



Before the commencement of the meeting all Councillors signed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office. It was agreed that Councillor B Slade should sign his Declaration of Acceptance of Office immediately on return from holiday and in any event no later than before commencement of the next council meeting.

Minutes of a Meeting held on Wednesday 16 May 2007

Councillor G B Robinson, outgoing Chairman, chaired the first item only.

Present were Councillors M V Ainsworth, Mrs J M Anderson, Mrs J M Andrews, M J Bradford, Mrs J Bradford, A D Foster, Mrs B Fuller-Ainsworth, J C Kirk, Mrs L Laird, A M Laird, Mrs J Madden, C McMahon, Mrs A L Rushforth, P Scholey, Mrs C Stringer, K F Stringer and Mrs K E Usher.

In attendance D J Morton Clerk and Financial Officer, Mrs S J Bailey, Administrative Assistant and 27 members of the public and 3 Press

01/07 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: that a) Councillor B Slade be appointed Chairman for the ensuing council year and b) in the absence of Councillor Slade, that Councillor K F Stringer chair this meeting only.

02/07 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor B Slade

03/07 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: that Councillor M V Ainsworth be appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing council year.

04/07 EXPLANATION OF PROCEDURAL MATTERS

In view of the number of new Councillors, the Clerk and Financial Officer explained several procedural matters to be observed including a) the code of conduct in general and b) the necessity to declare personal or prejudicial interests when required to do so. The Clerk and Financial Officer also offered a series of training sessions on various dates.

RESOLVED: that the information received from the Clerk and Financial Officer be noted.

05/07 VACANCY IN THE MALTBY WEST PARISH WARD

RESOLVED: that Mrs K E Usher be co-opted to fill the vacancy in the Maltby West Parish Ward.

Councillor Mrs Usher signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took her seat as a Councillor.

06/07 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

RESOLVED: that the current committee structure be kept in place for the time being and that all members of the council be invited to all the committee meetings as a means of gaining a detailed knowledge of their work.

07/07 MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY
18 APRIL 2007

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18 April 2007 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

08/07 MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
HELD 18 APRIL

RESOLVED: that (a) the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18 April 2007 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings, and (b) the recommendations of the committee be confirmed as full resolutions of the council.

09/07 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PREMISES AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25 APRIL 2007

RESOLVED: that (a) the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 25 April 2007 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings, and (b) the recommendations of the committee be confirmed as full resolutions of the council.

The Clerk and Financial Officer confirmed that he was now in a position to hold discussions with representatives of the Zion Youth Group regarding future meetings.

10/07 REPORT FROM THE CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER ON THE CURRENT PROGRAMME
OF ACTIVITIES AND WORK IN PROGRESS

The Clerk and Financial Officer gave an explanation of the current programme of activities and work in progress:

- Refurbishment of the Edward Dunn Memorial Hall
- New Public Square in front of the Edward Dunn Memorial Hall
- Additional storage Edward Dunn Memorial Hall
- New Boundary Stones – Tickhill Road/Blyth Road
- Horticultural Show
- Gardens Competition – Judges required.
- Hanging Baskets
- Quality Status
- Bonfire and Fireworks Display
- Christmas Illuminations
- Christmas Window Competition

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

11/07 TIMING OF PUBLIC SESSION

RESOLVED: that the public session be moved to first item of business to be transacted.

12/07 APPOINTMENT OF TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

RESOLVED: that this matter be deferred to a future meeting of the Council.

13/07 GRANT APPLICATIONS

RECOMMENDED: that a) under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 grants of £100 be made to a) Friends of Rotherham Youth Music b) Cliff Hills Neighbourhood Watch Group c) Jolly Tots Parent and Toddler Group and d) Maltby Lilly Hall Football Team

14/07 ROTHERHAM ROAD ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

Councillor J C Kirk declared a prejudicial interest in this item and left the room.

RESOLVED: that the Town Council grant permission for a poly tunnel 25' x 12' to be erected on the Rotherham Road allotment site.

15/07 NATIONAL AND COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS OF LOCAL COUNCILS

The following matters from the National and County Associations were tabled:

- Local Council Review – May 2007
- DIS Issue No 655 – 23 April 2007
- DIS Issue No 656 – 7 May 2007

16/07 PLANNING MATTERS

Councillor J C Kirk agreed to attend the Public Inquiry in respect of a planning application on Muglet Lane, to which the council had previously objected.

The following planning matters were tabled:

- Planning Lists No. 16, 17, 18 and 19

RESOLVED: that the above information be noted.

17/07 ROUTINE CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of routine correspondence were tabled:

- Standards Board New Code of Conduct – Letter
- Refugee Council Training Brochure
- Community Buildings Application – Big Lottery Fund
- Friends of Maltby Parks – Meeting papers
- Bede Preschool Summer Newsletter
- Satisfactory notice of an Internal Audit.
- Application to National Lottery Fund for Pavilion in Coronation Park

RESOLVED: that the above items be noted.

18/07 ROUTINE RMBC CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of routine RMBC correspondence were tabled:

- Consultation on Licensing Applications
- Robin Hood Airport – Airspace Proposal
- RMBC Newsletter

RESOLVED: that the above items be noted.

19/07 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

The following matters were raised:

- Councillor K F Stringer was pleased to report on the installation of the new gates at Coronation Park.
- Councillor C McMahon expressed his disappointment that the future actions had been reported in the local press prior to them being discussed at the Town Council meeting.
- Councillor P Scholey suggested that Councillors should be issued with official name badges.

20/07 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Town Council was arranged for 7.15 pm on Wednesday 16 May 2007 in the Edward Dunn Memorial Hall, Tickhill Road, Maltby.

21/07 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public raised:

- A question regarding the status and independence of some councillors.
- A request for an additional waste bin on Hamilton Road.
- A problems with trees causing damage on Dunns Dale
- A request for effective publicity for Maltby Town Council meetings.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.