

RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2006 at the Town Hall Ripley.

PRESENT

Councillor C Cutting (in the Chair)

Councillors Mrs J N Blake, G Carlile, S M Daley, I Fisher, M B Gent JP, Mrs. D D Goddard, R H Goddard, Mrs. J H Gregory, Mrs. I Harry, M C Hooley and F A Raphael.

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

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following police matters were raised with PC John Fahey - missing street name signs on Elms Estate, mini motorbikes in Bullbridge, traffic problems in Waingroves (Church Street/Pit Lane, Jessop Street/Queensview Drive) and parking of vehicles in restricted areas at the bottom of Oxford Street, Ripley.

PC Fahey reported that he had no information on the replacement Police Station in Ripley, that car key burglaries were on the increase across the Division and that the Section complement of PCSO's was to be increased from three to eight but specific allocation had not been determined. PC Fahey also reported that he would in future provide Belper Division crime statistics (in respect of Heage and Ambergate)

4692 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs. P D Carlile JP, Miss L D Cox, C A D Eley, S D Freeborn, W G Fryer MBE, Mrs M E Kent, M J Missett, D R Neilson and M J E V Wilson.

4693 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillor G Carlile declared a personal interest in the item recorded at Minute 4697 as a Member of the Midlands Co-operative Society (Nemco) Member Relations Committee.

4694 MINUTES – 25 JULY 2006

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 July 2006.

4695 ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

4696 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: -

26 July	Ripley Town Colts Grant Cheque Presentation
6 Aug	Cheque Presentation to Salvation Army Topsy Turvy Tots
15 Aug	Burma Star Association Derby and District Annual Service of Remembrance
7 Sept	Amber Valley Borough Parish Liaison Committee (with the Deputy Town Mayor Councillor S M Daley)

RESOLVED to express to Amber Valley Borough Council this Council's disappointment at the lack of Cabinet Members attending the Parish Liaison Committee.

4697 2006 GARDEN COMPETITION AND BEST ALLOTMENT COMPETITION SPONSORED BY MIDLANDS CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY (NEMCO AREA)

It was reported that judging had been completed in the 2006 Garden Competition and the 2006 Best Allotment Competition sponsored by the Midlands Co-operative Society (NEMCO Area) and the winners had received their prizes at a formal presentation prior to the commencement of the meeting.

The winning entries for the different classes were as follows: -

Large Class

1 st	Mr K Poyner 107 School House Hill Heage
2 nd	Mr D Wigley 16 Steam Mill Lane Ripley
3 rd	Mr C Rice 20 Pine Close Ripley

Medium Class

1 st	Mr D Hawkins and M/s D Wood 2 Manvers Street Ripley
2 nd	Mr S R Oxley 2A Northam Drive Ripley
3 rd	M/s J Holmes 271 Derby Road Marehay

Small Class

1 st	Mrs J Young 109 Waingroves Road Ripley
2 nd	Mr and Mrs H Rose 6 Dean Road Ambergate
3 rd	Mr L Henson 46 Alfred Street Ripley

Highly Commended were the gardens of Mr A Hill 7 Broadway Ripley and Mrs J Picken 30 Hawkins Drive Ridgeway Ambergate

The Winner of the Midlands Co-operative Society (NEMCO area) Cup for Best garden is Mr K Poyner 107 School House Hill Heage

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The winners of the Best Allotment Competition were: -

- 1st Mr Terry Long - Sandham Lane
- 2nd Mr Charlie Brown - Heage Road
- 3rd Mr. Bernard Sharp - Nuttalls Park

RESOLVED 1) to note the winners of the 2006 Garden Competition and the 2006 Best Allotment Competition and

2) to place on record the thanks of the Council to Midlands Co-operative Society (NEMCO Area) for sponsoring the Garden and Allotment Competitions, the Ripley and Heanor News for printing the Garden Competition application form, Mr Frank Constable for judging both Competitions and the entrants for their interest.

