

RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 27 June 2006 at the Town Hall Ripley.

PRESENT

Councillor C Cutting (in the Chair)

Councillors Mrs J N Blake, G Carlile, S M Daley, C A D Eley, S D Freeborn, Mrs. D D Goddard, R H Goddard, Mrs. J H Gregory, Mrs. I Harry, Mrs M E Kent, M J Missett, D R Neilson and F A Raphael

Inspector Steve Hobbs and PC John Fahey (881) were in attendance.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Inspector Steve Hobbs reported that as a result of the successful Police Information Pack exercise promoted by Amber Valley Partnership earlier this year a similar exercise would be held in Ripley Market Place later in the year.

4654 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs. P D Carlile JP, Miss L D Cox, I Fisher, W G Fryer MBE, M B Gent JP, M C Hooley and M J E V Wilson.

4655 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillor Mrs J N Blake declared a prejudicial interest in the recommendations contained in Minute 4661 in respect of the Planning Application AVA/2005/1404 and left the meeting during discussion and decision on this matter.

Councillor G Carlile declared a prejudicial interest in the recommendations contained in Minute 4670 in respect of the Groundwork request as a Groundwork Board Director and left the meeting during discussion and decision on this matter.

Councillor C Cutting declared a personal interest in the recommendations contained in Minute 4657 in respect of Waingroves Community Association and Waingroves Village Show Committee Board who were beneficiary organisations and took no part in the discussion and decision on the matter.

Councillor S M Daley declared a personal interest in the recommendation contained in Minute 4657 in respect of Amber Valley Access as he was a member of the Board of this beneficiary organisation and took no part in the discussion and decision on the matter.

Councillor S D Freeborn declared a personal interest in the recommendation contained in Minute 4657 in respect of Ripley Music Festival grant request as he was a member of this beneficiary organisation and took no part in the discussion and decision on the matter.

Councillor M J Missett declared a personal interest in the recommendations contained in Minute 4657 in respect of Ripley Town Twinning Association Student Fund and Ripley Morris Men who were beneficiary organisations and took no part in the discussion and decision on the matter.

Councillor D R Neilson declared a personal interest in the recommendations contained in Minute 4662 in respect of the appeal to Planning Application AVA2005/0663 as a member of the adjacent Allotment Society and Minute 4663 in respect of the bus shelter at Windmill Inn Heage as a County Council Public Transport Office employee and took no part in the discussion and decision on the matters.

4656 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES – 9 MAY 2006

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 9 May 2006.

4657 MINUTES - FINANCIAL GRANTS SUB COMMITTEE - 9 JUNE 2006

RESOLVED to approve and adopt the Minutes of the Financial Grants Sub-Committee held on 9 June 2006 as shown at Appendix 1 to these Minutes.

4658 MINUTES - TOWN CENTRE FORUM HELD ON TUESDAY 10 APRIL AND THE RE-ENERGISING RIPLEY - (A) SHOPPER APPEAL MEETING NOTES - 15 MAY 2006 (B) MARKETING AND PROMOTION MEETING NOTES - 18 MAY 2006 AND (C) TOWN PRIDE MEETING NOTES - 22 MAY 2006.

RESOLVED to note the Town Centre Forum held on Tuesday 10 April and the Re-Energising Ripley - (a) Shopper Appeal Meeting Notes - 15 May 2006 (b) Marketing and Promotion Meeting Notes - 18 May 2006 and (c) Town Pride Meeting Notes - 22 May 2006.

4659 ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

4660 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: -

10 May CPRE AGM
20 May 1st Ripley Scouts Spring Fayre.
10 June Knightsbridge Place Phase 1 opening by Derbyshire Investments

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10 June Ripley Well Dressing Blessing Ceremony
23 June High Sheriff's Reception

The Deputy Town Mayor had attended the following function to represent the Town Council since the last meeting of Council: -

10 June Police Re-organisation Conference

4661 APPROVAL OF PLANNING APPLICATION AVA/2005/1404 -
RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT (RESUBMISSION) AT LAND OFF PARKSIDE
HEAGE FOR KIRK HALLAM HOMES WITH TRAFFIC CALMING
CONDITIONS.

