

RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 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, C Cutting, S M Daley, I Fisher, S D Freeborn, M B Gent JP, R H Goddard, Mrs. J H Gregory, M C Hooley and D R Neilson.

One member of the public was in attendance.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no matters raised by the public.

Although being unable to attend the meeting personally P C John Fahey 881 had provided the following crime figures for Ripley between 01/04/05 to 30/09/05: -

Dwelling Burglary has seen a reduction of 31% compared to the same period last year (40 less offences recorded) and we have detected 36.8% of those offences this year compared to 14.2% last year.

Violent Crime has seen a reduction of 0.2% (just one offence less recorded) and we have detected 48.5% of those compared to 43.3% last year.

Vehicle Crime is also down by 15.9% (33 less offences recorded) with a detection rate of 13.2% compared to 16.4% last year.

4507 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillors Miss L D Cox, C A D Eley, W G Fryer MBE, Mrs. D D Goddard, M J Missett, F A Raphael and M J E V Wilson.

4508 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillor Mrs J Blake restated her prejudicial interest in the item referred to in Minute 28/2005 of the Planning Sub-Committee confirmed at Minute 4510 as she lived close to the proposed development.

Councillors G Carlile and Mrs P D Carlile JP restated their personal interest in Minute 24/2005 of the Planning Sub-Committee confirmed at Minute 4510 as customers of the Black Boy.

Councillors M B Gent JP restated his personal interest in Minute 24/2005 of the Planning Sub-Committee confirmed at Minute 4510 as a customer of the Black Boy.

4509 MINUTES – 13 SEPTEMBER 2005

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 September 2005.

4510 MINUTES - PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE - 11 OCTOBER 2005

RESOLVED to approve and adopt the Minutes of the Planning Sub-Committee held on 11 October 2005 as shown at Appendix 1 to these Minutes.

4511 ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

4512 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: -

2 Oct Derbyshire Farmers' Harvest Service
9 Oct High Sheriff's Service

4513 CO-OPTION OF MEMBER FOR THE HEAGE WARD

It was reported that following public notice no request for an election for the vacancy in the Heage Ward had been received. The Council therefore could now co-opt a member to fill this vacancy.

RESOLVED to advertise the vacancy on Town Council Notice Boards in the area and in the next Council Newsletter and on receipt of written interests an Interview Panel be appointed.

4514 WITHDRAWAL OF PLANNING APPLICATION AVA/2005/0883 -
OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT (SIX
DWELLINGS) LAND AT DERBY ROAD AMBERGATE FOR GREENHILLS
DEVELOPMENTS LTD (MINUTE 4485)

RESOLVED to note the withdrawal of this planning application.

4515 APPROVAL OF PLANNING APPLICATION AVA/2005/0368 -
EXTENSION TO PUBLIC HOUSE - ROSE AND CROWN 23 NOTTINGHAM
ROAD RIPLEY FOR TONY SANDHU (MINUTE 4423)

RESOLVED to note that this application, which the Town Council had raised objection to, had been approved by the Borough Council.

4516 APPEAL ON REFUSAL OF PLANNING APPLICATION AVA/2005/0121 - RETENTION OF JOLLY COLLIER'S PUBLIC HOUSE WAINGROVES AND 8 NEW DWELLINGS BY ASHALL TOWN PLANNING - APPEAL ALLOWED BY PLANNING INSPECTOR.

RESOLVED to note that following an appeal by the applicants to the refusal of planning consent by the Borough Council this application had been approved by the Planning Inspector.

4517 PLANNING APPLICATION AVA/2005/0465 ERECTION OF DWELLING ADJACENT TO 149 TENTER LANE HEAGE FOR A BOLES - APPLICATION REFUSED AND SUBJECT TO AN APPEAL (MINUTE 4423).

RESOLVED to note that the Borough had refused this application Council but was now subject to an appeal by the applicants.

4518 WITHDRAWAL OF PLANNING APPLICATION AVA/2005/0507 - ERECTION OF KENNELS - 10 UNITS OLD FARM WARMWELLS LANE MAREHAY RIPLEY FOR MR AND MRS RICHARDS BY JOHN CHURCH VICTORIA BUILDINGS 117 HIGH STREET CLAY CROSS (MINUTE 4423)

RESOLVED to note that this application had been withdrawn by the Applicants.

