

RICHMOND TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2016

Present: Councillors Lord (Mayor)
World
Croasdell
Harris
Preece
Parsons
White
Hodgson
Pearson
Bryant
Steggles
Heap

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

01.06.16 Apologies: Rev'd J. Chambers and Councillors Blease, Cooke and Spencer

02.06.16 Public Open Session:

No members of the public were present.

03.06.16 County Councillor:

Discussion took place regarding the following matters, removal of bicycle rack from outside the "Noted Pie Shop", the poor road surface along Darlington Road and re-cobbling of area outside the market place co-op store.

04.06.16 District Councillors:

Councillor Lord informed members that the swings had been removed in the Cross Lanes Play Park due to vandalism of the play surface. He stated that he would keep Councillors informed as to re-surfacing.

05.06.16 Declarations of Interest:

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

06.06.16 Minutes:

Proposed: Councillor Preece Seconded: Councillor Hodgson

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 26 April 2016 be accepted as a true record.

07.06.16 Updates:

No updates to report

08.06.16 Town Clerk's Report:

Part night lighting

Richmondshire District Council has contacted us and provided information showing the plans of existing street lights and invited the Town Council to suggest which street lights may be reduced to part night lighting. It was suggested that we ascertain whether there are any financial implications should we opt to not have any part night lighting. Members requested a map showing the street lights that NYCC has already put onto part night lighting.

Traffic Survey

NYCC had provided the names of two contractors who would provide quotations for the works. Only one contractor has responded and the cost quoted is £695. Members requested that we obtain a further quotation for the survey to be extended to cover the hours from 8.00a.m. – 6.00p.m. on a Friday.

Committees and Outside Bodies 2016/17:

Were confirmed as per attached schedule.

09.06.16 Communications:

Councillor Lord drew members attention to the “Thank You” card received from the two long serving members of staff who will be retiring at the end of June and were presented with flowers at the Mayor Making ceremony.

The correspondence was noted.

10.06.16 Accounts:

Proposed: Councillor Pearson Seconded: Councillor White

RESOLVED: that the accounts for April 2016 be accepted.

11.06.16 Committees:

Planning 25 April 2016
 27 April 2016
 11 May 2016
 25 May 2016

Minutes of the above Planning Meetings were noted.

Community 16 May 2016

Proposed: Councillor White Seconded: Councillor Pearson
Councillor Preece abstained.

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the above Community Meeting be accepted as a true record, subject to recording apologies from Councillor Preece.

12.06.16 Outside Bodies:

Councillor Heap reported on the progress of the A1 roadworks and informed Councillors that artefacts from the works would be exhibited at Catterick Racecourse on the 16/17 June 2016.

Councillor Pearson had attended a Walking Book Festival event and said the speakers had been excellent.

13.06.16 Internal Audit:

The Town Clerk informed members that the Audit had gone very well and gave a brief report. The Town Clerk referred members to the copy letter they had all received from the Internal Auditor. The letter referred to the strong reserves that the Town Council now have. Within this reserve figure certain funds are already ring fenced for emergency building/roof repairs, sufficient funds to cover our PWLB loan and this year will see a programme of maintenance works around the Town Hall building itself. The Town Clerk advised Councillors that between now and precept setting potentially this loan could be paid off, even though the interest rate is an attractive rate. Members discussed the idea repaying the loan from PLWB earlier than the planned date and it was agreed that the Town Clerk provide some figures for the next Resources Meeting to consider the proposal.

Councillor Bryant asked that consideration be given to a Tourism Project which would allocate specific funds from the Reserve Account. Members agreed that this matter should be placed on a Community Agenda.

Proposed: Councillor Preece Seconded: Councillor Harris

RESOLVED: that the Internal Audit document be approved.

This decision was unanimous.

14.06.16 New Committees:

Following a ballot the following Councillors formed the Resources Committee.

COMMITTEES 2016/17

Resources Committee

Members: **Councillor S. Parsons**
 Councillor R. White.
 Councillor B. Heap
 Councillor O. Blease

**Councillor M. Bryant
Councillor J. Steggles
Councillor C. World
Councillor J. Harris
Councillor J. Preece
Councillor R. Lord**

Proposed: Councillor Lord Seconded: Councillor Preece

RESOLVED: that a meeting of the Resources Committee be held on Monday 13th June at 6.15 p.m to Elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman

The following Councillors form the Community Committee.

Community Committee:

**Members: Councillor M. Bryant
 Councillor R. White
 Councillor S. Cooke
 Councillor C. World
 Councillor I. Croasdell
 Councillor J. Preece
 Councillor L. Hodgson
 Councillor P. Spencer
 Councillor R. Lord.
 Councillor S Pearson**

15.06.16 Resolution to Move into Private Session

Proposed: Councillor Lord Seconded: Councillor Preece

RESOLVED: to move into Private Session

The meeting closed at 7.55 p.m.