

RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Ripley Town Council held on 28 October 2008 at the Town Hall, Ripley.

Present

Councillor Mrs Lynn Joyes (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, S D Freeborn, M B Gent, M J Godfrey, Mrs J H Gregory, M C Joyes, D R Neilson, R A P Phillips-Forsyth, Mrs A S Ward, and D A Williams.

One member of the public was in attendance and two Police representatives.

5188 Matters Raised by the Public

(a) Matters raised in public session by Council Members

Cllrs Ashton, Carlile and Phillips-Forsyth spoke in connection with the low number of Town Council councillors at the Fair Dinner.

Cllrs Carlile and Blake spoke about lack of heating in the Council Chamber.

Cllrs Ashton and Carlile spoke about the improved commuter numbers using Ambergate station and the new passenger shelter at the station.

Cllr Freeborn expressed thanks on behalf of Ripley Music Society for the support of the Town Council by way of its annual grant, drew attention to the dates of the Music Festival for 2009 and briefly outlined proposals for the expansion of the Music Festival.

(b) Matters raised by the Police Liaison Officer

Information was provided about an on-going Police operation aimed at what was described as the 'boy racers' in and around the centre of Ripley. Brief details were given of the courses of action and the offences which would be prominent in the operation

5189 Apologies

Apology for absence was received from Cllr Mrs C J Manterfield.

5190 Variation of Order of Business

No requests to vary the order of business were received.

5191 Declaration of Members Interests

No members declared a personal interest.

5192 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 16 September 2008

RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 16 September 2008 be confirmed as a true record of the meeting.

5193 Non-Confidential Minutes of the Derwent Valley Line Community Rail Partnership Working Group Meeting on 16 September 2008

RESOLVED:-

To receive the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Derwent Valley Line Community Rail Partnership Working Group Meeting on 16 September 2008.

5194 Non-Confidential Minutes of the Derwent Valley Line Community Rail Partnership Management Group Meeting on 16 September 2008

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5195 Items in Exclusion

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

5196 Town Mayor's Announcements

It was reported that the Town Mayor (Councillor Mrs Lynn Joyes) had attended the following functions to represent the Town Council since the last meeting of the Council:-

26 September Amber Valley Stroke Club
21 October The Ripley Fair Dinner
22 October The Ripley Fair Opening Ceremony

Report of the Town Clerk on:

5197 (a) Inland Revenue – Fine for none return of Annual Tax Return

The Town Clerk reported that he had received a letter on the day of the meeting from the Inland Revenue confirming that the e-mail referred to in his report had not been relevant to the issue of the missing return. The Clerk undertook to look into the matter further and ensure that it is resolved with all speed in an attempt to try to avoid payment of the fine.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That receipt of the notification of fine and the action taken so far be noted.
- (ii) That the Clerk's action so far and the proposed further action be noted.

5198 (b) Repairs to Ripley Town Hall roof

RESOLVED:-

That the report by Amber Valley Borough Council on the condition of the Town Hall roof be noted.

5199 (c) Bus Shelter

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the Clerk's report be noted
- (ii) That a request be made to Amber Valley Borough Council to determine whether there is any means by which they could assist with the reinstatement of a bus shelter on Tavistock Avenue.

5200 (d) Bus service Elms Estate

RESOLVED

That the new service serving the Elms Estate be noted and welcomed.

5201 (e) Request for a grant towards the Christmas meal of the Sawmill's Senior Citizens' Club.

RESOLVED

That the request be noted and the Clerk be instructed to write to the Club advising that the Town Council cannot offer the assistance requested.

5202 (f) Offer by Amber Valley Borough Council Chair of Planning to visit Town and Parish Councils

RESOLVED

That the offer by the Chair of Panning be thanked for his offer which the Town Council would like to accept provided it can be arranged to coincide with a scheduled meeting of the Town Council.

5203 (g) The Outreach Initiative

RESOLVED

(i) That the Town Council supports the Outreach initiative in principal

(ii) That the Clerk investigate what is proposed in more detail and to obtain more detail of the options available and their associated costings.

5204 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils (DALC)

RESOLVED:-

That the Circulars received from DALC be noted.

5205 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment

| | | £ | VAT | Total |
|--------------|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | A M Hall – fencing repairs at Nuttalls Park Allotments | 95.00 | 16.62 | 111.62 |
| | Shelter Maintenance – Marehay bus shelter cleaning | 5.94 | 1.04 | 6.98 |
| | Amber Valley Borough Council | 73.76 | 12.91 | 86.67 |
| | Malcs Shoe Repairs – new padlock for Grosvenor Road | 18.00 | | 18.00 |
| | Remco Signs Ltd – Christmas Lights | 180.00 | 31.50 | 211.50 |
| | UK Tool Hire – harness for Christmas Lights team | 96.64 | 16.91 | 113.55 |
| | Syman Hire of hydraulic lift platform – Christmas Lights | 292.50 | 51.19 | 343.69 |
| | Severn Trent Water – Grosvenor Road | 23.48 | | 23.48 |
| Total | | 785.32 | 130.17 | 915.49 |

(b) Income

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| Book sale | 7.50 |
| Precept | 26887.50 |
| Midlands Co-Op Society – payment for trophies for Garden & Allotment Competitions | 85.49 |
| Total | 26,895.00 |

RESOLVED

That the payments detailed be authorised and that the income detailed be noted.

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

5206 RESOLVED

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it was advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw.

5207 Minutes of the Certificate of Merit Sub Committee held on 3 October 2008.

RESOLVED

(a) That the recommendation of the Certificate of Merit Sub Committee be accepted and the nominee be invited to accept the award.

(b) That in the event that the invitation is accepted suitable publicity be discussed and agreed with the nominee.

(c) That the nominee be invited to switch on the Christmas Lights.

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