

RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2005 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, S M Daley, I Fisher, S D Freeborn, W G Fryer MBE, M B Gent JP, Mrs. J H Gregory, D R Neilson and F A Raphael.

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

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PC Fahey reported on the most recent crime figures for Ripley that showed an overall decrease in crime and gave notice of the Police Survey to be carried out in Ripley Market Place on 23 November 2005. The Police were praised for their quick response to a Member request for assistance.

4533 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillors C A D Eley, Mrs. D D Goddard, R H Goddard, M C Hooley M J Missett and M J E V Wilson.

4534 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

There were no declarations of an interest made by Members

4535 MINUTES – 11 AND 17 OCTOBER 2005

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Meetings held on 11 and 17 October 2005.

4536 MINUTES - PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE - 22 NOVEMBER 2005

RESOLVED to approve and adopt the Minutes of the Planning Sub-Committee held on 22 November 2005 as shown at Appendix 1 to these Minutes.

4537 MINUTES - CHAMBER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE SUB-COMMITTEE - 11 OCTOBER 2005

RESOLVED to approve and adopt the Minutes of the Chamber of Trade and Commerce sub-Committee held on 11 October 2005 as shown at Appendix 2 to these Minutes.

4538 MINUTES - TOWN CENTRE FORUM - 4 OCTOBER 2005

RESOLVED to receive the Minutes of the Town Centre Forum held on 4 October 2005.

4539 ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

4540 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: -

- 14 Oct 19th Birthday Party - Amber Valley Stroke Group
- 18 Oct Fair Dinner
- 19 Oct Annual Fair Opening
- 29 Oct AVBC/Blackstone Valley Twinning Meeting
- 30 Oct Town Council Civic Service
- 3 Nov Police Parish Council's Evening
- 6 Nov Heanor and Loscoe Town Council Civic Service
- 13 Nov Remembrance Day Service at Ripley War Memorial

4541 NETHER HEAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - STREET LIGHTING SLACK LANE NETHER HEAGE

It was reported that the Nether Heage Neighbourhood Watch had raised the concerns of residents that on the adequacy of the three lamps which serve Slack Lane Nether Heage in view of the stretches of unlit pathway.

RESOLVED that Councillor G Carlile and Local Member(s) conduct a site visit with Nether Heage Neighbourhood Watch and report back.

4542 TRENT BARTON BUS SERVICE: BROOK STREET/PARKSIDE HEAGE - RESTORATION OF ORIGINAL BUS ROUTES (MINUTE 4496)

RESOLVED to note that following County Council highway improvements in the Brook Street/Parkside area of Heage Trent Barton had implemented the new bus timetable via Brook Street and Parkside from 23 October 2005.

4543 APPROVAL BY AVBC OF OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION FOR ERECTION OF 2 NO DETACHED DWELLINGS AT CRICH VIEW FARM HEAGE ROAD RIPLEY FOR HILLTOP POULTRY LTD BY POWRIE-SMITH ARCHITECTS

RESOLVED to note the approval of this application by the Borough Council despite objections from this Council.

4544 WITHDRAWAL OF PLANNING APPLICATION AVA/2005/1112 - RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF LAND OFF KIRK CLOSE RIPLEY FOR AMBER VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL BY ROBERT CLARK CHARTERED SURVEYORS OXFORD HOUSE OXFORD STREET NOTTINGHAM

RESOLVED to note the withdrawal of this application to allow reconsideration of the proposals.

4545 DERBYSHIRE MINERALS AND WASTE DEVELOPMENT
FRAMEWORK - DERBYSHIRE STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY
INVOLVEMENT PRE SUBMISSION DRAFT (REGULATION 26)

RESOLVED to note that the final draft of the Statement of Community Involvement would be submitted to the Secretary of State in Spring 2006.

4546 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO PARISH/BOROUGH
LIAISON COMMITTEE 7.00 PM - 30 NOVEMBER 2005

RESOLVED that Councillor M B Gent JP and Councillor W G Fryer MBE (with Councillor S M Daley as substitute) represent the Council at the Parish/Borough Liaison Meeting on 30 November.

4547 AMBER LEISURE PFI PROJECT - UPDATE

RESOLVED to note that the project to re-develop the three Leisure Centres at Heanor Ripley and Alfreton had now reached the Planning Stage and the Borough Council were cautiously optimistic that the projects could be successfully negotiated.