4519 PURCHASE OF A P A SYSTEM FOR THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON, REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE AND OTHER FUNCTIONS.

RESOLVED 1) to approve the purchase of an Anchor Portable Explorer Dual Deluxe P A System from Pro-Audio Systems at a cost of £1450 and

2) that the equipment be placed on the Council's Insurance Schedule and be made available for hire by bone fide organisations.

4520 PURCHASE OF P A T TESTER FOR TOWN COUNCIL EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATIONS (INC CHRISTMAS LIGHTS)

RESOLVED 1) to approve the purchase of a Portable Appliance Tester from Glanford Electronics at a cost of £599 to allow the statutory testing of all Christmas Lights and other Town Council equipment and that when not in use the unit be kept in the Town Clerk's Office and

2) to approve the annual calibration of the Portable Appliance Tester and

3) that the equipment be placed on the Council's Insurance Schedule and be made available for hire by bone fide organisations

4521 ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED 1) to note that the Annual Internal Audit of the Accounts had been completed and the Annual Returns had been submitted to District Audit and

2) that the Internal Auditors recommendations in respect of

the keeping of a separate Allotment Account and the Town Mayors Account be the subject of further consideration.

4522 AMBER VALLEY BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

RESOLVED to approve for submission to Amber Valley Borough Council the recommendations on the Local Plan as detailed in Appendix 2 to these Minutes.

4523 PROVISIONAL DERBYSHIRE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN AND ENVIRONMENT REPORT - CONSULTATION

It was reported that the provisional Derbyshire Local Transport Plan (LTP) had been submitted by the County Council to the Department of Transport. This five year strategy (2006/11) draws together the four shared priorities of Road Safety,

Accessibility, Air Quality and Congestion and underpins the priority of maintaining the transport assets in the County and the comments of the Town Council had been invited.

To finalise the LTP the County Council were considering setting up new advisory groups consisting of a wide range of stakeholders in three groupings; North Eastern (Chesterfield Borough, NE Derbyshire and Bolsover Districts) North Western (Derbyshire Dales District, High Peak Borough and the Peak District National Park) and South Eastern (Amber Valley Borough, Erewash Borough and South Derbyshire District). The Derbyshire Association of Local Councils had requested representation on each group to promote the Parish/Town Council interests.

RESOLVED to note the arrangements being made to develop the Derbyshire Local Transport Plan.

4524 DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

RESOLVED 1) to note the information contained in Circulars 24/2005, 25/2005, 26/2005, 27/2005, 28/2005, 29/2005 and 30/2005 and arrangements for Legal Services following the sudden resignation of the Head of Legal Services at the National Association of Local Council's and

2) that the Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor represent the Council at the Code of Conduct/Ethics and Parish/Town Council Matters Training on 25 October 2005.

4525 FINANCE

RESOLVED 1) to authorise the under mentioned payments: -

Town Clerk's Salary	£674.18
Inland Revenue	£332.74
B Wood (postages to 30/9/05 -£223.48) Balance	£110.50
Lady Jowitt (Rent 3 Grosvenor Road)	£400.00
DCC (M/ce Contract & Computer Memory Upgrade)	£235.01
AVBC (Trade Waste Bin - Xmas Lights)	£64.63
Shelter Maintenance (Marehay MW)	£6.17
Barry Woodcock (Internal Auditor)	£165.18
P F Cusack (Christmas Lights)	£178.51
Total	£2166.92

2) to note the following income:-

AVBC (Summer Entertainment Programme)	£190.00
Midlands Co-op (Garden Competition)	£27.00
AVBC (Precept)	£24735.00
Co-op Bank (Interest)	£5.88
Total	£24957.88

3) to note the 2005/2006 Budget Review/Risk Assessment Report for the year to 30 September 2005.

