

RICHMOND TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2016

Present: Councillors World (Mayor)
Heap
Robinson
Lord
Preece
Parsons
White
Cooke
Hodgson
Steggles
Pearson
Spencer
Adams
Blease

In attendance: Ms. H. Lawler, Town Clerk
Mrs C. Ord, Assistant Town Clerk

01.01.16 Apologies: Rev'd J. Chambers

Absent: Councillor J. Harris

02.01.16 Public Open Session:

There were no members of the public present.

03.01.16 County Councillor:

Discussion took place regarding replanting of a tree in Richmond House Gardens.

04.01.16 District Councillor:

It was brought to members' attention that stonework is being taken away from the Racecourse Grandstand. Councillor Parsons asked that members inform the Police should they witness any theft from the site.

Proposed: Councillor Parsons Seconded: Councillor Lord

RESOLVED: that a letter be sent to the Richmond Burgage Pastures Committee informing them of the Town Council's concerns.

05.01.16 Declarations of Interest:

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

07.10.16 Minutes:

Proposed: Councillor Lord Seconded: Councillor Preece

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 30 November 2015 be accepted as a true record.

Councillor White felt that further clarification is required regarding traffic flow and asked that this issue be placed on the next agenda.

07.01.16 Updates:

No updates to report

08.01.16 Town Clerk's Report:

External Audit

Due to changes to the Audit Commission, Town and Parish Councils are now able to nominate their own external auditor should they wish. The Town Clerk asked Councillors whether they wished to appoint their own external auditor or remain with the existing system.

Proposed: Councillor Preece Seconded: Councillor Lord

RESOLVED: that Councillors opted to remain within the existing system.

09.01.16 Communications:

The correspondence was noted.

10.01.16 Accounts:

Proposed: Councillor Lord Seconded: Councillor White

RESOLVED: that the accounts for November and December 2015 be accepted.

11.01.16 Committees:

Planning 02 December 2015
 16 December 2015

Minutes of the above Planning Meetings were noted.

Councillor Parsons discussed the provision of play parks and funding and wished to remind members of the planning committee to ensure that future planning applications made provisions for play parks.

Councillor Hodgson stated that some planning guidance would be of benefit to new Councillors on the Planning Committee.

Councillor World suggested that Mr. Featherstone be invited to provide training on planning matters and that Mr Dowson provide information on declarations of interest.

Community 11 January 2016

Proposed: Councillor Robinson Seconded: Councillor Preece

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Community Meeting be accepted as a true record.

Donations 13 January 2016

Proposed: Councillor Hodgson Seconded: Councillor Parsons

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Donations Meeting be accepted as a true record.

12.01.16 Outside Bodies:

Councillor Heap gave an update of the meeting he had attended regarding the A1 to Leeming road works.

Councillor Heap also reported on a meeting he attended at Richmondshire District Council where a task force is looking into the cost of reinstating CCTV in the town.

13.01.16 Play Parks:

Councillors had received information from the Town Clerk prior to the meeting relating to a potential of a £5,000 allocation on the 2016/17 precept draft document for the replacement of play park equipment in the future.

Proposed: Councillor Parsons Seconded: Councillor Preece

RESOLVED: that the sum of £5,000 be included as a precept line in the precept allocation for £2016/17.

14.01.16 Precept 2016/17:

Proposed: Councillor White Seconded: Councillor Preece

RESOLVED: that the proposed Precept for 2016/17 be accepted.

This decision was unanimous.

15.01.16 Nominations for Mayor 2016/17:

The Mayor reported that one nomination had been received and this nomination would be put forward at the February meeting. He also stated that no further nominations would now be accepted.

16.01.16 Resolution to Move into Private Session

Proposed: Councillor Lord Seconded: Councillor Heap

RESOLVED: to move into Private Session