4548 RIPLEY TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION - REQUEST FOR GRANT
TOWARDS THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS -RIPLEY EASTER
2006

It was reported that the visit of Ripley's French Twin Town - Chateau Renault at Easter 2006 would mark the 10th Anniversary of the Charter signing and Roland Emmas-Williams on behalf of the Twinning Association had requested consideration of financial support from the Town Council in marking this special anniversary.

RESOLVED that a grant of £250 be made to the Ripley Town Twinning Association for the 10th Anniversary arrangements.

4549 REGISTRATION OF COMMON LAND NO 14 HEAGE (MINUTE 4495)

RESOLVED to note that the Common Land known as West Acre on the West side of Crich Lane Nether Heage was registered in the name of James William Martin 73a Newbridge Road Ambergate and therefore this Council had no responsibilities in respect of the registration.

4550 REVIEW OF THE EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL PLAN (REGIONAL
SPATIAL STRATEGY) - OPTIONS FOR CHANGE CONSULTATION

It was reported that this document provided the long-term development strategy for the region over a 15-20 year period and covered the scale and distribution of new housing, priorities for the environment, transport, infrastructure, economic development, agriculture, minerals extraction and waste treatment and disposal.

Following the Draft Review Project Plan and Draft Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report consultation earlier this year an "Options for Change" document had been provided as the next stage in the process including the proposed changes to the Regional Plan Sub-Area boundaries, proposed policies to guide future development form and options for the scale and distribution of new housing.

RESOLVED to note the "Options for Change" and Sustainability Appraisal Report.

4551 EQUIPMENT, STAFF AND ELECTRICITY PAYMENTS - CHRISTMAS 2005

RESOLVED that following consultation with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to authorise the Town Clerk and Chief Financial Officer to pay staff and to make equipment and electricity payments as they arise before next meeting of Council subject to all payments being reported to Council.

4552 FOOTPATH 53 RIPLEY - LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT AND TARMAC FOOTPATH SCHEME COMPLETION. (MINUTE 4455)

RESOLVED to note that the surfacing and lighting improvements on Footpath 53 from Sycamore Court to Samuel Avenue Ripley had been completed

4553 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT PLAN) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2004 - STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT FOR AMBER VALLEY - SUBMISSION PARTICIPATION (REGULATION 28)

RESOLVED to note that following consultation the revised Amber Valley Borough Statement of Community Involvement had been formally submitted to the Secretary of State.

4554 ENVIRONMENT AGENCY - DERBY FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PROJECT

It was reported that the Environment Agency were focusing attention on the River Derwent corridor and floodplain and had invited the Council to provide information and select an option for further investigation.

RESOLVED to inform the Environment Agency that this Council would wish the Agency to pursue Option 5 that suggests upgrading existing defences in view of the severe flooding that takes place on the River Derwent at Ambergate

4555 THE WAR EFFORT REPRINT 2004 -REMAINING COPIES

RESOLVED that the County Library Service be offered the remaining copies of the "War Effort" Reprint produced in 2004 to co-incide with the addition of the names to the Ripley War Memorial of persons killed in service to their Country since the 1914 -18 War.

4556 CODE OF CONDUCT - REGISTER OF INTERESTS

RESOLVED to note that the Standards Board for England had recommended it was good practice for Parish Councillors to periodically review their entries in the Register of Interests and this would be initiated by the Town Clerk.

4557 WITHDRAWAL OF PLANNING APPLICATION AVA/2005/1136 - RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT LAND OFF PARKSIDE HEAGE FOR KIRK HALLAM HOMES UNIT 1 LANGLEY PARK NORTH STREET LANGLEY MILL

RESOLVED to note that this application had been withdrawn to allow the application to be reconsidered.

4558 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 transfer of Justices Licence and S34 Permit in respect of: -

- (i) The George Inn Lowes Hill Ripley (Transfer to Linda Brentnall).

4559 DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

RESOLVED 1) to note the information contained in Circulars 31/2005 and 32/2005 and

2) to note the Minutes of the 59th Annual General Meeting and the Meeting of the Executive on 17 September 2005.

