

RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 September 2007 at the Town Hall, Ripley.

PRESENT

Councillor R A P Phillips-Forsyth (in the Chair)

Councillors R P Ashton, Mrs J N Blake, D Bowley, Mrs E A Bowley, G Carlile, S D Carter, I Fisher, M J Godfrey, Mrs J H Gregory, Mrs L Joyes, Mrs C J Manterfield, Mrs A S Ward and D A Williams.

Twenty five members of the public were in attendance.

ONE MINUTE SILENCE AS A MARK OF RESPECT FOR MARTIN BEARD

All persons present stood in silence as a mark of respect for LAC Martin Beard of Ripley who had been killed in Iraq whilst serving his Country. The Town Clerk had send a letter of condolence to the family on behalf of the Township of Ripley

4923 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

No matter was raised by the public.
An apology was also received from PC John Fahey (881)

4924 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillors Miss L D Cox, C Cutting, S D Freeborn, M B Gent JP, M C Hooley, M C Joyes and D R Neilson.

4925 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillor R Ashton declared a personal interest in the item discussed in Minute 4947.
Councillor D Bowley declared a personal interest in the item discussed at Minute 4939.

4926 NON-EXEMPT MINUTES – 24 JULY 2007

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Non-Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 July 2007.

4927 MINUTES – RIPLEY BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT FORUM – 17 JULY 2007

RESOLVED to note the Minutes of the Ripley Business Engagement Forum held on 17 July 2007.

4928 ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

4929 TOWN

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor (Councillor R A P Phillips-Forsyth) reported that he had attended the following functions to represent the Town Council since the last meeting of the Council:-

1 Aug Sun	Ripley and Heanor District Scout Association 100 th Anniversary Celebration – Rise Ceremony
19 Aug	Genesis Christian Charity Event
30 Aug	RBL Presentations to Army and Air Force Cadets
8 Sept	Waingroves Show
8 Sept	Marehay Methodist Church Flower Festival
9 Sept	Marehay Methodist Church Harvest Festival
11 Sept	Ripley Business Engagement Forum
13 Sept	Ripley Hospital League of Friends Meeting

4930 REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS – RESPECT FOR THE MAYOR

This matter raised by a Member at the July Meeting was withdrawn.

4931 AMBER VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS RELEASES – CIRCULATION POLICY

RESOLVED that the circulation to Members of the Town Council of the Amber Valley Borough Council News Releases be restricted to those releases that in the opinion of the Town Clerk are relevant to Ripley Heage and Ambergate.

4932 AMBER VALLEY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK – DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT – RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT – REGULATION 17 CONSULTATION – DESIGN FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY

It was reported that the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 made it a statutory duty of the Borough Council together with the County Council and the Derbyshire Constabulary to establish a multi-agency partnership to reduce crime and disorder in Amber Valley. Since 2003 this duty had been extended to include the Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service and the Derbyshire Primary Care Trust.

The Amber Valley Community Safety Partnership had carried out audits of crime and disorder across the Borough and a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) had been prepared to provide detailed guidance to developers on how and why community safety principles need to be reflected in new developments. The SPD which will become part of the Local Development Framework for the Borough had been sent to the Town Council as part of the Consultation procedure.

RESOLVED to note the Supplementary Planning Document on Design for Community Safety which will become part of the Local Development Framework.

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4933 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO THE DERWENT VALLEY MILLS

PARTNERSHIP MEETING - 19 SEPTEMBER 2007

RESOLVED that Councillor R Ashton be appointed to represent the Town Council on the Derwent Valley Mills Partnership for the ensuing year...

4934 PLANNING APPLICATION AVA/2007/0300 – PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF LAND FOR BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES (USE CLASSES B1, B2 AND B8 FOR LAND AT NOTTINGHAM ROAD RIPLEY FOR CLOWES WERSTERMAN LTD

RESOLVED to note that this planning application which had raised objections from this Council had been refused by the Planning Authority.

