

RICHMOND TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on 24 April 2017

Present: Councillors Lord - Mayor
Preece
Blease
Harris
Parsons
Hodgson
Heap
Steggles
World
White
Croasdell
Cooke
Bryant

In attendance: Ms. H. Lawler, Town Clerk
Rev'd Canon Chambers
Mrs G. Lunn

01.04.17 Apologies: Councillors Spencer and Mrs C. Ord, Assistant Town Clerk

02.04.17 Public Open Session:

Investors in Richmond Award

Prior to the presentation Councillor World spoke about the nominee Mrs Joyce Chaudhri whom he had proposed for the award. The award was duly presented by the Mayor, Councillor Lord.

03.04.17 County Councillor:

County Councillor Parsons reported that the Quaker Lane Scheme had been unveiled and duly reported in the press.

He reported that works to Station Bridge had been delayed due to contractors being short of stone supplies.

Councillors were informed that the six month delay on the A1 project was met with dismay due to the traffic and road closure congestion. Extra manpower was to be provided to ease the congestion. NYCC have started the process of obtaining compensation from Highways England.

Proposed: Councillor Lord Seconded: Councillor Steggles

RESOLVED: that a letter be sent to NYCC complaining about the delays to Station Bridge repairs which causes further congestion problems when closures occur on the A1.

County Councillor Parsons reported that cobbling work in Bargate had caused chaos over the weekend as the road remained closed.

04.04.17 Richmondshire District Councillor:

Councillor Steggles requested an update regarding planning issues relating to the Lidl development. This matter was deferred to the Town Clerk's report.

05.04.17 Declarations of Interest:

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

06.04.17 Minutes:

Proposed: Councillor Blease Seconded: Councillor White

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 27 March 2017 be accepted as a true record.

07.04.17 Updates:

Councillor Hodgson reported that she and Councillor World had as District Councillors carried out their twice yearly 'Estate Walkabout' encompassing RDC owned areas and were pleased with the outcome.

08.04.17 Town Clerk's Report:

Christmas Fair Committee

The Town Clerk informed Councillors that a meeting of the committee had recently been held. The committee are looking to maintain the Fair this year and build on it from thereon by forming a community based group with their own bank account and they would ultimately be an independent organisation. The committee have asked whether the Fair could be covered under the Town Council Insurance this year. They also asked if a free car parking day could be allocated when the fair is held on Sunday 3rd December 2017.

Proposed: Councillor Parsons Seconded: Councillor Lord

RESOLVED: that both requests be met by Richmond Town Council

Town Council - Pinder

The Town Clerk gave an update on a meeting held with a potential new Pinder and reported that he was delighted that he had been approached to undertake the 2018 role. A junior Pinder will also be sought to work alongside the new Pinder.

Lidl – Queens Road site.

Councillors were reminded that a meeting regarding the site will be held in Richmond Community Library on Tuesday 25th April. The plans for the site are due to be submitted in late May. Councillor World reported that an

apology has been received from Lidl for not extending personal invitations to Councillors.

Town Council - Vacancy

The Town Clerk updated members on the current co-option process. The closing date (21st April) had now passed and no applications had been received. It was agreed that the vacancy should be re-advertised.

09.04.17 Communications:

The correspondence was noted.

10.04.17 Accounts:

The Town Clerk informed members that March 2017 accounts will be approved at the next available meeting as invoices for the financial year end are yet to be received.

11.04.17 Committees:

Councillor Preece gave an overview of the new system of viewing planning applications online. The Civic Society are using the same method to view applications and it was decided to consult with them regarding the use of their projector and Town Councillors involvement in their meetings. Councillor Hodgson informed members that the Planning & Development Manager at Richmondshire District Council would be happy to attend a meeting to discuss the new system.

Planning - 29 March 2017
- 12 April 2017

Minutes of the above Planning Meetings were noted.

Resources - 10 April 2017

Proposed: Councillor Heap Seconded: Councillor Preece

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Resources Meeting held on 10 April 2017 be accepted as a true record.

Community

Councillor White requested that approval be given to an item which will appear on the next printed copy of Community minutes.

Proposed: Councillor White Seconded: Councillor Lord

RESOLVED: that

- a) the tender for removal of catenary wires, checking and repairing electrical boxes and making all boxes watertight be approved.**

b) the sum of £1,734 for the above work be debited from the General Fund.

12.04.17 Outside Bodies:

Nothing to report.

13.04.17 Mayoral Handbook:

After much discussion the following amendments were approved.

Proposed: Councillor Parsons Seconded: Councillor Cooke

RESOLVED: that the following amendments be incorporated into the Mayoral Handbook.

- a) a Christmas Gift (normally two bottles of wine) be given to the Mayor's Chaplain out of the Mayoral Allowance.**
- b) the Mayor to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.**
- c) Christmas Lights collection from the Market Hall to be split between Mayoral Charities and Christmas Lights.**

14.04.17 Outside Market Stall:

The Town Clerk reported that the Resources Committee had looked at a request from an existing Indoor Market Trader to trade outside each Sunday throughout the summer months.

Proposed: Councillor Preece Seconded: Councillor Croasdell

RESOLVED: that

- a) the Trader be permitted to trade each Sunday around the obelisk**
- b) that the same rate be charged as existing market place trader**
- c) the trader be informed that they will only be permitted to return to trade in the Market Hall if space is available.**

Councillors Blease, Cooke and White asked that their vote against the resolution be recorded.

Councillors Hodgson and World asked that their abstention from the vote be recorded.

15.04.17 Bench:

The Town Clerk informed members that a snakes head design bench had now been sourced. The cost to supply and install the bench outside the Town Hall would be in the region of £500 plus VAT. Councillor Harris stated that he and Baroness Harris would be happy to make a donation towards the bench.

Proposed: Councillor Harris Seconded: Councillor Preece

RESOLVED: that

- a) **the quotation for cost of supply and installation be approved**
- b) **the cobbles be levelled to accommodate the bench**
- c) **kind donation from Baroness Harris and Councillor Harris be accepted**

16.04.17 Stallage:

The Town Clerk reported that further investigation had been carried out regarding the Town Councils position when granting permission for Fairs to be held in premises which are not easily accessible by the disabled. Advice has been sought from NAMBA and we have subsequently been informed that specified wording when granting permission will cover our position.

Proposed: Councillor Parsons Seconded: Councillor Lord

RESOLVED: that

- a) **the specified wording supplied by NABMA be incorporated into any permission to hold Fairs.**

The standardising of stallage fees was debated.

Proposed: Councillor Bryant Seconded: Councillor Preece

RESOLVED: that

- a) **prices should remain the same**
- b) **on receipt of any non standard requests the Chair and Vice Chair of Resources should be consulted.**

17.04.17 Proposed: Councillor Harris Seconded: Councillor Preece

RESOLVED: to move into Private Session