

RICHMOND TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE HELD AT 6.30 PM ON 11 JULY 2016 IN THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR, TOWN HALL, RICHMOND

PRESENT: Councillors: R. White
C. World
J. Preece
P. Spencer
S. Pearson
I. Croasdell
L. Hodgson

In attendance: Mrs J. Chaudhri - Westfields Allotments
Ms. L. Hayward - Civic Society
Mr F. Sockton - Richmond Duck Club
Mr. G. Barber – The Robinson Allotments
Mr. G. Lloyd – Richmond Cycling Club
Mr. M. Gibson – Richmond Round Table

C.01.07.16 Apologies:

Councillors Lord, Bryant and Cooke.

C.02.07.16 Public Open Session:

No members of the public were present other than the above representatives.

Mr. Lloyd asked whether anything could be done about the east end of Castle Walk that which has been sprayed with weed killer and is now bare soil. The soil bank at the base of the wall is approximately 18” deep which attracts dog fouling .

Councillors requested that the Town Clerk write to Richmondshire District Council asking whether the soil could be removed, thus removing the need to weed kill and deter dog fouling.

C.03.07.16 Declarations of Interest:

It was agreed that Declarations of Interest should be dealt with as and when they arose during the meeting.

Councillor Spencer declared an interest.

C.04.07.16 Lead Councillors:

Proposed: Councillor Preece Seconded: Councillor Pearson

RESOLVED: that the Councillors currently in Lead Councillor roles, remain in those roles until a meeting has taken place to clarify Lead Councillor roles. After which new appointments will be made.

Existing Roles

Allotments – Councillors Spencer and World
Christmas Lights – Councillors Preece and Cooke
Fireworks - Councillors Lord and Cooke
Floral Decorations – Councillors Pearson and Spencer
Press Officer - Councillor White

Civic Events

Proposed: Councillor White Seconded: Councillor Preece

RESOLVED: that Civic Events stay on the Community Agenda and be dealt with by the Mayor, Past Mayor, Mayor Elect and Town Clerk

C.05.07.16 Christmas Lights:

The Chair informed members that a request has been received for the Town Council to pay costs for electricity in Friary Gardens during the daytime for Christmas Fair event on 4th December.

A decision was deferred until after a meeting between the event organisers and the Duck Club.

The Duck Club representative asked if the Mayor could provide the date of the District Council Sports Association Awards, as they would like to nominate two winners to switch on the lights in Friary Gardens.

Christmas Lighting

This item was deferred to Private Session.

C.06.07.16 Floral Decorations:

Nothing to report.

C.07.07.16 Fireworks:

The Chair confirmed that contractor has been informed that the Fireworks display will take place on Saturday 5th November at Richmond School.

C08.07.16 Allotments:

It was agreed that the path options on the “Robinson Allotments” be deferred to Private Session.

25 Westfields

Councillor Spencer had been approached by the allotment holder regarding the alteration to the shape of the allotment to improve path. He had advised the tenant to write in to seek permission. The letter was read to the Committee.

Councillor World stated that he was not aware that the letter had been received and felt aggrieved that he had not been informed. He then resigned as Lead Councillor for Allotments. Councillor Spencer apologised and stated that it had been on oversight.

Councillors Spencer and Pearson will carry out a site visit and decide if the shape of the allotment can be altered to make a straight path, with minimum disruption to allotment holders.

Bench

A plaque in memory of the late Councillor John Robinson has been ordered and will be fitted in time for the opening of the allotments on 16th July at 1.00 pm. Councillors Pearson, World and Bryant gave their apologies as they are unable to attend the official opening.

Annual Maintenance Calendar

Discussion took place regarding annual work required on all allotment sites, hedge cutting etc. It was felt that a three year contract should be considered which could then go out for tender and precepted for in 2017/18. Members asked that Lead Councillor Spencer draw up a plan of what is required and report back to the committee.

Request for an additional Car Parking Permit

Proposed: Councillor Pearson Seconded: Councillor White

RESOLVED: that no further permits be issued.

32 Castle Walk

Councillor Spencer informed members that trees were overhanging the wall and required cutting. It was agreed that a quotation be obtained.

Allotment 8A Reeth Road

Councillor World stated that verbal permission had been given in October by Councillor Robinson and himself for the erection of 8x6 garden shed. The shed base is down and the shed has been on site unassembled. After due consideration the following decision was made.

Proposed: Councillor White

Seconded: Councillor Pearson

RESOLVED: that

- a) permission be granted for the 8’x6’ shed to be erected
- b) the application to erect a green house will not be considered until after the Tenancy Agreement has been formally adopted.

Allotment Competition

Discussion took place regarding the judging which takes place on Thursday. Councillors Spencer and World would be taking part. Mrs Chaudhri will also be present.

C09.07.16 Forthcoming Dates:

Thursday 14 July	-	Allotment Competition
Saturday 16 July	-	Official Opening of The Robinson Allotments
BH Monday 29 August	-	Duck Club Sports
Saturday 10 September	-	First Fruits Ceremony
Saturday 29 October	-	Duck Club – Children’s Halloween Party
Saturday 5 November	-	Fireworks Display, Richmond School
Friday 2 December	-	Switch on of Christmas Lights

The representatives were informed that there will not be a Community Meeting in August.

C10.07.16 Date of Next Meeting - Monday 12 September 2016 at 6.30 pm

C11.07.16 Proposed: Councillor White Seconded: Councillor Spencer

RESOLVED: to move into Private Session