4935 PLANNING APPLICATION AVA/2007/0406 – RESERVED MATTERS APPLICATION TO PREVIOUS OUTLINE CONSENT FOR AEROMATIC CO LTD DERBY ROAD MAREHAY

RESOLVED to note that this planning application which had raised objections from this Council had been withdrawn by the applicant.

4936 PLANNING APPLICATION AVA/2007/0615 – PROPOSED 12 RESIDENTIAL UNITS (APPROVAL OF RESERVED MATTERS) –LAND OFF KIRK CLOSE RIPLEY

RESOLVED to note that this planning application which had raised objections from this Council had been refused by the Planning Authority.

4937 CONSERVATION FOUNDATION – “IT’S YOUR COMMUNITY” INITIATIVE LOCAL AWARDS – 60 PROJECTS PER MONTH

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk circulate the availability of Conservation Foundation Grants to community groups in the Town Council area.

4938 ANNUAL GARDEN COMPETITION 2007 AND BEST ALLOTMENT COMPETITION 2007

It was reported that judging had been completed in the 2007 Garden Competition and the 2007 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 in the Garden Competition were as follows: -

Large Class

- 1st Mr K Poyner 107 School House Hill Heage
2nd Mr D Wigley 16 Steam Mill Lane Ripley

Medium Class

- 1st Mr D Hawkins and M/s D Wood 2 Manvers Street Ripley
 2nd Mr J R Morris 11 Thoresby Close Ripley

Small Class

- 1st Mrs J Young 109 Waingroves Road Ripley
 2nd Mr A and Mrs J Hill 7 Broadway Ripley
 3rd Mr G Mansell 7 Honeyfield Drive Ripley

The Winner of the Midlands Co-operative Society (NEMCO area) Cup for Best Garden is Mr D Hawkins and M/s D Wood 2 Manvers Street Ripley

The winning entries in the 2007 Allotment Competition were as follows:-

- 1st Mr. Bernard Sharp - Nuttalls Park Site
 2nd Mr Peter Collins - Sandham Lane Site
 3rd Mr Charlie Brown - Heage Road Site

Mr Frank Constable the well known horticulturalist who had judged the competitions for the last twenty years had indicated that he was reducing his commitments and would not be available to judge the Council's 2008 Competitions.

RESOLVED 1) to note the winners of the 2007 Garden Competition and the 2007 Best Allotment Competition

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 and the entrants for their interest

3) that a suitable letter be sent to Mr Frank Constable thanking him for his long association with the Town Council Garden and Allotment Competitions and to place on record the Council's thanks for the expertise he brought to the judging of the Competition and for his reliability and co-operation with the Council in the administration of the Competitions and

4) that Mr Chris Beal of Meadowside Horticulture be invited to judge the Council's Garden and Allotment Competitions from 2008.

4939 GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION – AMBER VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL – REQUEST TO SIGN A PETITION REQUESTING A BIN COLLECTION SERVICE IN THE BOROUGH

The Town Clerk reported that he had received an E Mail from Janet Taylor and Amber Valley Resident seeking the support of this Council in making representations to Amber Valley

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Borough Council for the provision of a garden refuse collection service in Amber Valley.

The Borough Council have commented as follows: - The Council is committed to encouraging and promoting all forms of recycling and waste minimization. During 2006/07 our recycling rate increased by 5% from the previous year and the amount of waste collected per person was down by almost 7%. From the latest set of Government indicators the Council is in the top third of councils for its dry recycling rate and is in the best fifty for the amount of waste collected per person. We are currently in the process of introducing additional facilities within the borough to enable residents to increase the amount of household waste they recycle.

The Council piloted a green waste collection service in 2003 and 2004 but only a third of households in the Borough chose to use the service and it was therefore not continued when the new waste collection and recycling contract started. The Friends of the Earth's Best Practice Code for Doorstep Recycling states that it is preferable for people to home compost rather than to take part in collection schemes for green waste. It is obviously more sustainable to home compost, hence our encouragement to people to buy cut-price compost bins. Over 12,000 have been sold to date and it could be said that approximately one in five households has one. With a home compost bin people can use what they would normally throw away - raw fruit and vegetable peelings, teabags, garden waste, paper and cardboard - to produce their own compost. More details can be found on the Derbyshire County Council website.