RESOLVED 1) to note that despite objections by this Council on traffic
and highway grounds this application had been approved by the Borough Council

2) that the approval decision had secured a payment of
£2000 from the contractor for traffic calming works in connection with the
development

3) that the County Council be requested to provide a traffic
calming scheme of two plateau sited to give maximum benefit and

4) that the scheme be the subject of public consultation
before consideration by Council

4662 APPEAL BY RESIDENTS OF COPPER BEECHES TO THE REFUSAL BY
AVBC OF PLANNING APPLICATION AVA/2005/0663 - REMOVAL OF
CONDITION 12 OF PLANNING APPLICATION AVA 1097/086 REQUIRING A
BUFFER ZONE TO BE PROVIDED, LANDSCAPED AND MAINTAINED IN
PERPETUITY AS AN EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING TREE LINE, WHICH
ACTS AS A SOUND BARRIER FROM A38.

RESOLVED 1) to note that this application which had been refused by
the Borough Council would be subject of an appeal hearing

2) that the Council's objections be pursued by written
representations to the Appeal Hearing Inspector and

- 3) that all Members be informed of the Hearing date.

4663 BUS SHELTER AT WINDMILL INN HEAGE

It was reported that this bus shelter had been the subject of persistent vandalism and was not being used by bus passengers. The Borough Council had suspended its maintenance of bus shelters. This left a very unsatisfactory structure.

RESOLVED to recommend to Derbyshire County Council that this bus shelter be removed as soon as possible and a new bus stop sign is requested.

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4664 PURCHASE OF LOCAL COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION 7TH EDITION - CHARLES ARNOLD BAKER

RESOLVED to approve the purchase for Council use of the new 7th Edition of the publication Local Council Administration at a cost of £60

4665 LOCAL AUTHORITY BYELAWS IN ENGLAND: A DISCUSSION PAPER

RESOLVED 1) to note the proposals contained in the Government Discussion Paper on Local Authority Byelaws in England and

2) to request the Borough Council to consult with Parish Council's on whether a modern process for tackling a range of unacceptable behaviour and enforcing general standards of conduct might be through a new "community respect order".

4666 PUBLICATION OF FINAL DERBYSHIRE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 2006-2011

RESOLVED to note that the Final Derbyshire Local Transport Plan 2006-2011 had been published by the County Council and submitted to Government.

4667 COUNCIL'S INSURANCE COVER 2006/2007

It was reported that the Town Council currently was insured by Alliance Cornhill and the renewal premium was £3271.06. An alternative quotation had been obtained from Zurich Municipal in the sum of £1628.30.

RESOLVED to accept the quotation by Zurich Municipal to be the Council's Insurers at a cost of £1628.30 for 2006/2007.

4668 PROPOSED POLICE RE-ORGANISATION (MINUTE NO 4442) AND DALC CONFERENCE 10 JUNE 2006

Councillors S M Daley and S D Freeborn attended this Conference was attended by over 90 Parish Council representatives and 3 of the County's MP's.

The concerns expressed at the Conference were reported and the consensus view was That Parish Council's send their representations to the Home Secretary with a copy to the MP for the area as soon as possible.

RESOLVED that this Council strongly object to the Derbyshire Police Force Being merged and suggest to the Home Secretary that this Council favour the introduction of voluntary schemes for partnership working across the region to improve protective services using the finance recommended for force amalgamations to provide an early improvement in protective services across the region.

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4669 REDUCTION IN CRIME FIGURES 2005/2006 - CONGRATULATIONS TO THE DERBYSHIRE FORCE

During public participation at the Annual Meeting on 9 May 2006 the reported Significant reduction in crime for the Town Council area for 2005/2006 was considered worthy of congratulations being offered to the Chief Constable and the local Officers who police the area.

