

RICHMOND TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on 28 September 2015

Present: Councillors World (Mayor)
Heap
Harris
Robinson
Lord
Preece
Parsons
White
Cooke
Hodgson
Steggles
Pearson
Spencer
Adams (*from 6.54pm onwards*)

In attendance: Mrs E. M. Gould (Secretary)

01.09.15 Apologies: Councillor Blease

02.09.15 Public Open Session:

Rev'd John Chambers, Mr. M. Wood and Mr. G. Winn were present

Mr Winn outlined his ideas for a Shakespearian Festival in Richmond next year during the week ending 23 April to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the birth of William Shakespeare. A project team has been formed and events have already been planned at various venues e.g. Richmond School, the King's Head Hotel, the Georgian Theatre Royal and the Station. Mr. Winn is still trying to contact the Manager of the Cinema. Mr. Winn asked Councillors for ideas on sponsorship and requested a donation from the Town Council towards publicising the event. He stated that he will be applying to Richmondshire District Council for a donation. Councillor Parsons suggested he also apply to North Yorkshire County Council. Mr. Winn agreed to send a draft programme to the Town Council.

Proposed: Councillor Lord Seconded: Councillor Harris

RESOLVED: that an application for a donation be applied for to the Donations Committee

Proposed: Councillor Lord Seconded: Councillor Cooke

RESOLVED: that Councillor Parsons represent the Town Council on the Project Team.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Winn, who then left the meeting.

03.09.15 County Councillor:

County Councillor Parsons gave an update on the following:

Grit Bins: Not enough notice had been given to Councillors and on checking, 3 out of 7 bins hadn't existed for many years. Councillor Parsons has obtained funding from North Yorkshire County Council regarding the remaining 4 bins.

Cobbles: Over the past 5 years over £221,00 has been spent on cobbling works. The present work is due to finish on time, despite a problem with the grouting. Unfortunately there is no consistency with the quality of work on cobbling. Councillor Parsons is still following this up.

Planning Applications- Reservoir Site, Whashton Road. There had been some confusion as to which County Councillor was responsible for this area and County Councillor Heseltine had initially been contacted. It had now been established that this should have been Councillor Parsons. Councillor Preece reported that this application had been discussed at a Town Council Planning Meeting and a report sent to Richmondshire District Council.

Councillor Adams joined the meeting at this point.

04.09.15 District Councillor:

Councillor Parsons asked Councillor Lord for the current position on street lighting and was informed that it was still ongoing.

05.09.15 Declarations of Interest:

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

06.09.15 Minutes:

Proposed: Councillor Robinson Seconded: Councillor Heap

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 27 July 2015 be accepted as a true record.

07.09.15 Updates:

Councillor Harris asked about the defibrillator. The Town Clerk replied that the Community Fund application has gone in and Listed Building Consent has been applied for and, when the funding is through, this can go ahead.

08.09.15 Town Clerk's Report:

A1 Leeming Bar Project: Representatives will attend the October meeting.

RDC Waste Bins: There were originally 22 but now only 18. These will be refurbished or replaced over the next 5 years. The Town Council had an input when the bins were originally installed regarding colour etc and also paid to have the word "Richmond" put on the side of the bins. Councillors were asked to advise the Town Clerk on ideas regarding colour, design etc.

Ties: The new ties have arrived and are available from the Town Hall office

09.09.15 Communications:

The correspondence was noted.

10.09.15 Accounts:

Proposed: Councillor Lord Seconded: Councillor Harris

RESOLVED: that the accounts for July and August 2015 be accepted.

11.09.15 Committees:

Planning 22 July 2015
 2 September 2015

Minutes of the above Planning Meetings were noted.

Resources 21 September 2015

Proposed: Councillor Parsons Seconded: Councillor Heap

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Resources Meeting be accepted as a true record, with the exception of item 10.09.15 which needs to be approved by Full Council.

Item 10.09.15
Proposed: Councillor Heap Seconded: Councillor Parsons

RESOLVED: that the accounts be dealt with as outlined in the Minutes
Councillor Harris abstained.

Community 14 September 2015

Proposed: Councillor Lord Seconded: Councillor Preece

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

12.09.15 Outside Bodies:

Councillor World had attended a NYCC Area Committee Meeting and informed Councillors that there will be no change in Richmond regarding the fire engines and back up. Councillor Parsons commented on the new initiatives of developing their own system, which is working well.

Proposed: Councillor Parsons Seconded: Councillor Lord

RESOLVED: that a letter be sent to Richmond Fire Station congratulating them on their new initiatives.

Councillor Pearson attended the Walking Festival Meeting

13.09.15 Almshouses

Mr. M. Wood presented his report on behalf of the Fellmongers Guild. The Fellmongers were requesting to take over the Almshouses and had already approached the Charity Commissioners and the Almshouse Association. A Resolution was required from the Town Council to the effect that the Mayor would no longer be the Chair of the Trustees, would no longer appoint two Trustees and would pass on the Almshouses to the Fellmongers Guild.

Proposed: Councillor Parsons Seconded: Councillor Harris

RESOLVED: that the Fellmongers are asked to provide a copy of the advice received, the legal position is checked and this item to be brought to the October or November meeting.

Mr. Wood agreed to let the Town Council have a synopsis.

14.09.15 Investors in Richmond:

A paper had already been given to Councillors by Councillor World

Proposed by: Councillor Lord Seconded: Councillor Robinson
RESOLVED: the paper produced by Councillor World be approved (copy overleaf)

Councillor World requested that the Town Clerk be given names and CV's of any person nominated the week before the October Town Council Meeting.

15.09.15 Whitefields Park and Pond

Councillor Hodgson listed some of the concerns of residents in East Ward. Councillor Harris stated that he was involved in the original planning of the pond and cannot see how the problem can be resolved. It was agreed that Councillor Harris and Councillor Hodgson discuss this problem.

16.09.15 Renewal of Fair Trade Status

A paper had already been circulated to Councillors by Councillor Pearson.

Proposed: Councillor Pearson Seconded: Councillor Lord

RESOLVED: that Richmond Town Council resolves to enable Richmond to continue its Fairtrade status and will do this by supporting the sale and use of Fairtrade products whenever possible within the Town Hall.

17.09.15 Guidance for New Councillors

A paper had been circulated to Councillors . Councillor World asked for comments or alternative suggestions to be sent to the Town Clerk. This item is to be discussed at the next Town Council meeting. Councillors were asked to inform the Town Clerk even if they had no comments to make.

18.09.15 Resolution to Move into Private Session

Proposed: Councillor Lord Seconded: Councillor Preece

RESOLVED: to move into Private Session