It is acknowledged that some residents would like a green waste collection. We would like to be able to respond to their requests and at the same time decrease the amount of green and kitchen waste that is being dumped on landfill sites. There would, however, be significant additional costs associated with the introduction of such a service, since not only would it be necessary to pay for the ongoing collection costs but also there would a need to purchase new containers for each home within the Borough. It is also necessary to secure suitable disposal sites that are within a reasonable traveling distance from all homes within the Borough to limit environmental damage and minimize associated costs. Because of these issues, there are no plans to introduce a comprehensive green waste collection service at this time.

The petitioner Mrs Taylor of Wessington Lane South Wingfield being aware of the Borough Council comments had re-iterated to the Town Clerk in an E Mail that regardless of the comments you cannot put into a compost bin – hedge clippings, tree and bush prunings which are the cause of her petition for the collection of garden waste.

RESOLVED that no action be taken on the request to join a petition for a collection service for green waste by Amber Valley Borough Council.

4940 APPOINTMENT OF OUTSIDE REPRESENTATIVES – REPLACEMENT REPRESENTATIVE FOR AMBER VALLEY ACCESS (CURRENTLY COUNCILLOR S D CARTER)

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs C J Manterfield be appointed the Council's representative to Amber Valley Access (vice Councillor S D Carter)

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4941 DEATH OF LAC MARTIN J T BEARD – IRAQ 2007 – ADDITIONAL NAME FOR RIPLEY WAR MEMORIAL

The Town Clerk reported that the next of kin of Martin Beard had given approval for his name to be added to the Ripley War Memorial.

RESOLVED to approve the addition to Ripley War Memorial of the name of Martin Beard killed in Iraq while serving his Country.

4942 ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDIT OF 2006/2007 ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED 1) to approve the 2006/2007 Accounts that had been subject to Internal Audit on 22 August for submission to the District Auditor

2) to note that Barrie Woodcock the Internal Auditor had provided an Audit Programme and a Risk Assessment which he and the Clerk would follow and

3) to note that the Internal Audit charges for 2007/8 Accounts would be £28.65 per hour plus 33p per mile.

4943 TOWN COUNCIL BOOK – PEOPLE PLACES AND EVENTS – RIPLEY HEAGE AND AMBERGATE - PUBLICATION DATE - LATE OCTOBER 2007 – DETERMINATION OF BOOK COST

The Town Clerk reported that the Town Council Book People Places and Events was with the Publisher for printing and would be available for sale in late October and all aspects had been kept within the Budget allocation and the Lottery Grant. The cost of the Book was the only outstanding matter.

RESOLVED that the People Places and Events Book produced as a community project with the excellent co-operation of many groups, clubs, organisations and companies in the Town Council area be realistically priced at £6 (postage and packing extra) and be retailed through the Tourist Information Office and the County Library in Ripley and the Town Clerk.

4944 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW TOWN CLERK IN 2008

The Town Clerk confirmed that it would be his intention to retire no later than the Annual Meeting in May 2008 and invited the Council to consider the arrangements for advertising and appointing a replacement Town Clerk and for the transitional arrangements.

RESOLVED that an Appointments Sub-Committee be appointed to recommend to Council the terms and conditions of the new Town Clerk, the advertising and interview process and the transitional arrangements comprising The Town Mayor (Councillor RA P Phillips -Forsyth) the Deputy Town Mayor (Councillor Mrs L Joyes) the Leader of the Council (Councillor Mrs J Blake) The Deputy Leader of the Council (Councillor Mrs A S Ward) and a Member of the Opposition Group (Councillor G Carlile)

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4945 RESITING OF TELEPHONE BOX AT NETHER HEAGE – PETITION AGAINST TO AVBC RE: TELECOMMUNICATIONS PRIOR NOTIFICATION AND LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM NETHER HEAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Town Clerk reported that since the removal of the public telephone from Slack Lane/Shop Lane following the closure of the Post Office at Nether Heage efforts had been made to find a suitable alternative site. The Council had raised no objection to the proposed BT site at Spanker Lane / Bentfield Road Nether Heage.