RESOLVED to congratulate the Derbyshire Police and particularly the local Officers on the significant reduction in recorded crime in the area for 2005/2006.

4670 REQUEST FROM GROUNDWORK EREWASH RE ADOPTION OF FOOTPATH ROUTEWAYS BY A GROUP OR ORGANISATION ON TWICE YEARLY BASIS

It was reported that the Project Officer of Amber Valley Routeways which provides a series of self-guided walks (currently 20) throughout Amber Valley was seeking to get each route adopted by an organisation or group to widen involvement in the project. The Town Council had asked if any Member of the Town Council was interested in becoming a "Routeway Ranger" or if they could recommend any other group or individual who may be interested.

RESOLVED that Councillor F Raphael be appointed to assist in the monitoring of the routes.

4671 COUNTY COUNCIL ESTIMATE FOR TWO ADDITIONAL STREET LAMPS AT SLACK LANE NETHER HEAGE - £1597.46.

RESOLVED 1) to accept the County Council estimate of £1597.46 for the provision of two additional street lamps for Slack Lane Nether Heage and

2) that the scheme be submitted to Amber Valley Borough

Council for inclusion in the Blackspot Lighting Programme for Amber Valley which provides for joint funding of the scheme

4672 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2006 REQUEST BY TOWN CENTRE FORUM FOR SWITCH-ON TO BE AT 6.00 PM ON FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER - THE LATE NIGHT SHOPPING EVENT

The Town Council anticipating a request for a change to the traditional arrangements for the Christmas Lights Switch-On had agreed to the event being moved to Friday 1 December. The Town Centre Forum had now formally requested that the Christmas Lights Switch-on be moved from the traditional Tuesday evening to Friday 1 December at 6.00 pm (30 minutes earlier than normal). The earlier 6.00pm start time Had always been avoided because of the need for the Heage Band members who provide the music for the Carol Service which follows the switch-on to go home from work before going to Ripley to perform. It was also a consideration that parking on

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the Market Place was operated under pay and display until 6.00pm. Control of vehicles on the Market Place was important in view of the 400 crowd the event usually attracts and the earlier start could lead to vehicles being unable to get away.

RESOLVED to inform the Town Centre Forum that it would not be practical to move the Christmas Lights Switch On start time from 6.30 pm on 1 December.

4673 DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCIL'S
RESOLVED to note the information contained in the following Circulars:-

- (a) Circular 20/06 - General
 - (i) Hanging Baskets and Planters
 - (ii) NJC Car Allowances wef 01.04.2006
 - (iii) Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005
 - (iv) Memorial Safety in Local Authority Cemeteries
 - (v) Parish Clerk Vacancies

- (b) Circular 21/06 - Training
 - (i) Councillor Training Day - 29 July 2006
 - (ii) Clerk's Training - 8 August 2006
 - (iii) The Quality Trail - 26 July 2006

4674 FINANCE

RESOLVED 1) to authorise the under mentioned payments: -

Town Clerk's Salary	£693.00
Inland Revenue	£342.35
Derby Daily Telegraph (Newsletter 15&16)	£101.52

Midlands Newspapers (Newsletter 15 &16)	£131.84
1st Ambergate Brownies (Newsletters 15&16)	£100.00
Zurich Municipal (Insurance)	£1628.30
England and Barker (Mayoral Chain Engraving)	£20.00
Shelter Maintenance	£6.78
SGB (Tower Scaffold-Xmas Lights)	£2673.13
Total	£5696.92

2) to note the following income:-

HM Customs and Excise (Reclaimed VAT)	£2645.85
AVBC (Last Payment -Sale of War Effort)	£31.50
Bowmer and Kirkland (SEP Sponsorship)	£200.00
Total	£2877.35

2) to note the 2006/2007 Budget Review/Risk Assessment Report for the year to 31 May 2006.

