of Merit)	£24.90
Petan Associates (War Memorial Cleaning)	£411.25
DCC (FP53 improvement)	£1000.00
Ext Decorated Property Compt (1x£50, 1x£25, £1x£10)	£85.00
Remco (Xmas Lights)	£108.07
Symanhire (Xmas Lights)	£1978.29
Harlite (Xmas Tree)	£1122.85
BTH (Xmas Lights)	£88.77
PCS Edmundson (Xmas Lights)	£357.45
Tarmac Highway Services (Xmas Lights)	£289.05
Total	£10758.18

2) to note the following income

Co-operative Bank (Interest)	£16.46
DCC (Footpath M/ce)	£87.50
Total	£103.96

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

4593 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

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

- (a) AVBC -Your Local Guide to Scrutiny (Circulated)
- (b) Derbyshire Gold - DCC Gold Card Magazine Autumn/Winter 2005
- (c) DRCC Rural Matters - Autumn 2005
- (d) Amber Valley Arts Newsletter - Autumn/Winter 2005
- (e) ABVC Christmas/New Year Cleaning Arrangements-Ripley Town Centre
- (f) Ripley Showcase - Winter 2005
- (g) DCC Christmas Drink Drive Campaign

- (h) DCC b_line Magazine - Autumn 2005/6
- (i) CPRE Fieldwork Magazine December 2005
- (j) Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site Economic Development Plan
- (i) Amber Valley -The Heart of Derbyshire Calendar
- (j) Derwent Valley Train Times and Visitor Guide
- (k) Highways Agency Stakeholder News Area 7 -Issue 12
- (l) Derbyshire County Council Countryside Events 2006
- (m) Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education Annual Report 2004/2005

4594 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.

4595 HONORARIUM FOR BARRY WARD - CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ORGANISER 2005

RESOLVED that the 2005 Honorarium for Mr Barry Ward in respect of his management of the 2005 Christmas Lights be increased by 2.5% on the 2004 figure

Minutes of a meeting of the PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE held on 16 December 2005.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs I Harry (in the Chair)

Councillors G Carlile, Mrs P D Carlile JP, C A D Eley and Mrs D D Goddard.

There were no members of the public present.

32/2005 APOLOGIES

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

33/2005 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest by Members.

34/2005 RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR MRS J N BLAKE

It was reported that Councillor J N Blake had tendered her resignation from the Sub-Committee on the grounds of a conflict of interest as she had been appointed to the Planning Board of the Borough Council following her election as a Borough Councillor for the Heage and Ambergate Ward.

RESOLVED that Council be requested to appoint a replacement for Councillor Mrs J N Blake on the Planning Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

35/2005 PLANNING APPLICATION AVA/2005/1404 - RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF TEN HOUSES AND SEVEN FLATS ON LAND OFF PARKSIDE HEAGE FOR KIRK HALLAM HOMES UNIT 1 LANGLEY PARK NORTH STREET LANGLEY MILL

RESOLVED to recommend to Council to inform the Borough Council: -

(a) that this Council welcome the redesign of the scheme and the reduction in the number of dwellings proposed

(b) to object to this application on the grounds that there is no provision in the scheme to take account of the parking of vehicles particularly in the evening outside 85-99 Brook Street which makes access and egress from this site very dangerous and

(c) that if the Borough Council Planning Committee were mindful to approve the proposals they be asked to address the problems caused by the development to the residents of 85-99 Brook Street in respect of parking outside their home.

Minutes of a meeting of the Allotment Sub Committee held on 22 November 2005 at the Town Hall Ripley.

Present

Councillors Mrs J N Blake, G Carlile, S D Freeborn, I Harry and D R Neilson.
Representatives of the Allotment Societies - Messrs M Brown B Fairey and L Harris, H Keable, C Layton, D Salt and B Sharpe

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were in attendance

12/2005 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs I Harry be appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

(Councillor Mrs I Harry thereupon occupied the Chair)

13/2005 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

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

14/2005 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Mr M Kingsley.

