

The 1065th Meeting of the Ripponden Parish Council held in the Ripponden Parish Council Office on Thursday 23rd October 2014 at 7.15pm.

Councillors Present: - Cllr McCarley chaired the Meeting
Cllr B Carter, Cllr G Carter, Cllr Johnson, Cllr Naylor, Cllr Potts, Cllr Riley, Cllr Russell,
Cllr J Smith

1. To accept apologies for absence and lateness

Absence – Cllr Ogden, Cllr M Smith, Cllr Watson

2. To accept the Minutes of the 1064th Meeting held on Thursday 9th October 2014

Page 5553 Agenda Item 7 para.2 final sentence amend 'It was' to 'Cllr G Carter'.

15797 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr J Smith that after the above amendment the Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of the Meeting held on Thursday 9th October 2014.

3. To receive information on any on-going items identified in these and previous Minutes and decide further action where necessary

The Clerk reported that:

An e-mail had been received from Calderdale Council's Highway Services regarding the replacement of the pedestrian island at the top of Elland Road. The officer advised that the work would now be carried out by Amey on Tuesday/Wednesday 28th & 29th October. Notices were to be sent out to residents Monday 19th October.

An e-mail response had been received from Calderdale Council regarding the blossom trees at Ripponden War Memorial. The officer did not think it appropriate to prune the trees as requested by the Parish Council and also advised that due to a considerable backlog of work he currently was not able to facilitate any work to the trees. The Meeting agreed that a further e-mail should be sent to the officer advising that the Parish Council would not progress the matter at this time, but any accident arising from the state of the trees would be Calderdale Council's responsibility. The Clerk was asked to copy Mr Pitts and Mr Tuddenham into the reply.

The Clerk informed the Meeting that an update had been received from the Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Kirsten Fusing regarding the Crown Buildings alleyway. Environmental Health have been in contact with the owner, who has advised that he is now looking to renovate the derelict cottage and will incorporate new decking to raise the bin store area. The owner also agreed to remove any outstanding refuse left by a previous tenant.

The Clerk advised the Meeting that the Parish Council had received a gas safety record from the Landlord confirming that the gas supply and appliances were safe for the next 12 months. Confirmation was also given that an electricity safety check was no longer legally required.

An e-mail had been received from Crawshaws Builders confirming that the scaffolding would be dismantled week commencing 27th October. The Clerk also reported that as part of the work the security alarm needed to be temporarily disconnected. The Parish Council's alarm supplier had advised that the bell box was no longer working correctly and needed to be replaced this would cost approximately £60. The Meeting agreed that the Clerk should arrange the replacement.

4. To receive Parish Councillors declarations of Interest

None

5. Public Participation

Cllr Holden (Ward Councillor), Mrs Moran, Mrs Robins and Ms Cieciala regarding Agenda item 10.

The Chairman asked that Agenda item 10 be moved forward to the next item.

10. To discuss and agree any funding for Festive Celebrations and Events

Cllr Holden addressed the Meeting and provided a brief synopsis of the proposals to replace the Christmas lights for Ripponden. He emphasised that if the Parish Council agreed to assist with funding the purchase, installation and maintenance of Christmas lights this would be a working partnership between Calderdale Council, the Parish Council, local traders and the community. The proposal was very much a last minute project but achievable in the timescale left and would be a benefit to the whole community if agreement could be reached. Discussion followed and clarification sought regarding a few matters of concern. The Meeting agreed that the purchase of new lights for Ripponden would be of benefit, but the Parish Council had to be mindful of the Christmas light provisions for other areas of the Parish.

15798 Resolved in a motion by Cllr J Smith and seconded by Cllr G Carter that the Parish Council contributes £6,000 towards the purchase, installation and de-installation of Christmas lights for Ripponden, provided that Calderdale Council agreed to act as the facilitating body and the lights being assigned to the Parish Council's ownership to enable the instigation of future maintenance and repair. The contribution would be made from the Parish Council's capital reserves.

