

RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 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, Miss L D Cox, C Cutting, C A D Eley, I Fisher, S D Freeborn, W G Fryer MBE, M B Gent JP, Mrs. D D Goddard, R H Goddard, Mrs. J H Gregory and Mrs M E Kent.

PC John Fahey (881) was in attendance.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PC John Fahey noted an operational request in respect of a matter in Heage.

4596 COUNCILLOR MRS M E KENT

Councillor Mrs M E Kent was formally welcomed to the Council as the new Member for the Heage Ward.

4597 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillors S M Daley, M C Hooley, M J Missett, D R Neilson, F A Raphael and M J E V Wilson.

4598 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillor I Fisher declared a prejudicial interest as Chairman of Waingroves Show Committee in respect of the item recorded at Minute 4610 and left the meeting during discussion and decision on this matter.

4599 MINUTES – 24 JANUARY 2006

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 January 2006.

4600 MINUTES - CHAMBER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE SUB COMMITTEE - 24 JANUARY 2006

RESOLVED to approve and adopt the Minutes of the Chamber of Trade and Commerce Sub-Committee held on 24 January 2006 as shown at Appendix 1 to these Minutes.

4601 ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

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4602 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: -

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| 28 Jan | Ripley Morris Men -Ripley Feast 2006 |
| 29 Jan | Belper Town Council Civic Service |
| 8 Feb | AVBC - Urban Futures Game Project |
| 18 Feb | Ripley Amber Valley Lions Charter Evening |
| 3 Mar | Ripley Rotary Club Annual Dinner |
| 4 Mar | Marehay Cricket Club Centenary Dinner |
| 5 Mar | Codnor Parish Council Civic Service |
| 17 Mar | Welcome of German Exchange Students to Ripley Mill Hill School |
| 18 Mar | Chair of the County Council's Civic Dinner |

4603 AVB LOCAL PLAN - NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT AND OF FURTHER MODIFICATIONS TO THE PROPOSALS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF A LOCAL PLAN - LAND AT BULLSMOOR BELPER

RESOLVED to note that Amber Valley Borough Council proposed to make further modifications to these proposals in respect of land at Bullsmoor Belper

4604 NOTTINGHAM EAST MIDLANDS AIRPORT DRAFT MASTER PLAN CONSULTATION

RESOLVED to note that consultation on the Nottingham East Midlands Airport Draft Master Plan had commenced to invite comments from members of the public with a view to assisting the Airport to produce the final Master Plan later in the year and that the draft plan was available from the Town Clerk or on the website www.nottinghamema.com.

4605 DERBYSHIRE POLICE - SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS - REQUEST FOR PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL FUNDING FOR POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS

It was reported that the Chief Constable had informed all Parish and Town Councils in the County of the establishment of Safer Neighbourhood Teams who will be responsible for their areas and accountable to the same neighbourhood in terms of establishing what issues the local communities would like to see addressed.

At a local level, in A Division, the Police already have a significant number of officers deployed to neighbourhood teams which has been expanded to include ten Police Community Support Officers (Paso's) to provide an increase in the visible patrol, which has been welcomed by the communities in which they work. In 2006/2007 it was hoped that the Derbyshire Force would recruit a further 44 PCSO's a proportion of which would be allocated to A Division. Parish and Town Councils were asked to consider providing financial support to increase that number for their area. The cost of a PCSO was estimated to be £28000 with the additional start up cost including training of £2500.

Members expressed disappointment that this proposal had been made after the 2006/2007 Budget had been determined. It was also reported that operationally PCSO's were not expected to work alone therefore the cost for two PCSO's in the Ripley Town Council area would exceed the cost of the Council's total annual budget.

RESOLVED that the Council welcome the PCSO initiative but regard this provision to be a matter for the Police Authority to fund.

4606 AMBER VALLEY PARTNERSHIP BOARD - SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE - AUDIT OF CURRENT ACTIVITIES

It was reported that the priorities in the Amber Valley Community Plan 2005/2006 for young people had been superseded by the proposals set out by the government in the Youth Green Paper "Youth Matters" which was a comprehensive review of youth provision for young people aged 13-19.

