

## RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 March 2008 at the Town Hall, Ripley.

### PRESENT

Councillor R A P Phillips-Forsyth (in the Chair)

Councillors R P Ashton, Mrs J N Blake, D Bowley, Mrs. E A Bowley, G Carlile, S D Carter, Miss L D Cox, C Cutting, I Fisher, S D Freeborn, M B Gent JP, M J Godfrey, Mrs J H Gregory, Mrs L Joyes, M C Joyes, Mrs C J Manterfield, D R Neilson, Mrs A S Ward and D A Williams.

One member of the public was in attendance.

### 5086 PUBLIC SPEAKING

No member of the public wished to speak.

### 5087 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor M C Hooley.

### 5088 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made by Members present.

### 5089 NON-CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES – 19 FEBRUARY 2008

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 February 2008.

### 5090 ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

### 5091 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor (Councillor R A P Phillips-Forsyth) reported that he had attended the following functions to represent the Town Council since the last meeting:-

21 Feb	Official Re-opening of the British Heart Foundation Shop 19-21 Oxford Street Ripley
24 Feb	Codnor Parish Council Civic Service
1 March	DALC Executive Committee
1 Mar	Matlock Town Council Mayor's Concert
9 Mar	Belper Town Council Civic Service

5092 MAYORAL CHAIN

Concern was expressed that because the Town Mayor was not a car owner the Mayoral chain was being worn between engagements placing the Mayoral Chain and the Town Mayor at risk.

RESOLVED that the Town Mayor ensure that the Mayoral Chain is only worn on his/her person at the particular Civic function being attended and be transported and kept in the carrying case at all other times.

5093 COMPLETION OF INTERNAL AUDIT ASSESSMENT BY  
COUNCILLORS MRS E A BOWLEY AND S D CARTER – 15 FEBRUARY 2008

RESOLVED to note that the Internal Audit Assessment had been completed by Councillors Mrs E A Bowley and S D Carter on 15 February 2008.

5094 AVBC SPORTS LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – OUTREACH  
– REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

This item was withdrawn.

5095 REQUEST FROM ANIMAL AID TO ADOPT THE COMPASSIONATE  
CHARTER

RESOLVED to note the Animal Aid's new Compassionate Charter.

5096 B6441 HARTSHAY HILL – SCOTT WILSON CONSULTATION ON  
50MPH PROPOSALS BETWEEN A38 AND 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT GATEWAY  
TO RIPLEY

RESOLVED to raise no objection to the proposals to implement a 50 mph speed limit to replace the existing National Speed Limit along the B6441 from its junction with the A38 roundabout to the 30 mph speed limit gateway at Ripley.

5097 BLACKSPOT LIGHTING – DCC AND AVBC COMMUNITY SAFETY  
SCHEME UNABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO COST OF PADLEY CLOSE RIPLEY  
SCHEME (MINUTE 5073)

RESOLVED 1) to note that Derbyshire County Council and the Amber Valley Community Safety Scheme had both indicated that they could not financially support the Council's proposed lighting scheme for Padley Close and

2) that this scheme be deferred until such time as the scheme can be included in the Amber Valley Blackspot Lighting Programme.

5098 ACCEPTANCE OF TOWN CLERK POST BY MIKE INGHAM, TOWN CLERK'S CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT, DEDICATED PHONE LINE, NEW E MAIL ADDRESS, AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT.

RESOLVED to note 1) that Mike Ingham the new Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer would commence duty on 1 April 2008 and that the existing Town Clerk would retire on 14 May 2008.

2) to approve the installation of a dedicated Town Council telephone line at the home of the new Town Clerk with the associated costs falling on the Town Council

3) to note that the Town Clerk had been provided with a laptop computer as part of the implementation of the Amber Valley E Network and

4) to approve the purchase, by the retiring Town Clerk of the existing computer system, which was surplus to requirements, at a cost of £150.

5099 UNVEILING OF SIR CLIFF RICHARD PLAQUE AT THE REGAL NOTTINGHAM ROAD RIPLEY 6.30PM – 3 MAY 2008

RESOLVED to note 1) that the commemorative plaque provided by the Town Council to mark that it is 50 years since Harry Webb now Sir Cliff Richard played with the Drifters at the Regal Ripley would be unveiled at 6.30 pm on the actual day – 3 May 2008 by the Town Mayor and

2) that the proposed celebration event at the Regal could not take place because alterations to the premises were not complete and a suitable alternative venue could not be found.

5100 DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

RESOLVED to note the information contained in Circulars 10/2008, 11/2008 and 12/2008.

5101 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT/INCOME

RESOLVED 1) to authorise the under mentioned payments:-

Cheque No 502569	Town Clerk's Salary	£772.76
Cheque No 502570	Inland Revenue	£217.96
Cheque No 502571	Town Clerk's Allowance	£750.00
Cheque No 502572	Ambergate Meth Church (Flood Fair)	£15.00
	Total	£1755.72

2) to note the following income:-

Book Sales £43.50

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2008 3) to note the Budget/Risk Assessment to 29 February

#### 5102 FLOOD FAIR – AMBERGATE – 21 FEBRUARY 2008

The large attendance by residents at the Ambergate Flood Fair was reported. Members expressed disappointment on behalf of the residents because the anticipated general question and answer session did not form part of the evening.

RESOLVED to request the Borough Council 1) to ensure that at any future Flood Fair that the Severn Trent Water Authority be in attendance

2) that an open forum be arranged at some time during the event and

3) that on any publications or posters for future events that the Ripley Town Council name should accompany the Town Crest.

#### 5103 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF OUTSIDE BODIES - DERWENT VALLEY LINE COMMUNITY RAIL PARTNERSHIP PROJECT – 11 MARCH 2008

RESOLVED to note the report of Councillor R Ashton on the meeting of the Derwent Valley Line Community Rail Partnership Project held on 11 March 2008.

#### 5104 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The following items were reported for the information of Members:-

- (a) Amber Valley News Releases
  - (i) Nominations Invited for Borough Elections
  - (ii) Pet Shop Owner prosecuted for causing animal suffering
  - (iii) McDonald's worker sentenced for benefit fraud
  - (iv) Warning not to flout planning regulations
  - (v) Visitor attractions receive promotional boost
  - (vi) Relive your memories of Heanor
  - (vii) Spring into action – sign up for your new waste collection service
  - (viii) Free 'Employing People' training session
  - (viii) AVBC announces Council tax budget
  - (ix) Feel great in March for less
- (b) DCC Mobile Phone Campaign 2008
- (c) Mid Derbyshire Citizens Advice Bureau amongst the top in England and Wales Press Release
- (d) AVBC Consultation Panel November Questionnaire Results
- (e) Amber Voice – Issue 19

- (f) Minutes of the Parish Clerk's Network with AVBC – 24 January 2008
- (g) Helping People deal with anti-social behaviour – New Victim Support
- (h) The Playing Field – Derbyshire Rural Community Council Newsletter

5105 DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MOBILE PHONE CAMPAIGN 2008  
(MINUTE 5104(b))

RESOLVED to welcome the County Council initiative to reduce the number of drivers using mobile phones while driving and to give every support to the scheme