4526 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

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

- (a) CPRE Fieldwork - Summer 2005
- (b) DCC Speed Campaign 2005 - "Its Thirty for a reason"
- (c) DCC Pocket Guide to County Council Services
- (d) DCC Poster Campaign to remind Parents to apply for Secondary School placements
- (e) DCC Reporting Path Problems Leaflet
- (f) Derbyshire Police Authority Annual Report 2004/2005
- (g) Mid - Derbyshire Citizens Advice Bureau Annual Report 2004/2005
- (h) Police A Division Mobile Police Office - Parish Rota to 12.12.05

4527 PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the following item of business in accordance with the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960 as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

4528 CERTIFICATE OF MERIT SUB-COMMITTEE - 30 SEPTEMBER 2005

RESOLVED to approve the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Certificate of Merit Sub-Committee held on 30 September as shown at Appendix 3 to these Minutes.

Minutes of a meeting of the PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE held on 11 October 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,
Mrs J H Gregory and M B Gent JP.

There were no members of the public present.

22/2005 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillors C A D Eley and W G Fryer MBE.

23/2005 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillor Mrs J Blake declared a prejudicial interest in the item referred to in Minute 28/2005 as she lives close to the proposed development and left the meeting during discussion of this matter.

Councillors G Carlile and Mrs P D Carlile JP declared a personal interest as customers of the Black Boy and took no part in the discussion or decision in the matter referred to in Minute 24/2005

Councillors M B Gent JP declared a personal interest as a customer of the Black Boy and took no part in the discussion or decision in the matter referred to in Minute 24/2005

24/2005 PLANNING APPLICATION AVA/2005/1096 - ERECTION OF DWELLINGS ON LAND ADJACENT TO THE BLACK BOY INN OLD ROAD HEAGE FOR MR AND MRS GREGORY BY JOHN CHURCH PLANNING CONSULTANCY CLAY CROSS.

RESOLVED to recommend to Council to object to this application on the grounds of:-

- (a) Over development of the site
- (b) Increased on-street parking on a dangerous road junction
- (c) Loss of village amenity if residential housing permitted on whole site

25/2005 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 recommend to Council to strongly object 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.

26/2005 PLANNING APPLICATION AVA2005/1112 - RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT - LAND OFF KIRK CLOSE RIPLEY FOR AMBER VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL BY ROBERT CLARKE OXFORD HOUSE OXFORD STREET NOTTINGHAM.

RESOLVED to recommend to Council to object to this application on the grounds that:-

- (a) this area of land is surfaced and is used during term times as parking by parents dropping off and collecting children attending Ripley Infant School and
- (b) loss of this facility would result in obstructive on street parking in the absence of any other facility.

27/2005 PLANNING APPLICATION AVA/2005/1115 - RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT - LAND AT HIGH MEADOW CLOSE RIPLEY FOR AMBER VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL BY ROBERT CLARKE OXFORD HOUSE, OXFORD STREET NOTTINGHAM

RESOLVED to recommend to Council that no objection be raised to this application.

28/2005 PLANNING APPLICATION AVA/2005/1136 - RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT - LAND OFF PARKSIDE HEAGE FOR KIRK HALLAM HOMES UNIT 1 LANGLEY PARK NORTH STREET LANGLEY MILL

RESOLVED 1) to recommend to Council to object to this application on the grounds that:-

a) the Council have reservations that the reduction of traffic on Brook Street Heage to one lane because of the parking of vehicles particularly in the evening outside 85-99 Brook Street makes access and egress from this site very dangerous

b) the visibility splay required does not appear to be achievable

c) the development as proposed represents over development of the site - a maximum of nine units would be more appropriate

2) that if the Borough Council were mindful to approve the proposals to request consideration of a requirement to provide car parking spaces for the residents opposite the site to alleviate the parking problems and

3) to welcome the proposals to include a Brook Street footway on the development site.

29/2005 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 recommend to Council to object 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.

RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Council Meeting - 11 October 2005

Report of the Town Clerk on the Amber Valley Borough Council Local Plan -Notice of Intention to Adopt and of Proposed Modifications to Proposals for the Replacement of a Local Plan

Purpose of the Report

To familiarise Members with the recommendations contained in the Local Plan following the Report of the Inspector holding the Enquiry into objections to the Revised Deposit Plan and the Borough Council's response to the Inspectors Report as they are relevant to this Council.

Analysis

In 2001 Members considered the seven sections of the First Deposit Plan Document in sequence and questions and clarification was provided by Mr Derek Stafford the Borough Council Development Policy Manager at a special meeting of Council.