15/2005 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillor D R Neilson declared a prejudicial interest as a Committee Member of the Heage Road Allotment Society and left the Meeting.

16/2005 RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR D R NEILSON

Councillor Neilson in declaring his conflict of interest recorded at Minute 15/2005 tendered his resignation from the Sub-Committee.

RESOLVED that Council be requested to appoint a replacement for Councillor Neilson on the Allotment Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

17/2005 MINUTES - 22 MARCH 2005.

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

18/2005 BEST ALLOTMENT COMPETITION 2005

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

2) that the winner from the three entries received for the 2005 competition was Mr Bernard Sharp of the Nuttalls Park site with Mr and Mrs P Bamford of the Sandham Lane site second and Mr C Brown of the Heage Road Site third.

19/2005 HEALTH AND SAFETY - ALLOTMENT SITES

The Town Clerk reported that it would be necessary to update the Council's records in relation to all the Council's Allotment sites and he would be seeking the co-operation of the Societies to provide individual plot holders with the necessary documentation to list materials equipment and products held on site.

RESOLVED 1) to note that the Town Clerk would be issuing Risk Assessment sheets to Societies for each plot holder to complete and return to update the Council's records and

2) to recommend to Council that they do not condone the use of barbed wire on allotment sites and the Town Clerk source a supply of anti-vandalism paint.

20/2005 ALLOTMENT IMPROVEMENTS REQUESTS 2006/7

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 following schemes be costed for consideration in the 2006/2007 financial year: -

- (a) 6ft Galvanized Water Trough - Heage Road
- (b) Replacement 10ft gate for the Sandham Lane site
- (c) Setting back of the entrance gate at Heage Road site

21/2005 COMPLAINT RE: BOUNDARY HEDGING AND SECURITY- PARKSIDE ALLOTMENT SITE HEAGE AND SECURITY HEDGING AT HEAGE ROAD

It was reported that the Council's Contractor had undertaken arising from a complaint from a resident of High Edge remedial hedging and tree surgery. Because of vandalism to part of the grazing let fencing and part of the hedging on security grounds it had been necessary to complete urgent repairs. These repairs could be carried out at the same time as the cutting back of trees and hedging. There was also the need for 10m of hawthorn hedging at Heage Road site.

RESOLVED to recommend to Council to confirm the action of the Clerk in arranging for the resident complaint and security issues at the Parkside Heage site and the planting of 10m of hedging at the Heage Road site to be addressed as a matter of urgency by the Council's Contractor at a cost of £715 plus VAT.

22/2005 RE-INSTATEMENT OF NUTTALLS PARK ALLOTMENT BOUNDARY WITH 26 FEARN AVENUE

The Clerk reported that the allotment boundary with 26 Fearn Avenue had disappeared and a quantity of soil/turf had also appeared on the allotment site at this location. The Clerk and the Allotment Secretary had visited the tenant who denied any knowledge of a hedge or boundary or the displaced material. The Clerk asked for the re-instatement of a boundary hedge or fence and this was confirmed by letter on 2 June 2005. A further letter had been sent to the tenant on 9 November. The tenant had responded to say that it was her intention to provide a fence and asked for more time to complete the works.

RESOLVED to recommend to Council that the tenant be allowed an extension of time to 14 March 2006 (a week before the next meeting) to allow her to re-instate a fence boundary between 26 Fearn Avenue and the allotment site.

23/2005 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Peak Waste (Heage Road)	£141.00
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J C Balls (Entrance Stoning - Parkside)	£611.00
G Thorpe Joinery (Gate - Heage Road)	£151.34
A M Hall (Parkside and Heage Road - Minute 21/2005)	£840.12
Total	£1884.46

2) to note the following income to 31 October 2005

Allotment Rents	£656.00
Rent from grazing land	£300.00
Interest	£39.97
Total	£995.97

24/2005 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

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