

MALTBY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Wednesday 15 May 2002

Present were Councillor A D Crompton (Chairman), G S Bates (from item 27/02 onwards), C Beaumont, C D Colley, Mrs M E Gannon, A Garner, D A Gayton, J C Kirk, Mrs G U Mercer, G B Robinson, Mrs S N Robinson, Mrs A L Rushforth, A Russell (up to item 22/02 only), B Slade, K A Smith, K F Stringer, and D Thorpe.

In attendance – Mr D J Morton (Clerk & Financial Officer) + 16 members of the public.

Before the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman presented a tankard to Mr J W Wright in recognition of his previous work for the Town Council, and a Certificate of Thanks to Mr P Moss (Chairman of Birks Holt Community Association) in recognition of a successful "clean up" day on the Birks Holt Estate.

19/02 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public raised the following questions and comments:

- Adverse comments about the recently installed cycle lockers at the Queens Corner
- Problems with vandalism and anti-social behaviour on Hoyland Street
- Disappointment at the outcome of an appeal against the closure of a public footpath on Millindale
- Thanks to the owner of a shop on Salisbury Road for tidying up his premises
- Comments on the vote about to be taken on the position of Chairman
- Comments on the provision of litter bins

20/02 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: that Councillor A D Crompton be appointed Chairman for the ensuing Council year.

21/02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

22/02 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL 2002

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 17 April 2002 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

23/02 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) 239/01 Spring Water in Maltby

The Clerk & Financial Officer confirmed that he had written to the Head of Environmental Health, Rotherham MBC, and that a reply was awaited.

(b) 170/01 Hazel Road Wood

Councillor D Thorpe expressed disappointment at receiving conflicting information from Rotherham MBC with regard to the existence of a management plan for Hazel Road Wood.

(c) 211/01 Dog Waste Bins

The Clerk & Financial Officer confirmed that he had been promised installation of dog

waste bins in Maltby in the immediate future.

(d) 226/01 Maltby Coat of Arms

The Clerk & Financial Officer reported that he was dealing with this matter.

24/02 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ASSEMBLY HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL 2002

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Annual Town Assembly held on Wednesday 17 April 2002 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

25/02 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: that Councillor Mrs G U Mercer be appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing Council year.

26/02 WORKING PARTIES

RESOLVED: that (a) current working parties be confirmed, and (b) councillors notify any new preference for membership of committees to the Clerk & Financial Officer.

27/02 APPOINTMENT OF WORKING PARTY CHAIRMEN

RESOLVED: that each working party appoints its own Chairman.

28/02 CASUAL VACANCY

RESOLVED: that Mr G S Bates be co-opted to fill the current casual vacancy. Mr Bates signed the declaration of acceptance of office, and took his place in the meeting as a Councillor.

29/02 ALLOTMENTS WORKING PARTY

Councillor Mrs G U Mercer reporting.

Councillor Mrs Mercer reported on a meeting of the Allotments Working Party held on Wednesday 15 May 2002 as follows:

- She had been elected Chairman of the Working Party
- Members of the Working Party were visiting each allotment site on Wednesday 22 May 2002
- That she was to visit the Council's solicitors with the Clerk & Financial Officer to gain an update on the transfer of allotments to the Town Council
- That a meeting with allotment holders and officers of allotment societies was planned for July 2002

RESOLVED: that the report of Councillor Mrs Mercer be received with thanks.

30/02 ENVIRONMENT WORKING PARTY

Councillor A D Crompton reporting.

Councillor Crompton reported on progress on the following matters:

- Summer hanging baskets
- Planters on High Street
- Gardens competition
- Street sweeping
- Maltby Cenotaph

RESOLVED: that the report of Councillor Crompton be received with thanks.

31/02 COMMUNITY PLANNING

Councillor D Thorpe reporting.

Councillor Thorpe reported on progress on the following matters:

- Writing up the Community Plan
- Arrangements for the first meeting of the Maltby Forum

RESOLVED: that the report of Councillor Thorpe be received with thanks.

32/02 STAFFING WORKING PARTY

Councillor C D Colley reporting.

Councillor Colley reported that an advertisement had now been placed for a temporary part-time clerical assistant, as previously agreed.

RESOLVED: that the report of Councillor Colley be received with thanks.

33/02 AREA ASSEMBLY REPORT

The Clerk & Financial Officer reporting.

The Clerk & Financial Officer commented on a report from the Halcrow Group on the South Rotherham Transport Plan, on an update report on Community Planning, and on several routine items.