At that time the Council submitted the following comments to the Borough Council on the proposals included in the First Deposit Plan: -

1 Local Plan Strategy (Pages 1-8)

(a) To recommend to the Borough Council that this section of the proposals should include reference to the need to support the arts and create industry in the area in one of the fastest growing sectors of the economy.

2 Economic Development and Regeneration (Pages 11/12)

(a) That this Council would oppose the proposals for the Cinderhill Development as the site is too large and there is considerable concern at the extension of the site into the Green Belt

(b) The area of Green Belt (Ref EN2) alongside Street Lane on both sides of the road should be protected

(c) The proposal to build 600 houses on this site will overwhelm nearby areas and create serious traffic problems on Street lane and at the A609 junction

(d) The infrastructure of the surrounding area should precede this development

3 Housing (Pages 22 and 30)

(a) The plan misses the opportunity to provide public consultation on the need to complete the Ripley By Pass by the use of planning gain and consider that area LC3 (Nottingham Road Playing Fields) should be protected.

(b) The proposals for industrial development (ER3) are unacceptable – housing being preferred: but a complete review of possible development opportunities alongside the proposed By Pass should have been undertaken and the public given the opportunity to discuss proposals which would provide a By Pass, provide the possibility for further industrial development and remove traffic from Nottingham Road.

(c) In respect of Brownfield Land this Council considers that the 50% net additional housing development proposed is too low and should be at least 60%

(d) The area is tightly constrained by Green Belt boundaries and therefore many green sites within the boundary are disappearing and the Council considers that an extension of the outer boundary in a limited way would lead to the retention of some of these green areas in the Township

(e) That the Council strongly supports the inclusion of the land between Codnor and Waingroves (north of the existing Green Belt) in the Green Belt

(f) To support the conclusion that the land between Peasehill/Waingroves Road and Queen Street and Pit Lane, Stoney Lane, Queen Street and Church Street be not considered as suitable for housing development and the Council would strongly support the inclusion of these two parcels of land in the Green Belt as they are contiguous with and a natural extension to the existing Green Belt

4 Town Centres and Shopping (Pages 35-40)

(a) Nottingham Road and Church Street should be included as Primary Shopping Areas

(b) The Council are concerned at the loss of retail units in the Town to businesses like Amusement Arcades

(c) The Council are also concerned at the number of hot – food takeaways in the Town

5 Transportation (Page 42)

(a) With reference to walking and cycling this Council would like to see proposals for the Ironville to Ambergate Canal Walk to be re-opened

(b) Clarification should be included in the document regarding the Park'n'Ride facilities in the area for Derby

6 Environment (Pages 47-62)

(a) The area of land behind the Heage Road Allotment Site should be included in the Green Belt

(b) Council oppose the ER3 extension of the Heage Road Industrial Estate which has been allowed to grow out of all proportion with a substandard road junction in a residential area (All such development should be at Codnor Gate)

(c) In respect of EN29 and proposals for World Heritage Status the Council would urge the Borough Council to improve service provision in terms of clean streets, weed free pavements streets and car parks and proper toilet provision in the area

7 Leisure and Community Facilities

(a) The Council would like to see more provision for minority sports such as bowls provided for in the plan and are concerned that there are no planned leisure facilities to go alongside all other proposals in the plan

The four volumes of the current Local Plan Review have been analysed as they affect the Ripley Town Council area and adjacent Parishes and the Inspectors recommendations are shown in bold print.

Chapter 1 - Local Plan Strategy

"1.1.2 The objection from Ripley Town Council raises concerns that support for the Arts should be demonstrated to generate activity in a fast growing sector of the economy. Although the Council has not made a specific response to this objection, there is reference to an Arts Strategy for Amber Valley on P 3 of the RDP and Policy LC7 indicates support for the provision of the Arts and Cultural Facilities whilst LC8 indicates an intention, where appropriate, to negotiate the provision of public art. These do not specifically address the concern with generating economic activity in association with the arts, but in my view any further requirement would go beyond the scope of the local plan enquiry.

Re-iteration of previous representations is not permitted.

Recommended Town Council comments

The Town Council expresses disappointment at the Inspector's comments

Chapter 2 - Economic Development and Regeneration - Policy ER2

In the Executive Overview the Inspector concluded that Policy ER2 - Cinderhill should be reviewed to minimise the need for Greenfield, Green Belt Land Take

Recommended Town Council comments

That whilst the Council does not object to the revised scheme the Council would support the recommendation of the Inspector that the Cinderhill Scheme be reviewed to lessen the impact of Greenfield, geen belt land take.