15799 Resolved in a motion by Cllr J Smith and seconded by Cllr Riley that the Parish Council sets aside £2,000 from capital reserves to enable the relocation of the 9 redundant panels to other areas of the Parish.

Cllr Russell abstained from the voting on both resolutions.

Cllr Holden thanked the Parish Council for its consideration and left the meeting together with Mrs Moran, Mrs Robins and Ms Cieciala.

6. To receive reports from the Clerk, Chairman, Committees, Councillors and Outside Bodies by Council Representatives and to deal with matters arising

6.1. To approve the Clerks Quarterly Bank Reconciliation and Budget report

The Clerk had previously sent copies of the two reports to all Councillors with the Agenda.

15800 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr J Smith that the Parish Council approves the quarterly bank reconciliation and budget report.

The Clerk reported that an e-mail had been received from a resident concerning the amount of Himalayan Balsam engulfing the banks of the waterways. She wondered if signage could be arranged requesting walkers remove a few plants each visit to alleviate the problem. The Clerk was asked to reply to the resident and advise her that the Parish Council thought her suggestions were a good idea and an article would be incorporated into its newsletter at a suitable time in the year. The Clerk was also asked to inform her of the local community groups who hold regular Balsam bashing events and request permission to forward on her e-mail to Calderdale Council and Yorkshire Water.

The Clerk advised the Meeting that an e-mail had been received from the Deputy Lord Lieutenant asking if it would be possible for her to do a reading in the church for Remembrance Sunday. The Clerk was asked to liaise with Reverend Ball to see if this would be feasible.

6. To receive reports from the Clerk, Chairman, Committees, Councillors and Outside Bodies by Council Representatives and to deal with matters arising (continued)

The Clerk also reported that she had booked the coach for the band at a cost of £370. Reverend Ball had confirmed that he was happy for the two minutes silence to be observed in the church at 11.00am.

The Clerk informed the Meeting that Cllr McCarley had provided a draft press release for the presentation of the line marker funded by the Parish Council for Ryburn United. Copies were circulated to Councillors for references. The Meeting agreed that with a couple of minor amendments the press release should be distributed to the Media.

Cllr Johnson reported that he had attended the recent Annual Conference of Calderdale's Town & Parish Councils. He had also passed the September crime figures provided by the Neighbourhood Policing Team onto the Clerk for circulation to Councillors. Cllr Johnson briefly reviewed the figures highlighting the increase in burglaries for the Ripponden area. Cllr G Carter advised the Meeting that she was scheduled to meet with the inspector soon and would raise the matter with him. The Clerk was also asked to write to the Inspector and ask what the police intended to do about the increase in crime for Ripponden. The Meeting felt that a courtesy copy should also be sent to the Police Crime Commissioner.

Cllr Potts informed the Meeting that a film about the Ripponden area was due to be released soon and that a free preview was to be shown at the Conservative club at the beginning of November.

Cllr J Smith reported that she too had attended the Annual Conference for Town & Parish Councils which disappointingly had included a lengthy talk on flooding that was not appropriate to Ripponden. Because of the length of the discussion the police item had been rushed and not fully covered. Cllr J Smith also reported that lamp number 179 on Elland Road was not working and asked if the Clerk would inform Calderdale Council.

Cllr J Smith asked if the Green Door Catering company had been formally thanked for the use of the premises for the last Parish Council meeting. The Clerk advised that a thank you gift had been given on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr B Carter reported that he had attended the Annual Conference for Town & Parish Council's, he too felt that the meeting had been very disappointing with the main focus on flooding that was not relevant to Ripponden.

Cllr G Carter advised the Meeting that the Deli Belge would be happy to sell festive alcohol at the December Market but that an alcohol licence would be needed at a cost of approximately £21. Cllr G Carter was asked to obtain information and submit an application on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr McCarley reported that he had attended a recent match of Ryburn United AFC and presented the line marker purchased by the Parish Council to members of the club. It had been a lovely visit.