4698 AVBC - PARISH COUNCIL'S NOW INTERESTED PARTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LICENSING ACT 2003

RESOLVED to note that Parish Council's are now interested parties in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 and may now make representations to Licensing Authorities on application for the grant, variation or review of premises licences and in addition may seek a review of a premises licence

4699 GAMING ACT 1968 S34 - OAK AUTOMATICS 41 OXFORD STREET RIPLEY (MINUTE 4688)

It was reported that the representations of the Town Council in respect of this application were out of time and in any case could not be taken into account because the comments did not fall within the grounds of refusal detailed in the Act.

RESOLVED to note that 1) the S34 Gaming Permit in respect of these premises had been granted and

2) the agent acting on behalf of the applicant had been advised that the permit could not be used until planning permission had been granted by the Borough Council.

4700 CENTRAL NETWORKS BUILDING BETTER AND SAFER ENVIRONMENTS IN YOUR COMMUNITY SCHEME

RESOLVED to note that Central Networks the electricity distribution company for central England was to make grants of up to £2500 for schemes by community groups and organisations to build a better and safer environment.

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4701 LOCAL FLOOD WARDEN SCHEME - AMBERGATE

It was reported that because the Ambergate area was in a floodplain the Environment Agency were proposing to implement a Parish/Town Council Flood Warning Procedure and a Flood Warden Scheme for the area. The Agency were trying to recruit a local Flood Warden who could be trained to co-ordinate the scheme.

RESOLVED to nominate to the Environment Agency Mrs Christine Worth 24 Derby Road Ambergate as the volunteer Flood Warden for the Ambergate area.

4702 TOWN COUNCIL PUBLICATION - 2007

The Town Clerk reported that there was a gap in the publications available for residents and visitors to the area because most of the previous publications had gone out of print and were unlikely to be reprinted. The Town Clerk was prepared to edit a publication and invite photographic and other contributions from clubs and organisations in the Town Council area to provide a snapshot of the life of the people in Ripley Heage Ambergate Nether Heage and Street Lane.

The publication would be marketed on a break even basis to allow for reprinting if thought appropriate. The initial costs for 2000 copies would be in the region of £6500 and approval in principal was sought to make the necessary Budget provision in the 2007/2008 Budget.

RESOLVED 1) to approve in principle a sum of £6500 being included in the 2007/8 Budget for the production of a Town Council publication recording the history of the life of the people of the Town Council area subject to that sum being accommodated within the Council's Budget Policy of not increasing the precept above the rate of inflation and

2) that following the request for copy the Town Clerk submits a detailed report to Council on the proposal.

4703 HOME OFFICE RESPONSE TO COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIONS ON PROPOSED POLICE MERGER (MINUTE 4668)

RESOLVED to note that the Home Office had confirmed to the Council that notices of intention to merge police forces in the East Midlands had been withdrawn.

4704 APPROVAL BY AVBC OF PLANNING APPLICATION AVA/2006/0839 - PROPOSED EXTENSION TO FACTORY PREMISES AND RAISE ROOF HEIGHT OF EXISTING FACTORY AT CANDOR SERVICES LTD UNITS 7 & 8 SITWELL BUSINESS CENTRE HEAGE ROAD INDUSTRIAL SITE. (MINUTE 4679)

RESOLVED to note that the Borough Council had approved this application and the decision notice had included protection for the trees at the rear of the property.

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4705 OUTLINE PLANNING APPLICATION AVA/2006/0865 FOR MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT OF BUSINESS USE (CLASSES B1,B2 AND B8) HOTEL (C1), 300 DWELLINGS, RETAIL FACILITIES (CLASSES A1,A2 AND A3, COMMUNITY/SOCIAL FACILITIES (CLASSES D1 AND D2) SUI GENERIS USES AND ANCILLARY/SUPPORT FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED WORKS BY BANKS DEVELOPMENTS AND CEG LTD AT CINDERHILL OPENCAST SITE DERBY ROAD DENBY

It was reported that although this development was not in the Ripley Town Council area the Borough Council had invited the comments of this Council to the development in view of its size and anticipated impact on the area.