Chapter 3 Housing Policy and Policy TP 17

"3.26.24 Home Farm Ripley/East of Nottingham Road A610 Ripley
A proposal for a mixed - us scheme, involving residential, employment and recreation uses at Home Farm and on land east of Nottingham Road has been put forward..... The underlying rationale for an allocation is that it will achieve, at no public cost, a first section of the proposed A610 link road. I have dealt with the safeguarding policy for that route at Policy TP17 where I have concluded that the safeguarded line should be deleted from the Proposals Map..... I have raised serious questions over the extent of the Cinderhill development , and its ability to deliver the development within the Plan period..... The consequence of non-delivery by the Cinderhill Project should not, therefore, be an increase in housing provision elsewhere in the Belper/Ripley Sub Area - there is in any event more than sufficient allocations to meet the requirement.

Recommended Town Council comments

1 The Town Council does not accept the Inspector's view on the line of the proposed A610 not being protected and supports the Borough Council view on protection of the A610.

Chapter 3 3.26.31 Amber Heights - The land south of Amber Heights and described as "currently used for improved pasture"

"There is no underlying need for further land to be allocated....there is simply no need for its allocation".

Recommended Town Council comments

Recommendation supported

Chapter 3 3.26.35 Upper Marehay Road - The small paddock a little over 0.5ha between Upper Marehay and Pargate Close.

I " consider the site should remain within the Green Belt"

Recommended Town Council comments

Recommendation supported

Chapter 3 3.26.52 Peasehill Road Ripley

" Peveril Homes has suggested that the site at Mill Hill School be allocated for residential purposes and that the site at Mill Hill School be allocated for residential purposes and the transference of the school buildings and playing fields within the Codnor Common Farm area, subject to other representations by the same objector. No other evidence has been provided and there is no response from the Council.....In consequence I cannot support an allocation in respect of the Mill Hill School site."

Recommended Town Council comments

Recommendation supported

POLICY TP 17

"Issues

The Proposals Map should show an area of land to be safeguarded for the future provision of a highway improvement, so that those people whose property might be affected will have the opportunity to make representations on the proposals

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the plan be modified by deleting Policy TP17, and the safeguarding line in the Proposals Map. The Council may wish to consider including a statement of intent regarding the inclusion of provision for a new A610 link road if and when a detailed scheme defining an area of safeguarding has been drawn up"

"Response

Not accepted - no modification to be made

Derbyshire County Council has re-affirmed its support for the proposed new A610 link road and subject to the outcome of a feasibility study, anticipates that it will be included within the provisional 2006-2011 Derbyshire Local Transport Plan, to be submitted to the Government by July 2005.

The retention of policy TP17 and the safeguarding of the anticipated line of the link road to the Proposals Map, would continue to ensure that the proposals could be implemented as and when funding can be secured."

Recommended Town Council comments

See Chapter 3 Housing Policy and Policy TP 17 recommendations as follows:-

- 1 The Town Council does not accept the Inspector's view on the line of the proposed A610.*
- 2 The Town Council view on protection of the line of proposed A610 and the Town Council rationale should be supported.*

POLICY: EN4 (EN2 FDP)

Green Belt Recommendations

"by deleting the reference to land between Codnor and Waingroves from the amendments proposed under Policy EN4, and amending Inset B accordingly."

Response

Accepted - modification to be made.

(Inspector concludes that he does not believe that this area of land meets the requirement to be included in Green Belts as provided by PPG 2. This is not to deny the need for some protection)

Recommended Town Council comments

- 1 The Town Council wish this land to be designated as Green Belt and object to the recommendation.*
- 2 However in view of the Inspectors comments and the Borough Council's response the Borough Council be requested to provide details of what other protection could be afforded to this site if the Inspector's recommendation is confirmed.*

Brian Wood
Town Clerk
AV117

APPENDIX 3
RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Certificate of Merit Sub-Committee held on 30 September 2005

PRESENT

Councillors Mrs J Blake, S D Freeborn and Mrs I Harry.
Mr A England

1/05 MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no matters raised by the public.

