

MALTBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Wednesday 16 January 2002

Present were Councillors A D Crompton (Chairman), C Beaumont, C D Colley, Mrs M E Gannon, J C Kirk, Mrs S N Robinson, Mrs A L Rushforth, A Russell, B Slade, K F Stringer, D Thorpe, Mrs B S Tomlinson and J W Wright.

In attendance – Mr D J Morton (Clerk & Financial Officer) + 11 members of the public.

183/01 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public raised the following questions and comments:

- A petition was presented from residents of the Amorys Holt Estate objecting to the development of land for recreational purposes. The Chairman commented that final decisions on this matter had not been concluded, and that residents would be consulted on any proposals at the appropriate time.
- An enquiry was made regarding the possibility of a Parish Council newsletter. The Chairman confirmed that this was in hand.
- An enquiry was made as to whether the Parish Council would object to an application to renew planning consent for housing on The Muddies. The Clerk & Financial Officer was requested to obtain the plans and present them to a future meeting of the Council.

184/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Garner, D A Gayton, Mrs G U Mercer, G B Robinson, and K A Smith.

185/01 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 DECEMBER 2001

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 19 December 2001 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

186/01 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) 128/01 (a) Bathroom Shop, Salisbury Road

The Clerk & Financial Officer reported that no reply had been received from Head of Planning, Rotherham MBC regarding the above matter. Several Councillors reported that a significant improvement had been observed at the premises.

(b) 141/01 Dog Waste Bins

The Clerk & Financial Officer reported that a cheque for £1500.00 had now been received from the Area Assembly Officer and installation of the bins was being pursued.

(c) 148/01 Street Sweeping

The Clerk & Financial Officer reported (a) that he had written to Kent Sweepers Ltd which noted their unsatisfactory performance, and (b) that he would not be settling the invoice until the matter had been resolved to his satisfaction.

(d) 164/01 Grant Applications

The Clerk & Financial Officer confirmed that all grant cheques had now been forwarded to successful applicants.

(e) 168/01 Restoration of Maltby Cenotaph

The Clerk & Financial Officer confirmed that a signed contract had now been returned to WREN Ltd and that he had instructed the Council's Architect to proceed with the scheme.

(f) 170/01 Hazel Road Wood

Councillor D Thorpe reported on the intention to restore Hazel Road Wood and to a letter sent to the Woodlands Officer, Rotherham MBC in this regard.

The Clerk & Financial Officer was requested to enquire when a reply to the letter could be expected.

(g) 173/01 Golden Jubilee Celebrations

Councillor Mrs B S Tomlinson informed Councillors that a special meeting to discuss the Golden Jubilee Celebrations had been arranged for 8.00pm on Tuesday 22 January 2002 at the Edward Dunn Memorial Hall.

187/01 SPORTS AND ACTIVE RECREATION

Mr K Twiss, Sports Volunteer Co-ordinator reporting.

Mr Twiss explained how he was involved in developing sports and active recreation in Rotherham and gave details of several events which were planned for the near future.

RESOLVED: that the report from Mr Twiss be received with thanks.

188/01 ACCOMMODATION WORKING PARTY

The Clerk & Financial Officer reporting.

The Clerk & Financial Officer reported (a) on discussions with representatives of the Bede Church on the production of a feasibility study, and (b) that no reply had been received from Rotherham MBC with regard to the possible purchase of land at Walters Road.

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

189/01 COMMUNITY PLANNING

Councillor D Thorpe reporting.

Councillor D Thorpe reported on progress with Community Planning including (a) current discussions in Theme Groups and (b) arrangements for the Community Conference on 9 March 2002.

Councillor Thorpe recommended that the Parish Council employ a local person on a casual basis to collate a wide range of statistics relating to Maltby.

RESOLVED: that (a) the report from Councillor Thorpe be received with thanks, and (b) a local person be employed on a casual basis for the purpose now reported.

190/01 PRECEPT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2003

RESOLVED: that the Precept for financial year ended 31 March 2003 be fixed at £159,135.00.

191/01 ST JOHN'S AMBULANCE BRIGADE

RESOLVED: that a payment of £100.00 be made to St John's Ambulance Brigade for services rendered at the Annual Bonfire & Fireworks Display held on 3 November 2001.

192/01 ORGANISED FOOTPATH WALKS

Councillor A D Crompton reporting.

Councillor Crompton reported that a walk had been organised for 12 July 2002, and further details would follow nearer the time.

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

193/01 PLAY EQUIPMENT

The Clerk & Financial Officer reporting.

The Clerk & Financial Officer gave an update on detailed discussion held with Officers of Rotherham MBC with regard to providing play equipment in Maltby.

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

194/01 TRANSFER OF ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk & Financial Officer reporting.

The Clerk & Financial Officer gave an update on the transfer of allotments to Maltby Parish Council.

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

195/01 AREA ASSEMBLY REPORT

The Clerk & Financial Officer reporting.

The Clerk & Financial Officer reported on details of an Area Assembly meeting held at Thurcroft on 14 January 2002.

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

196/01 YLCA MATTERS

The Clerk & Financial Officer reporting.

The Clerk & Financial Officer reported on information received from the Yorkshire Local Councils Association including details of Quality Councils and the introduction of the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

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

197/01 SOMERFIELD'S CAR PARK

Several Councillors commented on (a) the untidy state of Somerfield's Car Park, and (b) the understanding that the ownership of the car park was in doubt.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk & Financial Officer be requested to ascertain the procedure for adopting ownerless land, and report to a future meeting of the Council.

198/01 CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES 2002

Councillor B Slade reporting.

Councillor Slade commented on the success of the Christmas Illuminations and suggested that a public meeting with High Street traders be held with a view to

improving the event in 2002.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk & Financial Officer be requested to invite High Street traders and any other interested parties to a public meeting to discuss festivities in 2002.

199/01 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) RB2001/1686 - 87 High Street, Maltby

The Clerk & Financial Officer tabled a copy of an application to open until 1.00am at the above premises.

It was agreed that the Council would object to the application.

(b) RB2001/1688 - 2 Packwood Close, Maltby

The Clerk & Financial Officer tabled a copy of an application which proposed to gift land to the Parish Council for a play area. He reported that he had inspected the land with Councillor Mrs B S Tomlinson and had concluded that the land would not be suitable for this purpose.

It was agreed that the Council would decline the offer of the land.

(c) RB2002/0016 & 0017 - Maltby Craggs School

The Clerk & Financial Officer reported that he had obtained copies of the above applications for future reference.

200/01 ROUTINE CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk & Financial Officer tabled the following items of routine correspondence:

- A letter from Parkhill Lodge inviting Councillors to an open day on Saturday 26 January 2002.
- A letter from Councillor K F Stringer thanking the Salvation Army for the Christmas Carol Concert which was published in the Rotherham Advertiser.
- A letter from the Lord Lieutenants Officer enquiring about local arrangements for celebrating the Queen's Golden Jubilee.
- A letter from Mrs M Parker regarding dog waste bins.

201/01 FOOTPATH MATTERS

The Chairman confirmed receipt of the following correspondence from Rotherham MBC:

- Details of improvements to be made to Footpath No 1
- Details of a claimed Right of Way linking to Footpath No 4

202/01 ROUTINE ROTHERHAM MBC MATTERS

The Clerk & Financial Officer reported receipt of a letter regarding the disposal of refrigerators and freezers.

203/01 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council was arranged for 7.00pm on Wednesday 20 February 2002 in the Edward Dunn Memorial Hall, Tickhill Road, Maltby.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.