At the Local Plan modification stage the Council had indicated that they would oppose this development in view of the size of the development and the intrusion into the Green Belt. The Council also were anxious to protect the Green Belt alongside both sides of Street Lane. Concern was also expressed that the 600 houses (reduced to 300 by the Inspector) combined with the industrial development would create serious traffic problems on Street Lane and at the A609 junction

RESOLVED to submit the following comments to the Borough Council (with a copy to the Highway Authority - Derbyshire County Council): -

(a) Steps should be taken to prevent HGV's using Street Lane as a short cut from the A610 Ripley and additionally any restrictions should prevent HGV's gaining access to and from the A610 Buckland Hollow or via Nether Heage and

(b) Because of large residential development in Belper there has been a considerable increase in light vehicles travelling between Openwoodgate, Old Road and Chesterfield Road Heage to and from the A610 at Buckland Hollow. This will be exacerbated by the Cinderhill development and in the interests of road safety the developer should make a contribution to providing the missing pavement link between Boothgate Heage and Openwoodgate.

4706 INTERNAL AUDIT OF THE 2005/2006 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED to approve the 2005/2006 Accounts that had been subject to Internal Audit on 24 August for submission to the District Auditor.

4707 AMBER VALLEY (FOOTPATH 25 - PARISH OF RIPLEY) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2006

RESOLVED to note that the Borough Council had made an Order to divert Footpath 25 at Heage Common Farm Nether Heage and that this Council had no objections to the proposed footpath diversion.

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4708 APPLICATION FOR GRANT - FLOOR REPAIRS TO SALVATION ARMY HEADQUARTERS HEATH ROAD RIPLEY

It was reported that urgent floor repairs were required to the Salvation Army Headquarters at Ripley costing £55000 of which the Salvation Army could provide £25000. The shortfall of £30000 was to be raised by grant applications and to meet grant application conditions and deadlines the Salvation Army were urgently seeking other matching funding.

RESOLVED 1) that in view of the grant application deadlines to agree to consider this application as an urgent matter and

2) that a third party funding grant of £1100 be approved to the Salvation Army in respect of the grant application for urgent roof repairs to the Headquarters Building subject to the scheme being completed.

4709 DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCIL'S

RESOLVED to note the information contained in Circulars 27/06, 28/06, 29/06, 30/06, 31/06, 32/06 and 33/06.

4710 FINANCE

RESOLVED 1) to authorise the under mentioned payments: -

Town Clerk's Salary (Aug & Sept)	£1386.00
Inland Revenue (Aug & Sept)	£684.70
Zurich Municipal	£155.27
Shelter Maintenance	£6.78
Garden Competition (Judging Expenses)	£111.21

A M Hall (Footpath Maintenance)	£440.62
Hellisons Trophies (Garden and Allotment Compt)	£24.00
Barry Woodcock (Internal Audit)	£161.52
Alan Ford Joinery (Sawmills Notice Board)	£200.00
Total	£3170.10

2) to note the 2006/2007 Budget Review/Risk Assessment Report for the period to 31 August 2006.

4711 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

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

- (a) Amber Valley Arts Newsletter Summer/Autumn 2006 (Circulated)
- (b) DCC b-line Magazine Summer 2006
- (c) Autumn Footprints - Walks for Everyone (Circulated)
- (d) Policing Derbyshire - Annual Report 2005-2006

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- (e) Amber Valley Borough Council - Changes to kerbside recycling service - Orange bag for card and corrugated cardboard
- (f) Local Environmental Quality -A Town and Parish Guide
- (g) Derbyshire Development Plans Joint Advisory Committee - Possible sites for new waste management development - latest news

4712 AMBER VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL - CHANGES TO KERBSIDE RECYCLING SERVICE - ORANGE BAG FOR CARD AND CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

RESOLVED to request the Borough Council to detail where the savings accrued by the implementation of this scheme had been allocated.

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