

RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 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, S M Daley, W G Fryer MBE, 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 M J E V Wilson.

Forty-two members of the public, one press representative and PC John Fahey (881) and PCSO Sarah Dufton (4425) were in attendance.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident of Heage expressed his objection to the proposal to relocate the Bus Shelter at the Windmill Inn Heage and handed in a letter confirming his objection.

PC John Fahey (881) reported that in response to a previous Town Council enquiry the Police had confirmed that they had no objection in principle to a reduction of the speed limit to 40 mph at Street Lane Denby. It was considered unlikely however that such a limit would be respected and therefore would not be viable without effective traffic calming measures.

PC Fahey (881) agreed to investigate the excessive speed of vehicles on Hartshay Hill near the Heage Road junction and the parking of vehicles at the junction of Toadmoor Lane with the A6, which impeded access and egress from the A6

4801 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs J N Blake, C A D Eley, I Fisher, S D Freeborn, M B Gent JP, M C Hooley and F A Raphael.

4802 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillors G Carlile declared a personal interest as a Member of Derbyshire County Council in respect of the consideration of the items detailed at Minutes 4807/2007, 4808/2007 and 4813/2007.

Councillors D R Neilson declared a prejudicial interest as an Officer of the Derbyshire County Council Public Transport Unit in respect of Minutes 4808/2007 and left the meeting during the discussion and decision on this item.

4802 MINUTES – 20 FEBRUARY 2007

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 February 2007.

4803 MINUTES - PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE - 20 MARCH 2007.

RESOLVED to approve and adopt the Minutes of the Planning Sub Committee held on 20 March 2007 as shown at Appendix 1 to these Minutes.

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4804 ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

4805 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: -

3 March Ripley Amber Valley Lions Club Charter

17 March Derbyshire County Council Civic Dinner

It was also reported that the Deputy Town Mayor had attended the Heanor and Loscoe Town Council Civic Dinner on 17 March to represent the Council

4806 REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS - CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

It was reported that the Government were seeking views on their intention to produce a clearer, simpler and proportionate code of conduct for members of local authorities that included the changes to the rules on personal and prejudicial interests.

RESOLVED to note the proposed amendments to the revised Model Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members.

4807 TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES - PARKSIDE HEAGE (MINUTE NO 4771)

It was reported that a County Council Officer and Councillor G Carlile had met on site to give further consideration of this matter and the visit had resulted in a proposed a new location for the traffic-calming plateau at Parkside Heage. The proposed location was now immediately south of 99 Parkside Heage.

RESOLVED to consult residents of 77-107 and 48-60 Parkside on the revised proposal.

4808 BUS SHELTER OPPOSITE THE WINDMILL INN HEAGE (MINUTE 4799)

The Town Clerk reported the receipt of a letter of objection from a resident to the proposed relocation of the bus shelter. It was also reported that a letter from Heage Neighbourhood Watch had been E Mailed to the Town Clerk on the day of the Meeting expressing their objection to the relocation in advance of the reported meeting of the group on 28 March 2007 when this matter was due to be discussed.

RESOLVED to await the decision of Heage Neighbourhood Watch at the meeting on 28 March when the proposed replacement or relocation of the bus shelter at this location was to be discussed before reconsideration of this matter.

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4809 AWARDS FOR ALL LOTTERY GRANT OF £5500.00 TOWARDS THE PROPOSED TOWN COUNCIL BOOK ON THE AREA.

RESOLVED 1) to note that the Council had been successful in securing a £5500 grant from the National Lottery - Awards for All programme to accommodate the facilitation of the local project groups, the copying/reproducing/editing of photographs and other materials and the book promotion and

2) to place on record the Council's thanks to the Town Clerk for his efforts in securing this grant.

4810 PARISH/BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTIONS - 3 MAY 2007

RESOLVED to note that the Town Clerk had been provided with an election candidates guide, the necessary forms and documentation pack for the use of anyone who requests information.