The County Council through the Children's Trust will have a legal duty to secure positive activities for young people, publish statutory national standards for the activities young people would benefit from in their free time, to support local authorities in developing "opportunity cards (Derbyshire b-Line card), to establish an "opportunity fund" for local projects, to encourage more young people to volunteer for activity, to target young people who are not involved in education and will receive additional funding to meet these developments.

As an initial assessment it had been agreed that the County Council and the Borough Council would carry out an audit of activities that were available to young people locally and the Council were asked to provide details of current activities and suggest any service development for consideration.

RESOLVED to welcome the additional funding being made available to engage young people and would request that the audit ensures not only urban schemes but also village activities.

4607 DERBY FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PROJECT (DERBY PROJECT)

RESOLVED to note that following the Derby Project consultation the key topics had been identified as follows:-

- The downstream effects of floodwater

- Floodplain restoration

- Mercaston and Markeaton Brooks Project

- Impact of the options on the Derwent Valley Mills Worlds Heritage Site

- Sustainable drainage systems(SuDS)

- Some of the weirs prevent the migration of species like otters and fish in the upper Derwent and

- Increased access to the river for recreation.

4608 APPROVAL BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF PLANNING APPLICATION AVBC/2005/1217 FOR THE DEMOLITION OF EXISTING LEISURE CENTRE AND ERECTION OF NEW 2 NO STOREY LEISURE CENTRE TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED CAR PARK AND EXTERNAL WORKS AT RIPLEY LEISURE CENTRE

RESOLVED to note that the Borough Council had approved this application.

4609 COMPLETION OF ANNUAL AUDIT 2004/2005.

It was reported that the District Auditor had in signing off the 2004/2005 accounts had asked the Council to extend the fidelity insurance to include Councillors. The Town Clerk reported that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor were the only authorised signatories for Council cheques from cheque books held by the Town Clerk and no Member cash transactions took place.

RESOLVED 1) to note that the District Auditor had issued the Notice of Conclusion of Audit and right to inspect the Annual Return in respect of the year 2004/2005 and the required notice and Annual Return had been displayed on the Town Hall Notice Board from 27 February 2006 and

2) that in view of the Council's financial controls that no action is taken to extend the fidelity insurance to Town Councillors.

4610 SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME 2006

RESOLVED 1) to note the 2006 Summer Entertainment Programme detailed at Appendix 2 to the Minutes and

2) to note that the total cost to the Council for the 11 Saturday performances was £1165.00 and sponsorship was being sought to support that level of programme

3) to approve the payment of the £85 balance to secure the 27 August concert in Crossley Park Grandstand by The Gentle Jazzmen and

4) to approve a grant of £50 towards the Brass Band Concert held at the Waingroves Show Lunchtime Roast on 10 July 2005

4611 2005 POPPY APPEAL RIPLEY HEAGE AND AMBERGATE - £13164.72

RESOLVED 1) to note that the total raised in the 2005 Poppy Appeal for Ambergate Ripley and District was £13164.72 (2004 - £11862.70)

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

4612 DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

RESOLVED to note the information contained in Circulars 9/2006, 10/2006 and 11/2006.

4613 TOWN CLERK'S GRATUITY

DALC Circular 11/2006 drew the Council's attention to the requirement to inform the Inland Revenue before 5 April 2006 if the Town Clerk's gratuity was to be protected and that the part of the lump sum before that date could be paid tax-free.

RESOLVED to inform the Inland Revenue that the Council wishes the Town Clerk's existing gratuity rights to 5 April 2006 be protected to allow on retirement that part of the lump sum to be paid in full and tax-free.

4614 FINANCE

RESOLVED 1) to authorise the under mentioned payments: -

(a) General

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| Town Clerk's Salary | £674.18 |
| Inland Revenue | £332.74 |
| Town Clerk's Allowance 2005/6 | £750.00 |
| Lady Jowitt (Insurance -3 Grosvenor Road) | £144.89 |
| Shelter M/ce | £6.17 |
| Ripley Music Festival (Minute4371) | £250.00 |
| Audit Commission | £411.25 |

(b) Xmas Lights

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| Staff Payments -Xmas Lights Team | £6758.19 |
| B Ward -Sundries | £20.31 |
| K Carter - Sundries | £26.01 |
| Inland Revenue | £999.75 |
| Heage Band (Xmas Lights and Seasonal Music) | £325.00 |
| Symanhire (Xmas Lights) | £186.63 |
| Total | £10885.12 |

(2) to note the following income

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| AVBC (Xmas Lights -Electricity Contribution) | £450.00 |
| Co-operative Bank (Interest) | £8.32 |
| Total | £458.32 |

3) to note the 2005/2006 Budget Review/Risk Assessment Report for the year to 28 February 2005.

