

RICHMOND TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on 29 June 2015

Present: Councillors World(Mayor)
Heap
Harris
Blease
Robinson
Preece
Lord
Parsons
White
Cooke
Hodgson
Spencer
Steggles
Pearson

In attendance: Mrs C. Ord Assistant Town Clerk

01.06a.15 Apologies: Heather Lawler, Town Clerk

Absent: Councillor Adams

02.06a.15 Public Open Session:

Rev'd Chambers and four members of the public present.

Rev'd Chambers asked that a Minute's Silence be observed for those killed in Tunisia and families of those recently bereaved.

The Mayor, Councillor World, formally welcomed new Councillor Sheila Pearson.

He also thanked Rev'd John Chambers for taking his Mayor's Civic Sunday Service.

Retiring Poppy Appeal Organiser – Mr David Johnson 1999-2015

Mr Johnson gave a brief history as Organiser of the "Richmond Poppy Appeal" the Remembrance Sunday Parade and Commemoration Services. Early collections raised between £3,000-4,000 and during his final year nearly £26,000 was raised. He thanked his dedicated volunteers and the public for their truly amazing generosity. He stated that throughout the sixteen years Richmond Town Council members and staff have been a source of great support and co-operation, as have past Mayors, Town Clerks and Clergy in bringing the local "Remembrance Sunday Parade" to the standard that exists today. He thanked the Town Council for his 16 happy years as Poppy Appeal Organiser and asked that they carry on by supporting the new organiser.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Johnson all his hard work in his years as Poppy Organiser for the Royal British Legion.

03.06a.15 County Councillor:

County Councillor Parsons stated that he was pleased to report that Phase one of the cobbling works had been completed two weeks early.

Discussion took place regarding traffic problems in the vicinity of the Church of England School on Frances Road.

Cuts to Richmond Library services and the shortage of volunteers for the Tourist Information Service were discussed.

04.06a.15 District Councillor:

There were no questions

05.06a.15 Declarations of Interest:

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

Councillors World and Parsons stated that they would not take part in the discussions or vote regarding Item 13, Richmond School Licence.

06.06a.15 Minutes:

Proposed: Councillor Lord Seconded: Councillor Cooke

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 1 June 2015 be accepted as a true record, subject to amendment to minute 08.06.15 as follows:

Richmond Town Council - Ties

Members were made aware that two designs are in existence. They were supplied with one copy of a design and asked for permission to place an order.

Proposed: Councillor Lord Seconded: Councillor Preece

RESOLVED: that an order be placed.

In the absence of a picture of the second design some members felt that the decision should be revisited to enable members to make an informed choice and proposed that the above resolution be suspended for a period of six months to enable a new vote.

Proposed: Councillor White Seconded: Councillor Spencer

This motion was not carried.

07.06a.15 Updates:

There were no updates

Proposed: Councillor World

Seconded: Councillor Lord

RESOLVED: to suspend Standing Orders and move Item No.13 out of sequence

13.06a.15 Richmond School Licence:

The Leader of Sport, Leisure and Community at Richmond School, Mr Tony Potter addressed the meeting and outlined the reasons behind the application for the Licence. He also answered questions raised during the discussions. The application will be determined by the Licensing Committee at Richmondshire District Council. Existing permission allows for 12 temporary event licences for the serving of alcohol throughout the year.

A considerable debate took place and various concerns were raised regarding the ethos of the school being compromised by granting the licence. Other issues raised were antisocial behaviour on the site, noise levels and a possible increase in the crime rate. Some members also felt that there had been insufficient advertising and consultation with residents and that this should be remedied.

Proposed: Councillor Hodgson

That the Council request Richmondshire District Council to increase the advertising to ensure local residents are fully aware of the application and undertake further consultation with parents/carers.

This motion was not carried.

Councillor Preece asked that an amendment be considered to the above proposal, requesting that Richmond School liaise with the Licensing Officer to place more emphasis on advertising the consultation to get feed-back on the proposal from parents/carers.

This motion was not carried. Councillors Parsons and World did not take part in the debate or voting. Councillor Lord requested that it be recorded that he did not take any part in the debate or vote.

Proposed: Councillor World

Seconded: Councillor Lord

RESOLVED: that Standing Orders be reinstated.

08.06a.15 Town Clerk's Report:

No report

09.06a.15 Communications:

The correspondence was noted.

10.06a.15 Accounts:

Proposed: Councillor Lord Seconded: Councillor Preece

RESOLVED: that the accounts for May 2015 be accepted.

11.06a.15 Committees:

- Planning - 03 June 2015
 17 June 2015

Minutes of the above Planning Meetings were noted.

- Resources - 08 June 2015

Proposed: Councillor Heap Seconded: Councillor Harris

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

- Community - 15 June 2015

Proposed: Councillor Robinson Seconded: Councillor Harris

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

- Donations - 16 June 2015

Proposed: Councillor Hodgson Seconded: Councillor Parsons

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Donation Meeting amended to include apologies from Councillor Steggs.

Proposed: Councillor Heap Seconded: Councillor Harris

RESOLVED: that the Notice Board draft regarding Donations be accepted.

The Donations Minutes were duly noted

12.06a.15 Outside Bodies:

Councillor Blease informed members that he had attended a meeting at Thornborough Hall, Leyburn relating to Fracking. He also reported that he had attended the Scouts AGM and Presentation Evening.

13.06a.15 This Item appears earlier in the Agenda

14.06a.15 Walking Book Festival:

New Town Council Representative

Proposed: Councillor Parsons Seconded: Councillor Preece

RESOLVED: that

- a) **Councillor Pearson be appointed representative**
- b) **Councillor Lord be appointed as sub**

15.06a.15 Gift of Corn Measure:

The Mayor asked that it be recorded that Mr R. Waggett has offered Richmond Town Council a brass Corn Measure dated 1835 and engraved "Corporation of Richmond" .

Proposed: Councillor World Seconded: Councillor Preece

RESOLVED: that

- a) **the Town Council gratefully accept the gift which will become part of the Town Council Silver**
- b) **Mr. R. Waggett be invited to attend "First Fruits" on the 12 September 2015 where the Corn Measure will be formally gifted**

Proposed: Councillor Heap Seconded: Councillor World

RESOLVED: that the Corn Measure to be used at all future "First Fruits Ceremonies".

16.06a.15 Proposed: Councillor Lord Seconded: Councillor Preece

RESOLVED: to move into Private Session