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4675 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

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

- (a) Amber Valley Community Safety Partnership Issue 1
- (b) AVBC Summer Band Concerts 2006
- (c) Amber Valley Patient and Public Involvement Forum
- (d) Onboard - Public Transport in Derbyshire - Spring/Summer
- (e) CPRE Fieldwork Magazine - June 2006
- (f) Derbyshire County Council World Cup Drink Drive Campaign - Make the Perfect Substitution.
- (g) Derwent Valley Train Times and Visitor Guide

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APPENDIX 1

RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Financial Grants Sub-Committee held on 9 June 2006 at the Town Hall Ripley.

PRESENT

Councillors Mrs J N Blake, G Carlile, C Cutting and S M Daley.

No members of the public were in attendance.

1/2006 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED that Councillor C Cutting be appointed Chairman of the Panel for the ensuing year.

2/2006 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor S M Daley declared a prejudicial interest in the application made by Amber Valley Access as he was a member of the Board and left the meeting during discussion and decision on this application.

Councillor C Cutting declared a prejudicial interest in the applications made by Waingroves Community Association and Waingroves Village Show Committee Board and left the meeting during discussion and decision on these applications.

3/2006 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2006/2007

RESOLVED 1) that in pursuance of the power conferred by section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) to recommend to Council that financial grants of £50 be made to organisations operating in the Town Council's area for 2006/2007 except for the grants to the organisations shown in italics which are regarded as specific grants in view of the significant nature of the grant purpose as detailed in Schedule 1 attached to the Minutes and

2) that the grant application by Derby and Marehay Under 5's

be refused as the group is a fee-paying operation with paid staff and is not a voluntary organisation.

Schedule 1

ALLOCATION OF FINANCIAL GRANTS 2006/2007

Name of Organisation	Grant
<i>Alfreton Model Railway Club</i>	£50
<i>Ambergate Carnival Committee</i>	£100
Ambergate & District Day Centre for the Elderly and Housebound	£50
<i>1st Ambergate Brownies</i>	£100
Amber Valley Access Group	£50
<i>Amber Valley Achievers Swimming Club</i>	£100
Amber Valley Stroke Support Group	£50
Bernard Boam Association	£50
Butterley United Cricket Club	£50
Council for the Preservation of Rural England	£35
Greenhillocks Fellowship	£50
Heage Bowls Club	£50
<i>Heage St Luke's Church</i>	£200
Heage Top Edge Residents Association	£50
Highedge Historical Society	£50
Marehay Cricket Club	£50
Nether Heage Pensioners	£50
Notts and Derby Border Youth Cricket League	£50
<i>1st Ripley Guides</i>	£100
Ripley Guides and Brownies H Q Fund	£50

1st Ripley Scout Group

£50

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Name of Organisation	Grant
Ripley All Saints Garden Club	£50
<i>Ripley Amateur Swimming Club and Life Savers</i>	<i>£100</i>
Ripley and District Twinning Student Fund	£50
Ripley Green Garters Ladies North-West Morris Dance Team	£50
Ripley Morris Men	£50
<i>Ripley Music Festival</i>	<i>£250</i>
Ripley Old Age Pensioners Club	£50
Ripley Recorded Music Society	£50
<i>Ripley Town Colts</i>	<i>£100</i>
Ripley Wood Street Methodist Church	£50
Royal British Legion (Ambergate Heage and District)	£50
Salvation Army Topsy Turvy Tots	£50
Sawmills Senior Citizens Association	£50
Sawmills Village Hall	£50
Waingroves Community Association	£50
Waingroves Drama Group	£50
Waingroves Methodist Church	£50
Waingroves Village Show Committee	£50
Waingroves Well Dressing	£50
1st Waingroves Brownies	£50
1st Waingroves Rainbows	£50

Total *£2735

*Excluding Amber Valley Community Transport grant of £900.00 + £15 Membership approved by Council previously.

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