4615 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

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

- (a) Amber Valley Guide 2006
- (b) DCC On Board Magazine - Winter 2005/6
- (c) First Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site E-newsletter - January 2006
- (d) Derwent Valley Mills Partnership Minutes - 26 January 2006
- (e) DCC- Your views on Mobile Libraries
- (f) Temporary Closure of Footpath 75 Ripley - Outram Street to Bridle Lane - 6 March to 1 October 2006
- (f) AVBC - Housing and Council Tax Benefit and Pensions Credits
- (g) AVBC Statement of Licensing Policy
- (h) DCC Teenage Safety Campaign
- (i) CPRE Fieldwork - March 2006
- (j) Amber Valley Arts Newsletter - Spring/Summer 2006

APPENDIX 1

Minutes of a meeting of the CHAMBER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE LIAISON SUB-COMMITTEE held on 24 January 2006 at the Town Hall Ripley.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs I Harry - Ripley Town Council (in the Chair)

AMBER VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Layton Davis - Town Centre Manager

RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Councillors Mrs J N Blake, G Carlile and S D Freeborn.

Mr Barry Ward

RIPLEY AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE

J Davey (Amber Value), M Dudley (The Martyn Dudley Studio) and P Maciejewski (Romac Motor Factors)

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor A Cox (Amber Valley Borough Council) and Mr D Clarke (W E Clarke and Sons).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Member of the public was present.

1/2006 MINUTES - 11 OCTOBER 2005

RESOLVED to confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Chamber of Trade and Commerce Liaison Sub Committee held on 11 October 2005 and to note that the recommendations contained therein were approved and adopted by the Town Council.

2/2006 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

No interests were declared

3/2006 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING DISPLAYS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON AND CAROL SERVICE 2005

The Chamber of Trade and Commerce on behalf of the Town praised the Council on the excellent Christmas lighting display in Ripley.

The Town Centre Forum had agreed to contribute £450.00 to the costs of the lighting display.

Discussion took place on the possibility as an experiment to combine the Friday Late Night Shopping Event promoted by the Town Centre Forum and the Christmas Lights Switch-on arranged by the Town Council.

RESOLVED 1) to note the praise of the Chamber of Trade representative on the 2005 Christmas lighting display in Ripley

2) to recommend to Council that the Christmas Lights switch-on and Carol Service be held in conjunction with the Late Night Shopping Event on Friday 1 December 2006 subject to the agreement of the Town Centre Forum

3) to recommend to Council that the Christmas Lights Switch-on be held on Tuesday 28 November if the agreement of the Town Centre Forum cannot be achieved in respect of a joint event on the 1 December 2006.

4) to recommend to Council to continue the Saturday morning Brass Band concerts of carols around the Town

5) to recommend to Council to express to the Borough Council satisfaction of the parking concession arrangements made for 2005 and to request an extension of the period to allow the whole week prior to Christmas i.e. from 18 December 2006.

4/2006 CHRISTMAS MARKET AND TOWN CENTRE MARKETS IN RIPLEY

Members of the Sub-Committee expressed their disappointment at the number of stalls operating on Market Days in Ripley that had not increased for the Christmas period.

The Town Centre Manager reported that the matter was under active consideration by the Borough Council and a review of operations was likely.

RESOLVED to recommend to Council that the Borough Council be requested to address the decline of the Market as soon as possible.

5/2006 SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME 2006

RESOLVED to note the Summer Entertainment Programme in Ripley was to be continued on the basis of fourteen Saturday events in the Town and seven Sunday Concerts in Crossley Park (with the Crossley Park Concerts being sponsored by the Borough Council)

6/2006 ROMAC MOTOR FACTORS

RESOLVED to place on record the thanks of the Council to Mr Peter Maciejewski of Romac Motor Factors who as his personal contribution to the 2005 Christmas Lights had waived the cost of the invoice accruing from items purchased by the Christmas Lights team during the erection of the 2005 Christmas Lights.

7/2006 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on Tuesday 10 October 2006.

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