7. To receive reports from Calderdale Councillors who represent Ryburn Ward

Cllr G Carter informed the Meeting that she had spoken to Mr Benn about parking issues on Stones Drive and Rylands Park. He had agreed to support the introduction of strategic white lines for the area.

Cllr G Carter had also spoken to PC Igo concerning the transit van regularly inconsiderately parked at Slitheroe Bridge. PC Igo has agreed to speak to the owner to endeavour to resolve the issue.

6. To receive reports from the Clerk, Chairman, Committees, Councillors and Outside Bodies by Council Representatives and to deal with matters arising (continued)

Cllr Naylor asked if the Plant Mill planning application was to go to Planning Committee. Cllr G Carter was not aware that as yet a decision had been taken on the matter, but agreed to support this option.

Cllr G Carter provided an update on the local traders application for a grant to support their Festive Xmas Fest advertising, she hoped that the grant will be approved soon. She also advised that the group may need further support and that there was a possibility that the group may request funding from the Parish Council.

Cllr G Carter reported that she would be attending the Remembrance Sunday Services in the Parish as the representative of the Mayor of Calderdale.

Cllr Johnson asked for an update on the implementation of the double yellow lines in Ripponden since the parking issues near JLA were now becoming very dangerous. Cllr G Carter advised that currently there was no timescale.

Cllr G Carter advised the Meeting that she was to arrange a meeting with Calderdale Council officers to try and progress various items of enforcement at Moselden Lane.

8. To agree accounts for payment

15801 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Riley and seconded by Cllr G Carter that the accounts listed on the schedule with a total value of £1,799.80 be passed for payment.

9. To receive correspondence

Correspondence

Ripponden Village Traders	Update on plans for Ripponden Xmas Fest
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Information

Calderdale Council	Improvement Scheme at Junction 26, Chain Bar
Calderdale Council	Upper Valley Neighbourhood News - October
NABMA	NABMA News 13 th & 20 th October
NABMA	Market Health Checks

Invitations

Hebden RoydTown Council	Civic Service 22 nd November 2014
Ryburn United Juniors	Calderdale Sports Awards 30 th October 2014
Stones Cricket Club	Calderdale Sports Awards 30 th October 2014

Agendas

28/10/2014	Planning Committee 1
29/10/2014	Use of Resources Scrutiny Panel

Matters arising from Correspondence

The Meeting agreed that there should be an agenda item at the next meeting to discuss Parish Council's plans to support the Late Night Opening events for Ripponden.

11. To discuss and agree any further action to be taken by the Parish Council regarding traffic issues at Dyson Lane

The Meeting agreed that this item should be held over to the next meeting to enable Cllr Watsons attendance.

12. To discuss Planning Applications, to receive Planning Decisions and to discuss Planning and Enforcement Issues

New plans for this meeting

Application No 14/20157/TPO

Officer: Keith Grady

Applicant: Mr G Todd

Site: Land Opposite Bar Lane Ripponden

Proposal: Fell one tree (Tree Preservation Order)

History: No previous tree history listed.

Main Issues: The amenity value of the tree and what impact the works will have on the character and appearance of the area, and in view of the assessment whether or not the works are justified in view of the reason put forward for the works.

RPC Comments:

15802 Resolved in a motion by Cllr J Smith and seconded by Cllr Naylor that the Parish Council has no objections to this application subject to the Planning Officer being satisfied that it is good arboricultural practise.

Planning Decisions:

14/20125/TPO Maude House 1A Royd Lane Ripponden	Fell two trees and prune one tree (Tree Preservation Order)	Granted
14/00911/HSE 47 Stonelea Barkisland	Two storey side extension and single storey rear/side extension	Refused
14/00971/FUL St Bartholomews Church Old Bank Ripponden	External fire exit staircase to rear	Granted

The meeting closed at 9.00pm