

***RICHMOND TOWN COUNCIL***  
***Minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2016***

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

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

**01.11.16 Apologies:** Councillors Blease

**02.11.16 Public Open Session:**

Two members of the Duck Club were present.

Members were informed that the Christmas decorations have been erected in Friary Gardens. However, the representative of the Duck Club highlighted an ongoing problem relating to the maintenance of the electricity boxes. He reported that four boxes were in need of urgent repair and stated that although this years lights are not effected, they may be compromised in future should the four boxes remain out of order. Discussions with Mr. Hudson at (RDC) regarding vandalism and the use and repair of electricity boxes was also mentioned.

Proposed: Councillor Parsons    Seconded: Councillor Cooke

**RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk write to Mr. Hudson for clarification on maintenance issues and report back to Councillors.**

Councillor Cooke asked to obtain prices for replacement electrical boxes.

**03.11.16 County Councillor:**

Discussion took place relating to NYCC weeding around the Market Place and traffic congestion problems on Station Road. Councillor White asked that thanks be conveyed to Richmondshire District Council for sending a team into Friary Gardens to tidy up the area and relay some flagstones in time for Remembrance Sunday.

**04.11.16 Richmondshire District Council:**

Councillor Croadsdell reported problems with the temporary pedestrian crossing on Reeth Road. Councillor Parsons stated that this matter was already in hand.

**05.11.16 Declarations of Interest:**

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

**06.11.16 Minutes:**

Proposed: Councillor White                      Seconded: Councillor Cooke

**RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 31 October 2016 be accepted as a true record, subject to Councillor Cooke being recorded as present.**

**07.11.16 Updates:**

No updates.

**08.11.16 Town Clerk's Report:**

The Town Clerk asked members of the Community Committee to convene a meeting as soon as possible in December to discuss precept bids.

**09.11.16 Communications:**

The correspondence was noted.

**10.11.16 Accounts:**

Proposed: Councillor Parsons      Seconded: Councillor Preece

**RESOLVED: that the accounts for October 2016 be accepted.**

**11.11.16 Committees:**

Planning                      26 October 2016  
   09 November 2016  
   23 November 2016

Minutes of the above Planning Meetings were noted.

Community                      14 November 2016

Proposed: Councillor World      Seconded: Councillor Cooke

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

Castle Hill Allotment

Members were informed that the work on Castle Hill Allotment has been completed and the allotment holder is very happy with the result.

Christmas Lights

Councillor Preece asked members to consider his proposal for £3,500 to be vired from the general fund to increase the Christmas Lights budget to cover the cost of repairs and new trojan lighting which could be erected during the Christmas period. However, he stated the new lighting would not be in place in time for the “switch on” ceremony (2<sup>nd</sup> December). The proposal was seconded by Councillor World and put to the vote.

This motion was not carried.

Bench outside Town Hall

Councillor Harris informed members that Richmondshire District Council have no objections to a bench being placed outside the Town Hall.

Community Development Working Group

Councillor Bryant asked that the name of the working group be noted.

Resources 16 and 21 November 2016

Proposed: Councillor Heap Seconded: Councillor Preece

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

**12.11.16 Outside Bodies:**

Councillor Pearson thanked the Town Council on behalf of the Walking Festival for the annual grant.

Councillor Parsons thanked the Town Council on behalf of “Welcome to Richmond” for the funding towards the town leaflets.

**13.11.16 Freedom:**

The Town Clerk informed members of details for Mrs. Gedyes Freedom ceremony. Councillor Harris gave his apologies.

Citation

The Town Clerk discussed the format of the event.

**14.11.16 Investors in Richmond:**

Proposed: Councillor Parsons Seconded: Councillor Cooke

**RESOLVED: that the following Minutes of the Private Meeting held on 31October are brought in to the public domain as both nominees have accepted the awards.**

**19.10.16 Investors in Richmond:**

Proposed: Councillor World      Seconded: Councillor White

**RESOLVED: that Mr. R. Chandler and Mrs. Chaudhri be offered an Investors in Richmond award to be presented at the Rising of the Council.**

**15.11.16**      Proposed: Councillor Lord      Seconded: Councillor Peece

**RESOLVED: to move into Private Session**