

***RICHMOND TOWN COUNCIL***  
***Minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2016***

**Present:** Councillors Lord - Mayor  
Preece  
Parsons  
Hodgson  
Pearson  
Spencer  
Harris  
Heap  
World  
Bryant  
White  
Croadsdell

**In attendance:** Ms. H. Lawler, Town Clerk  
Mrs C. Ord, Assistant Town Clerk  
Rev Canon Chambers  
Press Representative

The Mayor congratulated Rev Canon Chambers on his recent inauguration at Ripon Cathedral.

The Mayor requested that his personal thanks be recorded to Rev Canon Chambers and thanks also from Councillors for all his work and commitment to the local community and the Town Council.

**01.09.16 Apologies:** Councillors Steggles, Blease and Cooke

**02.09.16 Public Open Session:**  
No members of the public were present.

The Mayor informed the meeting that there would be an emergency item to discuss and this would come after Item 12 on the Agenda.

**03.09.16 County Councillor:**

County Councillor Parsons read a letter that accompanied a petition received from a town centre business. The proprietor raised the following issues which they felt were detrimental to their business. The constant disruption due to cobbling work, Freedom events, lack of parking permits, traffic wardens and ever increasing out of town shopping venues. County Councillor Parsons informed members that the petition will be forwarded to North Yorkshire County Council.

County Councillor Parsons gave an update on repairs to Station Bridge and stated that proposed work is delayed due to the need for road closures which can not take place due to ongoing road works on the A1.

The subject of ongoing cobble repairs was raised and members were informed that a meeting is taking place on 11<sup>th</sup> October and County Councillor Parsons will report back at the next meeting.

**04.09.16 Richmondshire District Council:**

Councillor White asked who had been responsible for the lovely tree carving that had appeared in Friary Gardens. He was informed that it had been arranged by Richmondshire District Councillors, Parsons and Curran, with funding from the Community Opportunities Fund.

**05.09.16 Declarations of Interest:**

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

**06.09.16 Minutes:**

Proposed: Councillor White                      Seconded: Councillor Heap

**RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 25 July 2016 be accepted as a true record.**

**07.09.16 Updates:**

No updates.

**08.09.16 Town Clerk's Report:**

a) Great Britain - Olympics Representative

The Town Clerk informed members that an enquiry had been received requesting possible funding for a young athlete who is hoping to represent GB in the next Olympics. Members suggested a number of organisations which could be approached regarding funding and asked that this information be passed on along with the offer below.

Proposed: Councillor Parsons      Seconded: Councillor Lord

**RESOLVED: that a Thursday Coffee Morning be offered to aid fund raising.**

b) Traffic Survey

The Town Clerk reported that the traffic survey had taken place and she was waiting for the results.

**b) the quotation for £553.43 (ex VAT) for inspection of catenary wires be approved.**

**09.09.16      Communications:**

Item 9. Councillor Bryant clarified information relating to the amalgamation of two separate charitable trusts in operation at the Georgian Theatre Royal which he stated was an expensive way to operate. He reported that the Charity Commission had approved the decision.

**10.09.16      Accounts:**

Proposed:      Councillor Harris      Seconded:      Councillor Heap

**RESOLVED: that the accounts for July and August 2016 be accepted.**

This decision was unanimous

**11.09.16      Committees:**

Planning                      20 July 2016  
   03 August 2016  
   17 August 2016

Minutes of the above Planning Meetings were noted.

Community                      12 September 2016

Proposed:      Councillor White      Seconded:      Councillor World

**RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the above Community Meeting be accepted as a true record, subject to the agreed amendments.**

Resources                      10 August 2016  
   09 September 2016

Proposed: Councillor Heap                      Seconded:      Councillor Parsons

**RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the above Resources Meetings be accepted as a true record.**

Donations                      21 September 2016

Proposed:      Councillor Hodgson      Seconded: Councillor Parsons

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

Councillor Preece requested that consideration be given to sending all Minutes and attachments by e-mail. Members agreed Councillor Preece should liaise with other members to obtain their views and put this item on the next Town Council Agenda.

**12.09.16 Outside Bodies:**

Nothing to report.

**12a.09.16 Emergency Item – Committee Structures:**

Councillor Lord gave an overview of previous meetings held relating to changes in committee structures.

Councillor Bryant outlined his reasons for changes to the Community Committee structure.

Councillor Pearson proposed that the current Community Committee be replaced with two smaller Committees of the Council, with responsibility for the following:

- 1) Events
- 2) Allotments & Floral decorations.

Proposed: Councillor Pearson      Seconded: Councillor Bryant

**This motion was not carried.**

**13.09.16**      Proposed: Councillor White      Seconded: Councillor Pearson

**RESOLVED: to move into Private Session**

**16.09.16**      Proposed: Councillor Lord      Seconded: Councillor Preece

**RESOLVED: that the Meeting return to Public Open Session**

**15.09.16 Freedom:**

Mrs C. Gedye

The Town Clerk was delighted to inform Councillors that Mrs Gedye has confirmed acceptance of the Freedom of Richmond and the news can now be made public. Two suitable dates had been suggested for the event.

Proposed: Councillor Lord      Seconded: Councillor Preece

**RESOLVED: that the 23 November 2016 be the preferred date.**

Councillors Harris and Spencer gave their apologies.

Citation - Heritage Lottery Fund

The Town Clerk was pleased to announce that the Heritage Lottery Fund accept the offer of a Citation from the Town Council. Discussion took place regarding the format for the presentation. The Town Clerk requested the Mayor to look into the wording for the Citation.

Proposed: Councillor Heap      Seconded: Councillor White

**RESOLVED: that the event be held at the Rising of the Council on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 6.30 p.m. followed by a small informal reception.**

Councillor Spencer asked that his vote against the proposal be recorded.

HMS Richmond

The Town Clerk informed members that two events were being planned at short notice, one arranged for the 13<sup>th</sup> October. This invitation to a drinks party onboard HMS Richmond is for members plus up to 50 guests chosen from members of the public. The second event is an invitation to the Town Hall for an Inspection and speeches followed by a reception. This event will be attended by approximately 60 members of HMS Richmond plus Councillors and approximately 50 guests.

Members requested the Town Clerk to arrange for a coach to take guests to and from the event onboard HMS Richmond. A financial contribution towards the cost of coach hire was agreed.

The Mayor reported that he hoped to arrange some other events for the members of the ship including golf and a Rugby match.

Councillor Bryant gave his apologies for the event on 13<sup>th</sup> October. Councillor Pearson gave her apologies for both events.