4560 FINANCE

RESOLVED 1) to authorise the under mentioned payments: -

Town Clerk's Salary	£674.18
Inland Revenue	£332.74
Proaudio (P A System)	£1450.00
Flexible and Specialist Cables (Xmas Lights)	£279.18
Glanford Electronics (Xmas Lights)	£717.93
OKW Enclosures Ltd (Xmas Lights)	£516.75
Blachere (Xmas Lights)	£154.51
STWA (3 Grosvenor Road)	£19.25
Lamps and Tubes (Xmas Lights)	£359.55
BTH (Xmas Lights)	£20.28
PCS Edmundson (Xmas Lights)	£1721.33
Symanhire (Xmas Lights)	£747.31
Image Printing (Civic Service Order of Service)	£55.00
Remco Signs (Xmas Lights)	£665.32
1401 Squadron (Alfreton & Ripley) ATC (Rem Day)	£150.00
Myles Cooper (Remembrance Day)	£60.00
Total	£7923.33

2) to note the following income:-

Co-operative Bank Interest (Instant Account)	£4.95
Co-operative Bank Interest (Bond)	£130.86
Total	£135.81

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

4) that the Budget proposals for 2006/2007 as detailed at Appendix 3 to these Minutes be circulated for public consultation including the Council's Newsletter and a Press Release be issued to make the public aware of the availability of the document.

4561 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

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

- (a) Derbyshire County Council Community Transport Leaflet
- (b) Provisional Derbyshire Local Transport Plan Consultation Leaflet
- (c) World Heritage News from the Derwent Valley
- (d) Amber Valley Primary Care Trust Annual Report 2004/2005
- (e) Amber Valley Borough Council Fourth Annual Scrutiny Report 2004/5
- (f) Countryside Voice Autumn 2005
- (g) Derbyshire County Council Greenwatch Awards 2006
- (h) Derbyshire County Council - Winter Maintenance Leaflet (Circulated)
- (i) Derbyshire County Council "Be Safe - Be Bright - Be Seen" Campaign 2005

Minutes of a meeting of the PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE held on 22 November 2005.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs I Harry (in the Chair)

Councillors Mrs J N Blake, G Carlile, Mrs P D Carlile JP, S M Daley, S D Freeborn, W G Fryer MBE, Mrs J H Gregory and M B Gent JP.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

30/2005 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor C A D Eley.

31/2005 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

There were no declarations of an interest made by Members.

32/2005 PLANNING APPLICATION AVA/2005/1282 - REQUEST FOR OBSERVATIONS FROM DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR APOLLO ENGINEERING FOR SEVERN TRENT WATER LTD FOR PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF A CONTROL KIOSK FOR COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ACCESS TRACK - APPLICATION CODE CW6/1005/110

RESOLVED to recommend to Council to submit the following comments be submitted: -

(a) the Council are against this Greenfield site, which is an area of natural beauty, being used as an access when an alternative access exists from the Apollo Engineering site and is adequate for the provision and servicing of this facility and

(b) in the past this site has been vulnerable to visits by itinerants and any development on the site should be secured at all times.

APPENDIX 2

Minutes of a meeting of the CHAMBER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE LIAISON SUB-COMMITTEE held on 11 October 2005 at the Town Hall Ripley.

PRESENT

RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

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

AMBER VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Mr Layton Davis - Town Centre Manager

8/2005 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)

9/2005 APPOINTMENT OF VICE - CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED that Mr D Clarke be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Sub- Committee for the ensuing year

10/2005 MINUTES – 22 FEBRUARY 2005

RESOLVED to confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Chamber of Trade and Commerce Liaison Sub Committee held on 22 February 2005 and to note that the recommendations contained therein were approved and adopted by the Town Council.

11/2005 OFFICIAL SWITCH-ON 2005 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

RESOLVED 1) to note that the Christmas Lights switch-on by the Town Mayor would be on Tuesday 29 November at 6.30 pm with the Carol Service being led by the Clergy of Ripley and the music being provided by Heage Band

2) to recommend to Council that 500 Carol sheets be provided and the back page list the 2005 Christmas Programme in Ripley

3) to recommend to Council that the lights be lit between 3.00pm and 11.00pm daily until 1 January 2006

4) to note that the Ripley Town Centre Forum had agreed a £450 contribution to the electricity costs incurred by the Town Council and

5) to note that the Town Council were to purchase a P A System for use at events such as the Christmas Lights switch-on and that the equipment would be made available for hire by bone fide organisations.

12/2005 BAND CONCERTS

RESOLVED to recommend to Council that band concerts of seasonal music be held in Ripley on Saturday 17 and 24 December between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon and that the programme include as many sessions and locations as the budget will allow.