2/05 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs I Harry be appointed Chairman of the Sub Committee.

(Councillor Mrs I Harry thereupon occupied the Chair)

3/05 CRITERIA AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

RESOLVED to note that 1) the criteria for consideration of the Certificate of Merit Award had been determined by Council as follows: -

(a) Notable voluntary service which has enhanced the life for a section of the population of the Ripley Town Council area (Ripley Heage and Ambergate)

(b) Number of year's service.

(c) Hours per week.

(d) No serious or recent criminal record and

2) that the Terms of Reference be

(a) All nominations are regarded as confidential.

(b) To recommend to Council the most appropriate person to receive the award.

(c) The recommendation shall be regarded as confidential until considered by Council.

4/05 2005 CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AWARD

Consideration was given to two nominations.

RESOLVED to recommend to Council that Mrs Susan Soult be awarded the 2005 Certificate of Merit for her notable voluntary service to the community in the Town Council area over many years.

RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2005 at the Town Hall Ripley.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs. I Harry (in the Chair)

Councillors G Carlile, Miss L D Cox, S M Daley, S D Freeborn,

4529 MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No member of the public was in attendance.

4530 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs. J N Blake, Mrs. P D Carlile JP, C Cutting, C A D Eley, I Fisher, W G Fryer MBE, M B Gent JP, Mrs. D D Goddard, R H Goddard, Mrs. J H Gregory, M C Hooley, M J Missett, D R Neilson, F A Raphael and M J E V Wilson.

4531 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

There was no declaration of Member's Interests made.

4532 PLANNING APPLICATION AVA/2005/1217 - DEMOLITION OF EXISTING RIPLEY LEISURE CENTRE AND ERECTION OF NEW 2 NO STOREY LEISURE CENTRE TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED CAR PARK AND EXTERNAL WORKS RIPLEY FOR POZZONI DESIGN GROUP WOODVILLE HOUSE 2 WOODVILLE ROAD ALTRINGHAM ON BEHALF OF DC LEISURE MANAGEMENT LTD

Members had the benefit of the advice of Mr David Brooks Development Services Manager of Amber Valley Borough Council on the detail of the application prior to consideration of the matter.

RESOLVED 1) to welcome the new facilities but to express concern that they do not provide the full range of existing facilities i.e. loss of a squash court and a hard play area and seek assurances that the traffic matters will be discussed with the Highway Authority

2) to express the concern of the Town Council to the Borough Council in respect of the following traffic matters:-

(i) the access arrangements - Derby Road is an important and busy thoroughfare which regularly has queuing traffic and this sole access will further aggravate the situation particularly if there is no right harbourage going South and which no doubt would cause the entrances to the Co-operative Store and Heath Road to be blocked off

(ii) it is considered that consideration should be given to the provision of a pedestrian crossing near the leisure centre provided by the developer as part of the S106 Agreement

(iii) the Council are strongly opposed to further on street parking

(iv) the effect the access arrangement will have on the Fire Station and request consultation on the Scheme with that body

3) to express concern that the proposed buildings would be nearer Cedar Avenue and would request a noise impact study by the Borough Council and consideration given to a noise limitation on performing artists and bands at the centre

4) the Council would request the trees to be removed to provide the service access be replaced by mature trees not whips

5) to request consideration of the provision of an emergency access to Cedar Avenue for use in the event of a major incident closing Derby Road access

6) to request the Borough Council to raise two important issues with the PFI team as they are not strictly planning matters as follows:-

(i) concerns of mixed changing room/shower facilities which could have a detrimental effect on attendances by groups such as the Over Fifties Swimming Club and

(ii) to ensure that an adequate oil/petrol interceptor for the car park etc had been included in the scheme

4533 PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS "CALLED IN" BY MEMBERS TO COMPLY WITH THE FOURTEEN-DAY PERIOD FOR OBJECTIONS TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS AS REQUIRED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL.

RESOLVED that Planning Sub-Committee Meetings be programmed at 6.30 pm prior to all Council Meetings and if required on other occasions to meet Borough Council deadlines on the following Fridays at 6.00 pm i.e. 25 November, 9 December 2005, 13 January, 27 January, 3 March, 24 March, 7 April, 21 April and 5 May 2006.