4811 RE-ORGANISATION OF PROBATION SERVICES (MINUTE 4775) - RESPONSE FROM THE HOME OFFICE

RESOLVED to note that the Direct Communications Unit of the Home Office had acknowledged the Council's representations and have confirmed that the Government is fully committed to a strong public sector probation service and to prove it Ministers have offered six guarantees as follows: -

(a) The guiding principle for all changes to the probation service will be to ensure that the highest quality services and delivered in order to best protect the public

(b) Probation will continue to be valued as a profession reinforced by rigorous national standards and training

(c) We want to support probation boards to become part of a network of viable public sector trusts working alongside providers from the voluntary and private sectors to deliver high quality services

(d) As long as it is meeting and demanding and transparent standards we set the public sector trust for each area will be awarded the contract to run offender management services in the first instance

(e) Where the new provider is asked to run probation services in a particular area staff who transfer to it will have their terms and conditions protected by law and

(f) New providers will have to take account of the two-tier workforce regulations that means they have to recruit new staff on terms and conditions that are, overall, no less favourable than those of employees transferred from the public sector.

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4812 APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR - EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WITH THE AUDIT COMMISSION

RESOLVED to note that following the competitive tendering process the Audit Commission were appointed as Auditor to all Council's in Derbyshire for the period 2001/2 - 2005/6 and this had been extended to 2006/7 prior to a further competitive tendering process.

4813 DERBY AND DERBYSHIRE WASTE SITES DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT - ADDITIONAL POSSIBLE SITES CONSULTATION DOCUMENT FEBRUARY 2007

RESOLVED to note that none of the proposed additional possible were in the Town Council area.

4814 REVIEW OF THE QUALITY TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL SCHEME

It was reported that the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill will take forward many of the commitments made in Strong and Prosperous Communities- the recent Local Government White Paper - including the extension of the power to promote well-being. If enacted the Bill is expected to confirm the White Paper Commitment to extend the power of well being to all Parish and Town Council's that satisfy criteria based on the Quality Parish Scheme. This could succeed the current Quality Town and Parish Council Scheme as it does not have a statutory base.

The partners of the current scheme have agreed that existing accreditations should be extended until such time as the new statutory provisions come into effect.

The electoral mandate qualification of 80% will remain both for first and subsequent accreditations.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

4815 STREET LIGHTING ON JURA AVENUE RIPLEY - LETTER FROM RESIDENT

A letter had been received on behalf of the residents of Jura Avenue Ripley requesting two additional lamps to improve visibility for the Warden controlled residents particularly the aged and disabled residents. It was reported that the problem might be best improved by security lighting near the properties that was a matter for Amber Valley Housing.

RESOLVED that as this was a security issue the matter be referred to Amber Valley Housing in the first instance.

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4816 APPEAL BY OAK AUTOMATICS LTD RE: REFUSAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION TO CHANGE USE OF RETAIL TO AMUSEMENT CENTRE AND INSTALLATION OF NEW SHOP FRONT AT 41 OXFORD STREET RIPLEY (MINUTE 4763)

RESOLVED 1) to note that the appeal by the applicants had been arranged for 23 May 2007 at 10.00 am at the Town Hall Ripley and

2) that the Town Clerk represent the Town Council at the Appeal and he be authorised to engage professional support if considered necessary.

4817 DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL DRAFT FIRST GENDER EQUALITY SCHEME CONSULTATION - HAVE WE GOT OUR PRIORITIES FOR GENDER EQUALITY RIGHT

It was reported that the Equality Act 2006 amends the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 and places a legal duty on all public authorities to promote equality between women and men. The County Council had produced for consultation a draft Gender Equality Scheme to cover the period 2007 - 2010.

RESOLVED that the report be noted

4818 DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCIL'S

RESOLVED to note the information contained in Circulars 5/07, 6/07, 7/07 and 8/07.

4819 FINANCE

RESOLVED 1) to authorise the under mentioned payments: -

Town Clerk's Salary	£693.00
Inland Revenue (includes Xmas Lights Team)	£1468.86
DCC (Repair to Sandham Lane/Maple Ave Streetlight)	£35.25
CBC Computers Ltd (Town Clerk's New Computer System)	£757.88
Waste Recycling Group Ltd (Salvation Army)	£1100.00
Lady Jowitt (Insurance 3 Grosvenor Road)	£139.92

Total £4194.91

2) to note the following income:-

Awards for All Lottery Fund	£5500.00
AVBC (Town Centres Xmas Lights Contribution)	£450.00
Interest	£14.19
Total	£5964.19

3) to note the 2006/2007 Budget Review/Risk Assessment to
28.02.2007

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4820 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

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

- (a) DCC Mobile Phone Campaign
- (b) DCC Scrap the Scams

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