

## MALTBY TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of a Meeting held on Wednesday 17 April 2002

Present were Councillors A D Crompton (Chairman), C Beaumont, C D Colley, A Garner, D A Gayton, J C Kirk, G B Robinson, Mrs S N Robinson, Mrs A L Rushforth, A Russell, B Slade, K F Stringer, D Thorpe and Mrs B S Tomlinson.

#### 01/02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs M E Gannon, Mrs G U Mercer, K A Smith.

#### 02/02 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH 2002

It was noted that item 249/01 should read "did **not**".

**RESOLVED**: that with the amendment noted, the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20 March 2002 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

#### 03/02 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, for advice on how to proceed with this matter, and that a reply was awaited.

##### (b) 170/01 Hazel Road Wood

Councillor D Thorpe reported that his complaint regarding the lack progress at Hazel Road Wood was being investigated by Rotherham MBC.

##### (c) 211/01 Dog Waste Bins

The Clerk & Financial Officer reported that the dog waste bins had been ordered and delivery was awaited.

##### (d) 223/01 Proposed Sports Hall

The Clerk & Financial Officer confirmed that negotiations were in progress to locate the proposed sports hall at Maltby Sports Centre and not Maltby Comprehensive School.

##### (e) Maltby Coat of Arms

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

##### (f) 244/01 Maltby Youth Service

The Clerk & Financial Officer was requested to write to Head of Education, Culture and Leisure, Rotherham MBC, to express concern about the reduction of youth service provision in Maltby.

#### 04/02 PC P MANGLES

PC P Mangles reporting.

PC Mangles reported on crime related matters in Maltby. He explained certain aspects

of the firearms regulations and responded to questions regarding public nuisance.

**RESOLVED**: that the report from PC Mangles be received with thanks.

05/02 PRESENTATION FROM MALTBY COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

Mrs J Lloyd, Headteacher reporting. Mrs Lloyd was accompanied by Mrs C Tasker, Parent Governor.

Mrs Lloyd explained the reasons why she had applied for the job of Headteacher at Maltby Comprehensive School and on how she intended to fulfil her role in assisting the young people of Maltby to reach their full potential.

Mrs Lloyd went on to explain her wish that the school and other community organisations work closely together for the benefit of all. She issued an open invitation to the Town Council to visit the school to appreciate the work being undertaken, and to discuss any issues with the students and staff.

Mrs Lloyd responded to questions and comments from Councillors and members of the public.

**RESOLVED**: that Mrs Lloyd be thanked for her interesting and informative presentation.

06/02 CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman reported on the following matters:

- The bollard on Meadow Lane had now been replaced by Rotherham MBC.
- A charity country show would be held at Oldcotes on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> May 2002.
- Email from Mr M Benton of Rotherham MBC confirming his actions in prosecuting those who had dumped window frames and other refuse on open land in Maltby.

07/02 STAFFING WORKING PARTY

Councillor C D Colley reporting.

Councillor Colley reported on the first meeting of the Staffing Working Party. He confirmed his appointment as Chairman, and that future meetings would take place at 6.30pm on the second Wednesday of each month.

Councillor Colley reported on discussions with the Clerk & Financial Officer, which would assist the smooth running of the Council.

On behalf of the Working Party, Councillor Colley recommended that the Council allocate 150 hours for the employment of a clerical/administrative assistant.

**RESOLVED**: that (a) the report of Councillor Colley be received with thanks, and (b) 150 hours be allocated to provide the Council with administrative support.

08/02 MALTBY RELIEF ROAD

The Chairman invited Mr D Samuels to address the Council.

Mr Samuels explained that he was part of the Community Plan, Transport Theme Group, which had been developing a proposal to provide a relief road for Maltby. He presented the several options being considered, outlined details of future discussions with other Parish Councils in the area, and looked to the Town Council for support in principle.

Mr Samuels responded to questions and comments from Councillors.

**RESOLVED**: that the Town Council support the principle of providing a relief road for Maltby.

09/02 CODE OF CONDUCT

The Clerk & Financial Officer provided each Councillor with a copy of the Code of Conduct for Councillors, a pro-forma registration of interests form for completion and return, and a letter which explained the consequences of not complying with the requirements of the Code.

**RESOLVED**: that (a) the Town Council formally adopt the Code of Conduct for Councillors, as required under Section 51 of the Local Government Act 2000 and (b) a copy of the information be immediately sent to Councillors not present at the meeting.

10/02 CLERK & FINANCIAL OFFICER – CONTRACTUAL SALARY INCREASE

**RESOLVED**: that the salary of the Clerk & Financial Officer be increased from spinal point 38 to spinal point 39 as from 1 April 2002, in accordance with his contract of employment.

11/02 TOWN COUNCILLOR VACANCY

The Clerk & Financial Officer confirmed that he had arranged for advertisements to be placed on notice boards and in the local press, in accordance with instructions received at the Council meeting in March. He confirmed that the closing date for applications was 30 April 2002.

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

12/02 QUEEN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

Councillor K F Stringer declared an interest in matter, in so far as consideration of matters relating to Parkhill Lodge. He did not take part in the discussion or vote thereon.

**RESOLVED**: that further to minute no. 255/01, the Town Council provide financial assistance to community wide Jubilee events taking place at Parkhill Lodge and the Miners Welfare fields, to the value of £250.00 and £3500.00 respectively.

12/02 LITTER PREVENTION

**RESOLVED**: that the Town Council allocate £2000.00 for litter prevention activities, including the purchase of litter bins.

13/02 AREA ASSEMBLY REPORT

Councillor B Slade reporting.

Councillor Slade reported on details of the Area Assembly Meeting held on Monday 8 April 2002 at Thurcroft.

**RESOLVED**: that the report from Councillor Slade be noted with thanks.

14/02 PLANNING MATTERS

The Clerk & Financial Officer confirmed that he had checked planning list nos 12, 13,

14, 15, and had found nothing of concern in Maltby.

15/02 ROUTINE CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Letters of thanks from Brundish House Social Fund and Maltby Salvation Army for grants received.
- Invitation to the Annual General Meeting of Sure Start.
- Minutes of Sure Start Board Meeting held on 3 April 2002.
- Letter regarding Councillors A Russell and B Slade attending a meeting with the Joseph Rowntree Foundation regarding housing in Maltby.
- Copy of a petition in respect of the Finningley Airport
- DIS Issue 524
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16/02 ROUTINE RMBC MATTERS

The Clerk & Financial Officer confirmed receipt of the following items of routine RMBC matters:

- Area Assembly Newsletter, issue 19.
- Letter requesting the Town Council to sponsor an allotments competition in Maltby. It was agreed that this matter would be considered at the next meeting of the Environment Working Party.

17/02 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

The following matters were raised by Councillors:

- The Chairman confirmed that boulders would be in place on Stoneywell Lane by Summer 2002.
- Councillor Stringer confirmed that computer appreciation and food hygiene courses would soon be available at Charles Foster Community Building.
- Councillor J C Kirk commented the prompt repair of a fractured sewer pipe in the vicinity of the Rotherham Road allotment site.
- Councillor Russell complimented residents of Birks Holt estate involved in a recent clean up of the estate. He recommended that a certificate be presented to the Birks Holt Community Association.

18/02 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Town Council was arranged for 7.00pm on Wednesday 15 May 2002, in the Edward Dunn Memorial Hall, Tickhill Road, Maltby.