Such proposals are subject to planning permission by the Borough Council and the consultation process has given rise to objections including a petition of objection and one letter of support from Nether Heage Neighbourhood Watch.

RESOLVED to note that the Borough Council had refused the application to provide a replacement telephone box in Nether Heage at the Bentfield Road/Spanker Lane junction.

4946 DERBYSHIRE DEVELOPMENT PLANS – JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MINERAL SITE ALLOCATIONS DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT – AGGREGATES PREFERRED OPTIONS CONSULTATION STAGE

RESOLVED to note the specific policies for aggregate minerals against which planning applications will be considered in the County and that no specific sites had been identified in the

Town Council area.

4947 REPAIR TO STREET LIGHTING ON FOOTPATH ADJACENT TO RIPLEY SCOUTS HQ

RESOLVED to approve expenditure of £252 to replace the sensor lighting on the footpath adjacent to the Scout Headquarters which can be contained within the Street Lighting Budget.

4948 DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

RESOLVED 1) to note the information contained in the following Circulars and correspondence:-

- (a) Circular 18/2007 – Clerk’s Training Winter 2007
 - 1(i) Two x one day CiLCA Course 17/10 and 7/11/2007
 - 1(ii) Two day Residential Course – 29/30 September at Telford
 - 2(i) CiLCA Revision/Mentoring Courses – 24/11 and 14/11/2007
 - 3 Account and Audit Regulations – Internal and District Audit procedures with Barry Woodcock – Former District Auditor and SLCC Financial Advisor
 - 4 The Bursary Fund for Small Councils (Under £25000 Budget)

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- (b) Circular 19/2007 – General
 - (i) Flood Recovery Fund
 - (ii) Clerk Vacancy – Shipley Parish Council

- Derby
- (iii) Clerk Vacancy – Chelmorton Parish Council
 - (c) Circular 20 – Revenue and Customs Advice Team Workshops at Nottingham and Alfreton in August and September
 - (d) Circular 21 – General
 - (i) Effective Consultation: Asking the Right Questions, Asking the Right People, Listening to the answers.
 - (ii) Derbyshire Constabulary “Have your Say 2007 Report”
 - (iii) Vacancy for Parish Clerk/RFO – Glapwell Parish Council
 - (e) Circular 22/2007 – Clerk and Councillor Training – Winter 2007
 - (i) Basic Training Course on the Law and Good Practice – three Evening venues – Bakewell Town Hall – 29 October, The Hatton Centre Station Road Hatton – 13 November and Town Hall Staveley – 22 November - all 6.00pm for 6.30 pm. Cost £15
 - (ii) All Day Training Courses for Clerks and Councillors – Saturday 3 November 2007 at Hulland Ward and Saturday 1 December 2007 at the Village Hall Ingleby Lane Ticknall
 - (f) Circular 23/2007 – General
 - (i) Rights of Way – A Guide to Law and Practice by John Riddall and John Trevelyn - £29.95
 - (ii) Parish Plan Grant Scheme – Act Quickly
 - (iii) Derbyshire County Council Community Response Plan
 - (g) Circular 24/2007 – DALC President 2007-8
 - (h) Amber Valley Executive Committee Membership – (3) Councillor Miss Susan Fowler – Aldercar and Langley Mill Parish Council, Councillor John Nelson – Belper Town Council and Councillor Carol Sayers – Kilburn Parish Council.
 - (i) DALC AGM Papers – 15 September 2007

2) to approve the attendance of Councillors R A Phillips Forsyth and Mrs A S Ward at the Training Course at Hulland Ward on 3 November and Councillors Mrs J Blake, D Bowley, S D Carter and Mrs C J Manterfield on 1 December at Ticknall at a cost of £120.

