

RICHMOND TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on 30 November 2015

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

In attendance: Ms H. Lawler, Town Clerk
Mrs C. Ord, Assistant Town Clerk
Rev'd J. Chambers

01.11.15 Apologies No apologies were received

Absent: Councillor A. Adams

02.11.15 Public Open Session:

Mr Austin Gordon from Richmondshire Leisure Trust gave a talk on the role and work of the Trust. He gave a summary of the events held during July, August and September and reported on the leisure opportunities available. Mr. Gordon informed members that a planning application is in the pipeline for a unique 12 bed roomed luxury bunk house for the benefit of tourists and stated that the Youth Hostel Association anticipate a 50% occupancy bringing in over 2,000 visitors to the area which will benefit the local economy. He stated that £35,000 is required to progress the project.

03.11.15 County Councillor:

County Councillor Parsons reported on the allocation of funds from the Locality Budget. He also clarified various points on traffic flow and access road markings to the roundabout near the library.

04.11.15 District Councillor:

There were no questions

05.11.15 Declarations of Interest:

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

06.11.15 Minutes:

Proposed: Councillor Lord Seconded: Councillor Heap

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 26 October 2015 be accepted as a true record.

07.11.15 Updates:

No updates to report

08.11.15 Town Clerk's Report:

Georgian Theatre Royal

The Town Clerk reported on meeting with the Manager of the Georgian Theatre to discuss signage for a proposed planning application on which her signature is required. The Town Clerk asked whether members had any objections or observations on the application.

Proposed: Councillor Lord Seconded: Councillor Preece

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk be given permission to sign the application form.

Georgian Theatre Royal

A request has been received for permission to take a digital photograph of the "View of Richmond" painting hung in the Chamber which is by George Cuitt. The image is to be used at a Georgian Theatre Exhibition.

Proposed: Councillor Lord Seconded: Councillor Parsons

RESOLVED: that permission be granted, subject to the Town Council retaining the copyright.

Bentley Owner's Club

A request has been received for permission to use the Farmer's Market area to park approximately 40-50 Bentleys on 26 July 2016. The Club is hoping to replicate a tour which took place in 1936 when members parked their vehicles in the market place and gathered at the King's Head Hotel.

Proposed: Councillor Parsons Seconded: Councillor Lord

RESOLVED: that permission be granted.

Wedding Preparations – May 2016

The Town Clerk supplied information from the Town Council's Insurers regarding wedding decorations.

Proposed: Councillor Parsons Seconded: Councillor Lord

RESOLVED: that permission be granted for the use of tea lights (in containers) and streamers.

Carol Concert

The Town Clerk asked for assistance from Councillors to hand out programmes and help with the collection buckets at the Carol Concert to be held on Wednesday 9th December at St. Mary's Church.

Rising of the Council

The Town Clerk reminded members that partners are invited to the Rising of the Council at 6.30 pm on 14th December.

A representatives from the Royal British Legion will also be invited to attend.

Richmond Triathlon Club

A request to use the Town Council Crest has been received.

Proposed: Councillor Parsons Seconded: Councillor Heap

RESOLVED: that permission be granted.

Councillor Hodgson tendered her apologies and left the meeting.

09.11.15 Communications:

The correspondence was noted.

10.11.15 Accounts:

Proposed: Councillor Lord Seconded: Councillor Preece

RESOLVED: that the accounts for October 2015 be accepted.

11.11.15 Committees:

Planning 14 October 2015
 28 October 2015
 18 November 2015

Minutes of the above Planning Meetings were noted.

Proposed: Councillor Robinson Seconded: Councillor Lord

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

12.11.15 Outside Bodies:

Discussion took place regarding patients being admitted to the Friary Hospital and the need for a daily visit from their own GP.

The subject of vandalism in Friary Gardens was raised. Members of the public should be aware that when reporting an incident on the 101 number it is necessary to obtain an incident number.

13.11.15 Investors in Richmond:

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Mr. Roland Bramham

Proposed: Councillor White Seconded: Councillor Robinson

St. Mary's R.C. School

Proposed: Councillor World Seconded: Councillor Parsons

RESOLVED: that the above nominees be offered an 'Investors in Richmond' award and invited to attend the Rising of the Council in December to receive their certificates.

The Town Clerk reported that the above nominees had been informed of the "Investors in Richmond" award, which they have subsequently accepted and stated that they will be attending the Rising of the Council to receive their certificates.

14.11.15 CCTV Policy:

Councillors had been supplied with a revised copy of the CCTV Policy prior to the meeting.

Proposed: Councillor Lord Seconded: Councillor Heap

RESOLVED: that the document be approved.

15.11.15 Repairs to King Street Property:

The Town Clerk reported on an incident which occurred when the mortar holding the catenary wire and banner strung across King Street failed, causing debris and stone to fall onto the street below. After an immediate inspection by a building contractor urgent repairs were carried out to the property. The

Town Clerk asked Councilors to sanction her actions in dealing with the emergency repairs.

Proposed: Councillor White Seconded: Councillor Lord

RESOLVED: that members approved the course of action taken by the Town Clerk.

This decision was unanimous.

Discussion took place regarding the future use of the catenary wire to display banners.

Proposed: Councillor World Seconded: Councillor Lord

RESOLVED: it was agreed that banners would no longer be hung on the catenary wire.

Councillor Spencer voted against the resolution and asked that this be recorded.

16.11.15 NYCC Grass Cutting:

The Town Clerk informed members of North Yorkshire County Council's financial contribution to road junction cutting 2016/17. It was noted that there has been a reduction in funding of over £1,000 and members discussed the possible reduction of the number of cuts per annum.

Proposed: Councillor Parsons Seconded: Councillor Lord

RESOLVED: that

- a) the Town Clerk be given permission to negotiate with NYCC to seek an improved contribution
- b) after due negotiations permission be granted to the Town Clerk to agree a final amount

Resolution to Move into Private Session

17.11.15 Proposed: Councillor Lord Seconded: Councillor Preece

RESOLVED: to move into Private Session