RESOLVED: that the report of the Clerk & Financial Officer be noted.

34/02 REDEVELOPMENT OF THE BEDE CHURCH SITE

RESOLVED: that (a) a financial commitment of up to £10,000.00 per annum be made to the Bede redevelopment project, and (b) that the Accommodation Working Party be authorised to negotiate details of the arrangement with St Bartholomew's PCC prior to final confirmation of the arrangement.

35/02 LAND AT WALTERS ROAD/ TICKHILL ROAD

RESOLVED: that (a) details of a letter from Rotherham MBC offering to dispose of land at Walters Road/Tickhill Road by private treaty to Maltby Town Council, be noted, (b) the Council agrees in principle to purchase land at Walters Road/Tickhill Road, subject to the negotiation of satisfactory contractual arrangements, (c) the Clerk & Financial Officer be authorised to conclude negotiations, (d) the final contractual details of the purchase be ratified by the Council prior to completion, and (e) the Clerk & Financial Officer be authorised to engage professional assistance to ensure the Council proceeds in a wholly proper manner.

36/02 MALTBY CENOTAPH

The Clerk & Financial Officer reporting.

The Clerk & Financial Officer reported on a problem which emerged during the seeking of quotations, but which had now been resolved. He reported that completion of the restoration was still on course for a re-dedication on 27 July 2002.

RESOLVED: that the report of the Clerk & Financial Officer be noted.

37/02 REDEVELOPMENT OF CORONATION PARK

RESOLVED: that the Town Council give its formal support for the redevelopment of Coronation Park.

38/02 MALTBY TO ROCHE ABBEY FOOTPATH LEAFLET

RESOLVED: that the Town Council fund the publication of a Maltby/Roche Abbey Footpath leaflet at a budget estimate cost of £300.00.

39/02 STREET SWEEPING IN MALTBY

RESOLVED: that the Town Council arrange for pavements in Maltby to be swept twice per year in approximately late autumn and late spring of each year.

40/02 LITTER PREVENTION

RESOLVED: that Councillors notify the Clerk & Financial Officer of preferred sites for litter bins in Maltby, prior to a final decision on locations being taken at the next Environment Committee.

41/02 MALTBY COMMUNITY PLAN

RESOLVED: that general support for the first draft of the Maltby Community Plan, the formation of a Maltby Forum, the hosting of a Resources Conference, and the principle of forming a Maltby Development Trust, be confirmed.

42/02 GOVERNOR – ST MARY’S SCHOOL

RESOLVED: that the filling of this position be considered at the next meeting of the Town Council.

43/02 YLCA MATTERS

The following items were presented:

- Details of the NALC national conference on 14/16 June 2002
- DIS Issue 526
- DIS Issue 527
- YLCA Advice Note No 020b – Code of Conduct
- YLCA Advice Note No 021 - Race Relations Act 2000
- White Rose Update Issue 2/02

44/02 PLANNING MATTERS

Planning List Nos 16, 17, 18, and 20 were tabled. No issues were raised.

45/02 ROUTINE CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of routine correspondence were tabled:

- Birks Holt Residents Association Newsletter
- Letter from Rotherham Arts requesting details of forthcoming events
- Letter from FOMPS about Jubilee celebrations in Maltby
- Information about committee skills training in Maltby
- Minutes of Birks Holt Partnership 18/4/02
- Funding News Issue 56 – May 2002
- Minutes of Sure Start Partnership 15/4/02
- Invite to Old Maltby Residents Assn 27/5/02
- Invite to Lilly Hall Residents Association AGM 1/7/02
- Copy of Maltby Messenger for May 2002

- Rother Valley PCG health improvements

46/02 FOOTPATH BETWEEN MILLINDALE AND HIGH STREET

RESOLVED: that the council records its disappointment on the unsatisfactory outcome of a footpath closure at the above location.

47/02 COMMUNITY SKIPS

RESOLVED: that the Town Council not take part in the issue of community skips.

48/02 ROUTINE RMBC MATTERS

The following items of RMBC routine correspondence were tabled:

- Agenda, Papers and minutes for Standards Board of May 2002
- Area Assembly news Issue 20 – May 2002
- Letter regarding emergency planning training
- Letter regarding motor cycle facilities in Maltby

49/02 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Town Council was arranged for 7.00pm on Wednesday 19 June 2002, in the Edward Dunn Memorial Hall, Tickhill Road, Maltby.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.