

RICHMOND TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2017

Present: Councillors Parsons – Mayor
Hodgson
Blease
Harris
Heap
World
Lord
Preece
White
Bryant
Steggles
Hadden

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

01.11.17 Apologies: Councillor Spencer

02.11.17 Public Open Session:

No members of the public present.

03.11.17 County Councillor:

County Councillor Parsons gave an update on re-cobbling work. Concerns were raised regarding traffic congestion issues on both sides of Ronaldshay Drive where residents are unable to gain access to their drive ways due to cars parking up at school times. County Councillor Parsons stated that traffic obstruction is a matter for the Police to deal with and stated that funding has been applied for to deal with parking issues outside schools near Cross Lanes.

Discussion took place regarding proposed restructuring of the Area Committees.

Proposed: Councillor Bryant Seconded: Councillor Harris

RESOLVED: that a letter be sent to Chief Executive of North Yorkshire County Council expressing the following views.

Richmond Town Council support the existing geographical arrangements and that local decisions should be taken by our locally elected members. This Council is concerned that the current proposals will further limit the ability of local residents to attend meetings and put forward their points of view and to directly influence the decision makers.

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Community Meetings held on Monday 20th November 2017 be accepted as a true record.

12.11.17 Outside Bodies:

Councillor Bryant reported that he has attended a meeting at Richmond School as Trustee and stated that it had been an excellent meeting.

Councillor Preece stated that he would be attending meetings with the RLSBA regarding the Tour de Yorkshire and would report back to the Town Council.

Councillor White thanked all those who had contributed to the Poppy Appeal and all those who had worked tirelessly to assist with the collection. He reported that £16,480.49 had been raised so far.

13.11.17 Investors in Richmond:

On approval of the Private Minutes the details of the Investor in Richmond will be moved into Open Session.

Proposed: Councillor Lord Seconded: Councillor Parsons

RESOLVED: that 11th December be the approved date to hold the presentation of a Testimonial and Investors in Richmond awards. There will be no council business discussed on that date.

14.11.17 Freedoms:

The Town Clerk has received responses from Baroness Hale of Richmond and the Garrison Commander, on behalf of Catterick Garrison, who are both minded to accept the Freedom of Richmond.

Proposed: Councillor Parsons Seconded: Councillor Lord

RESOLVED: that

- a) **Saturday 20th January 2018 is the preferred date to hold the Freedom Ceremony for Baroness Hale of Richmond.**
- b) **Friday 28th April 2018 be the approved date to hold the Freedom ceremony granted to the Garrison.**

15.11.17 Boundary Commission:

Proposed: Councillor Parsons Seconded: Councillor Lord

RESOLVED: that the Boundary Commissions proposals for Richmondshire be supported and that a letter be sent thanking them for listening to our original concerns.

16.11.17 External Audit:

Councillors conveyed their thanks to the Town Clerk for her work in preparing the audit which had gone very smoothly.

Proposed: Councillor Lord Seconded: Councillor Parsons

RESOLVED: that the External Auditors report be approved.

17.11.17 Marriage and Civil Partnership Licence:

The Town Clerk had provided a breakdown of costs which were discussed. Although it was acknowledged that the service did not provide a profit members felt that it was a valuable service to provide for the public.

Proposed: Councillor Preece Seconded: Councillor Parsons

RESOLVED: that the Licence be renewed for a further three years at the cost of £1,550.

18.11.17 Town Council Vacancies:

The Town Clerk gave an update on the vacancies and informed members that one application has been received.

Councillor Harris suggested that to give the public a greater understanding of a Councillor's role a newsletter should be produced for the community and that consideration be given to allowing for the cost in the next precept.

Proposed: Councillor Parsons Seconded: Councillor Hodgson

RESOLVED: the above be approved.

Vacancies

Proposed: Councillor Preece Seconded: Councillor Parsons

RESOLVED: that should the vacancies remain unfilled after the current advertising has expired it was agreed that no further advertising take place until full elections in 18 months time.

Proposed: Councillor Parsons Seconded: Councillor Hodgson

RESOLVED: the above be approved.

19.11.17 Proposed: Councillor Parsons Seconded: Councillor Hodgson

Move to move into Private Session:

21.11.17 Proposed: Councillor Parsons Seconded: Councillor Preece

RESOLVED: to move out of Private Session and return to Public Open Session.

14.10.17 **Investors in Richmond:**

b) Mr. Peter Trewby – St. Mary’ Bells
Councillor World gave background information on his nomination.
Proposed: Councillor World Seconded: Councillor Lord

RESOLVED: that Mr. Peter Trewby be offered an Investors in Richmond award to be presented at the Rising of the Council.

c) RDC Gardening Team – Friary Gardens
Councillor White gave background information on his nomination.
Proposed: Councillor White Seconded: Councillor Lord

RESOLVED: that RDC Gardening Team be offered an Investors in Richmond award to be presented at the Rising of the Council.

d) RDC Recycling Team – Brompton
Councillor White gave background information on his nomination.
Proposed: Councillor White Seconded: Councillor Lord

RESOLVED: that RDC Recycling Team be offered an Investors in Richmond award to be presented at the Rising of the Council.

e) Mr. Dennis & Mrs. Elizabeth Graves – Promoting Richmond and The Christmas Markets.
Councillor Parsons gave background information on his nomination.
Proposed: Councillor Parsons Seconded: Councillor Lord

RESOLVED: that Mr. & Mrs. Graves be offered an Investors in Richmond award to be presented at the Rising of the Council.

f) Mr. Brett Overin – Musical support for various organisations
Councillor Parsons gave background information on his nomination.
Proposed: Councillor Parsons Seconded: Councillor Lord

RESOLVED: that Mr. B. Overin be offered an Investors in Richmond award to be presented at the Rising of the Council.