4949 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT/INCOME

RESOLVED 1) to authorise the under mentioned payments: -

Town Clerk’s Salary (Aug and Sept)	£1386.00
Inland Revenue	£684.70
Shelter Maintenance Co	£107.83
England & Barker (Mayoral Chain Repair)	£280.25
Barrie Woodcock (Internal Auditor)	£161.52
A M Hall Ltd (Footpath Maintenance)	£440.62
Petan Associates (Cleaning of War memorials)	£746.13
Hellison Trophies (Garden and Allotment Compt	£25.00
Total	£3760.05

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2) to note the following income

Co-operative Bank Interest	£11.05
Total	£11.05

- 3) to note the Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment to 31 August 2007

4950 REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor R Ashton reported on the items discussed at the Derwent Valley Line Community Rail Partnership meeting held on 6 September 2007 the Minutes of which would be reported to the next meeting.

Councillors R A P Phillips-Forsyth and M J Godfrey reported on the items discussed at the meeting of the Ripley Business Engagement Forum held on 11 September 2007 the minutes of which would be reported to the next meeting.

RESOLVED 1) to note the reports of representatives to outside bodies and

2) to note that at the Ripley Business Forum on 11 September it had been confirmed that the annual £450 contribution to the Town's Christmas Lights electricity costs would not continue and it had been announced that the Amber Valley Partnership were in the progress of making a bid to the Derby and Derbyshire Economic Partnership for a Green Commercial Centres project for Ripley.

4951 UPPER HARTSHAY BUS SHELTER (MINUTE 5848)

It was reported that Amber Valley Borough Council had informed the Council that the Borough Council did not have a bus shelter replacement programme therefore a replacement shelter at this location would have to be funded by the Town Council.

Information had become available in the form of a report from the County Council in February 2007 that the Borough Council were providing bus shelters on an equal finance basis with the County Council at Crich (4) and Duffield (2).

RESOLVED to re-submit to the Borough Council a request for the Borough Council bus shelter which was removed by the Borough Council at this location to be replaced.

4952 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

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

- (a) AVBC News Release – Flying the Flag in Amber Valley
- (b) AVBC News Release – Charity Cricket Match – 26 July 2006
- (c) b_line – Derbyshire Student Card Magazine - Summer 2007
- (d) DCC Excellence in the Community Awards 2007
- (e) AVBC News Release – Crossley Park Ripley receives national award
- (f) East Midlands Airport- Community Investment Report 2007
- (g) AVBC News Release - New Code of Governance
- (h) World Heritage News from the Derwent Valley Mills – Issue 7-2007
- (i) AVBC News Release – Vandalism leads to closure of Crossley Park Toilets
- (j) AVBC News Release – Skin Piercing safety – extension of registration scheme to protect the public.

(k) AVBC News Release – RASCALS Guinness Book of Records attempt
Volunteer CCTV Operators wanted

- (n) Everybody's talking about climate change – Raising awareness
- (o) "Policing Matters" – Derbyshire Police Authority Annual Report 2006/2007
- (p) DCC Publication – Safer Derbyshire- Summer/Autumn 2007
- (q) "Chief on the Beat" 2007 – Chief Constables Charity Walk
- (r) AVBC News Release – Peace of Mind for Car Users in Amber Valley
- (s) AVBC New Release – Great Trees Exhibition
- (t) AVBC Press Release – Walkers Encouraged to put best foot forward
- (u) CPRE Fieldwork – September 2007
- (v) AVBC Discover Ripley Week 17 – 21 September 2007
- (w) AVBC Press Release – DC Leisure raises over £100,000 for Charity

4953 REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

RESOLVED 1) to consider this matter as an urgent item as the Borough Council required comments on the proposed changes by 28 September 2007 and

2) to inform the Borough Council that the Sainsbury Polling Station No 56 should return to St John's School Dannah Street