13/2005 ADDITIONAL MARKETS

RESOLVED to note that no additional Markets were planned this year the Christmas Markets therefore were on 23 and 24 December 2005 only.

14/2005 CHRISTMAS TREE – MARKET PLACE

RESOLVED to note that the Christmas tree would again be provided by Harlite Installations Ltd.

15/2005 PUBLICITY - CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES

RESOLVED

- 1) to note that the Borough Council's publicity arrangements would continue
- 2) that a suitable press release be issued by the Town Clerk .

16/2005 LATE NIGHT SHOPPING EVENT

RESOLVED to note that the date for the late night shopping event had not yet been determined.

17/2005 PARKING CONCESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS PERIOD

RESOLVED to note that the Borough Council had approved 2005 Christmas parking concessions to allow free car parking in pay and display car parks in the Borough for the period 21 December 2005 - 2 January 2006 inclusive and that pay and display meters would be covered over for that period.

18/2005 RIPLEY SHOWCASE - ADVERTISING MAGAZINE

RESOLVED to note that subject to advertising revenue being received it was anticipated that 10000 copies of an advertising magazine sponsored by local businesses was to be printed by the Borough Council.

19/2005 TRADE AND CHARITY STALLS

RESOLVED to recommend to Council to re-affirm the Councils policy of not granting Trade franchises for the Christmas Lights Switch-on event but to allow promotional units of local charity organisations to attend following a formal request and subject to the approval of the Borough Council.

20/2005 PLANNING APPLICATION AVA/2005/1113 - RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT SHIRLEY ROAD CAR PARK SHIRLEY ROAD RIPLEY FOR AMBER VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL BY ROBERT CLARKE OXFORD HOUSE OXFORD STREET NOTTINGHAM.

RESOLVED to note that the Town Council had submitted objections to this application on the grounds of: -

- (a) Loss of disabled parking on a Saturday with the resultant overall reduction in Town Centre parking to the detriment of the traders of the Town and increasing on-street parking
- (b) Loss of Parking for Showmen's Guild vehicles providing generated electricity during Ripley Annual Fair - the only site in the Town Centre not close to residential properties
- (c) Loss of the only green area for wedding photographs in the proximity of the Town Hall Registrars Office
- (d) Loss of potential for the business premises on the east of the Market Place to be extended to accommodate larger retailers and
- (e) the identified shortfall of car parking spaces in Ripley.

21/2005 PLANNING APPLICATION AVA/2005/1101 - CHANGE OF USE TO A2 ESTATE AGENCY 2 GROSVENOR ROAD RIPLEY BY GRAND ARRIVE LTD 37/38 IRONGATE DERBY DE1 3GA

RESOLVED to note that the Town Council had submitted objections to this application on the grounds of the loss of a large retail unit in a prime Town Centre position being replaced by a non-retail unit.

22/2005 NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on 24 January 2005.

RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

BUDGET PROPOSALS 2006/2007

Message from Councillor Geoff Carlile, Leader of the Council

Ripley Town Council serves the Townships of Ripley, Heage, Nether Heage and Ambergate and 21 Members represent those areas and form the Town Council who meet generally on a monthly basis to control and manage the Town Council services and to provide the community with an economic and efficient platform to ensure the delivery of quality local services. The Council were the first Town Council to achieve Quality Status in Derbyshire.

It has been the policy of the Council not to increase its spending by more than the rate of inflation. This policy will continue to apply for the 2006/2007 Budget. If the proposals and service provision recommended in this document are approved the increase will be only 2.5%.

No Council can meet all the aspirations of all residents for the services they are responsible but Councils' must act in a responsive way to local community needs and in doing so should ensure a degree of openness and accountability. A Partnership approach is being encouraged nationally for the provision and control of services to ensure that local people know who takes decisions on what service who to hold to account and who to complain to if any part of the service is deficient.

In the interests of this Partnership approach the Council are seeking the comments and opinions of the people in the communities which make up the Town Council area in respect of the 2006/2007 Budget before Members finalise the proposals at the Council Meeting to be held on 24 January 2006.

Ripley Town Council has a commitment to giving the community they serve the opportunity to comment before the Council finalise the Budget. Any comments should be made in writing to Brian Wood Town Clerk Town Hall Ripley DE5 3BT or **E-mail:** woodbrpleytowncouncil@btinternet.com before 6 January 2006.

RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

PRECEPT 2005/2006	£49470
PROPOSED PRECEPT 2006/2007	£50700
PROPOSED INCREASE	2.5%
RATE OF INFLATION	2.5%

SERVICE PROPOSED 2006/2007

EXPENDITURE

Christmas Lighting

£22750

Christmas Lighting in Ripley has for many years been regarded as one of the best displays outside the two major Towns of Chesterfield and Derby. The Town Council also provide a Christmas Tree in the Market Place and an open air Carol Service accompanies the Annual lights switch-on. On two Saturday mornings prior to Christmas seasonal music is provided around the Town by local Brass Bands

The Town Council are committed to keeping Ripley as a vibrant shopping and entertainment centre for the benefit of residents and visitors alike.

Footpath Maintenance

£1000

The Town Council maintain the Definitive Map Footpaths in its area by agreement with Derbyshire County Council.

Blackspot Lighting

£2000

Blackspot Lighting has always been a priority of the Council and as schemes are identified they are added to a rolling programme of schemes jointly funded by the Borough Council and in some cases the County Council.

The Council will continue to work in partnership with the County Council and the Borough Council if further schemes are brought forward.

Lighting Maintenance Charges

£1000

The County Council as street lighting authority have given notice that pressure on finance means that certain lighting schemes provided under the Blackspot Lighting Programme will in future not be adopted by the Authority unless this Council pay the annual electricity costs.

Environmental Improvements

£3500

The Town Council consider environmental improvements as they arise.

Grants to Voluntary Bodies **£3600**

Local clubs, organisations, groups and societies are given financial assistance to assist and encourage development of such groups.

Amber Valley Community Transport **£900**

The Council recognise the intrinsic value of the worthwhile service provided by Amber Valley Community Transport Service and give a grant annually based on inflation increase only.

Grant to Special Projects/Lottery Matched Funding **£4500**

This fund is used for one off specific projects of local benefit or to provide matched funding for Lottery bids in the Town Council area.

Mayors Allowance **£1650**

As civic head of the Town the Mayor represents the Council at official functions and supports local Societies, Clubs, Organisations and Groups when on official visits. The Town Mayor also hosts a Civic Service, the Fair Dinner and a Civic Dinner.

Administration **£27025**

The Town Council have the services of a part-time Town Clerk and Chief Financial Officer who has the normal computerised office aids and equipment. The Council has a web site and the Town Clerk has an e-mail address.

Other expenses include Membership of the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils. The Council also have a comprehensive Insurance Policy including Public Liability Insurance.

Recreation and Summer Entertainment Programme **£2400**

The success of the Summer Entertainment Programme introduced in 1998 to provide entertainment in Ripley Town Centre between June and September has led to the programme becoming a permanent feature in the Town's calendar of events. Crossley Park has had the benefit of a number of concerts during the Summer sponsored by the Borough Council. Wherever possible the Council try and attract sponsorship from local businesses to reduce the overall cost to the Council.

The Council supports the Amber Valley Borough Council's recreation provision and in particular cases meets the needs of residents who have requested provision over and above that provided by the Borough Council.

Annual Remembrance Day Parade and Service **£850**

Council have assumed responsibility for the financial cost of running the Annual Remembrance Day Parade and Service. (Over 300 people attended the 2005 Parade and Service)

Balances/Miscellaneous **£8000**

This budget head also allows for a contingency sum if unexpected expenditure arises and allows balances to accrue to accommodate four yearly election expenses etc.

Town Council Newsletter **£4000**

The Council produce four times each year a Newsletter to keep the public informed of the Council's activities. One edition includes the Council's Annual Report.

War Memorials **£1000**

By statute the responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of War Memorials can be undertaken the District and the Parish/Town Council. The Borough Council currently has no budget for War Memorials. This Council therefore arranges each year for the cleaning of the Heage War Memorial and the Ripley War Memorial.

Bus Shelter Maintenance **£150**

The shelter at Marehay Miners Welfare has been provided by the County Council on the understanding that this Council accept future maintenance a policy which will be extended as new shelters are provided.

Allotments

The Council operate five allotment sites, four in Ripley and one in Heage on a self-financing basis.

General

The total budget for 2006/2007 is £84325 (With the use of balances the proposed precept figure is £50700 an increase of 2.50%)

Brian Wood Town Clerk and Chief Financial Officer