

MALTBY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Wednesday 18 December 2002

Present were Councillors A D Crompton (Chairman), G S Bates, C Beaumont, A Garner, D M Kellam, J C Kirk, Mrs G U Mercer, Mrs A L Rushforth, G B Robinson, Mrs S N Robinson, B Slade, K F Stringer and D Thorpe.

In attendance – Mr D J Morton (Clerk & Financial Officer) + 12 members of the public.

Before the commencement of the meeting, the Clerk & Financial Officer addressed the Council to:

- Thank Councillors for best wishes received on his recent hospitalisation
- Thank Councillors for assistance in dealing with urgent items during his absence
- Explain details of the illness and expected future treatment
- Comment on the over-reliance of the Council on one person and what might be done to address that issue (to be discussed by the Staffing Working Party)
- Explain that minutes for meetings held on 20th and 26th November had not yet been prepared due to illness
- Explain that agenda item 18 had been withdrawn by Councillor K A Smith
- Explain that he would briefly report on his actions with regard to negotiations at Tickhill Road/Walters Road and Maltby Methodist Church, both of which had been curtailed due to his illness.

204/02 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The following matters were raised:

- Thanks to Tarmac Ltd for improving public footpaths near the Parish Church
- A question about ensuring all eligible regeneration funding came to Maltby
- A question about the process for appointing the Chairman, to which the Clerk & Financial Officer responded.

205/02 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C D Colley, Mrs M E Gannon, D A Gayton, A Russell and K A Smith.

206/02 **LAND AND BUILDINGS AT TICKHILL ROAD/WALTERS ROAD**

The Clerk & Financial Officer reported on brief meetings (held in his absence due to illness) between Councillor G B Robinson and (a) representatives of Rother Valley PCT, and (b) Maltby Sure Start. A fuller report was promised for the next meeting.

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

207/02 **MALTBY METHODIST CHURCH**

The Clerk & Financial Officer reported that an inspection of the Maltby Methodist Church had taken place earlier in the day, and that a formal valuation report was expected in time for the next meeting of the Accommodation Working Party.

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

208/02 **IDP MATTERS**

Councillor G S Bates reporting.

Councillor Bates reported on a recent meeting of the IDP Steering Group at which several issues regarding the regeneration of Maltby had been raised.

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

209/02 ALLOTMENTS WORKING PARTY

Councillor C J Kirk reporting.

Councillor Kirk reported that he had now received quotations for purchasing strimmers for use by allotment societies, and a discussion ensued.

RESOLVED: that (a) the matter be discussed in detail at the next Allotments Working Party, (b) careful consideration be given to the matter in view of the health and safety implications.

210/02 ENVIRONMENT WORKING PARTY

The Chairman reporting.

The Chairman reported on arrangements already in place to run the Best Dressed Christmas Window Competition.

RESOLVED: that the report of the Chairman be received with thanks.

211/02 HAZEL ROAD WOOD

Councillor D Thorpe reporting.

Councillor D Thorpe reported on a successful grant application for the restoration of Hazel Road Wood. He commented that funding would be required for future years and looked to the Town Council for a "last resort" grant.

RESOLVED: that a grant of £2500.00 be made in order to match fund the restoration of Hazel Road Wood and create a Green Corridor through Maltby.

212/02 STAFFING WORKING PARTY

Councillor D Thorpe reporting.

Councillor Thorpe reported on discussions with the Clerk & Financial Officer with regard to work-load and general staffing issues.

RESOLVED: that (a) in principle, the Council consider employing an additional member of staff on terms and conditions to be agreed, and (b) detailed discussions be held between the Staffing Working Party and Clerk & Financial Officer in order that a firm recommendation can be made to the Council meeting to be held on 15 January 2003.

213/02 PRECEPT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2004

The Clerk & Financial Officer referred to a draft budget issued to Councillors which offered 4 options when setting the Precept for financial year ended 31 March 2004.

RESOLVED: that the budget and level of Precept for financial year ended 31 March 2004 be confirmed at the Council meeting to be held on Wednesday 15 January 2003.

214/02 GRANT APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED: that grants of £100.00 each be made to the following organisations:

Maltby Upstarts

Maltby Kids Dance & Drama Club
Maltby British Legion
Maltby Darby & Joan Club
Highfield Park & Woodland Gardens Community Association
Aldersgate Court Residents Association
Ascension Close OAP Club

215/02 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

RESOLVED: that the Model Publication Scheme as now presented by the Clerk & Financial Officer be confirmed.

216/02 AREA ASSEMBLY REPORT

Councillor G B Robinson reporting.

Councillor Robinson reported on presentations made about the Maltby High Street Concept Plan, and emergency planning as it affected Maltby.

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

217/02 YLCA MATTERS

The following items of YLCA correspondence were tabled:

- Details and invite to Conference 28/2 – 2/3/03 in Scarborough
- White Rose Update – issue 7/02
- Minutes of YLCA Joint Executive 12/10/02
- Schedule of branch meetings for 2003
- DIS Issue 539
- DIS Issue 540
- DIS Issue 541
- DIS Issue 542
- Minutes of YRCC Annual General Meeting 17/11/01
- Letter explaining level of fees for next financial year
- NALC Annual Report and Accounts for 2001 – 2002
- YRCC Annual Report 2001 – 2002
- Copy of Country Air (YRCC Newsletter) Issue 86
- Copy of Local Council Review for November 2002

RESOLVED: that the above items be noted.

218/02 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Routine Items

The following items of routine correspondence were tabled:

- List No 47 – (a) loft conversion 7 Almond Close, (b) 1st fl extension 14 Autumn Drive
- List No 48 – (a) porch 20 Lilly Hall Road
- List No 49 – (a) conservatory 47 Strauss Cres
- Planning Details for 12M mobile phone mast – High Street
- Planning Details for new Crags School, Strauss Cres
- Request for comments on mobile phone mast at Maltby Sports Centre
- Copy of UDP Review – Issues Report November 2002
- Application to Licencing Justices re Sheppey PH

(b) Installation of 12M Mobile Telephone Mast, High Street

It was agreed that the Town Council would object to the above planning application.

219/02 ROUTINE CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of routine correspondence were tabled:

- Birks Holt Newsletter – December 2002
- Vital Villages Update – Autumn 2002
- Details of Lottery Grants
- Copy of Local Transport News
- Minutes of Birks Holt Partnership 15/10/02
- Minutes of Birks Holt Partnership 26/11/02
- YIP Newsletter
- Letter of thanks from Bevan Cres Community Centre for grant
- Letter of thanks from Parkhill Lodge for grant of £5000
- Charity News – Issue 17
- Minutes of Sure Start Partnership 6/12/02
- Letter of thanks from Craggs Juniors for £10 voucher
- Letter of thanks from Craggs Infants for £10 voucher
- Letter of thanks from Manor Infants for £10 voucher
- Letter of thanks from Maltby Hall Infants for £10 voucher
- Maltby Messenger – November 2002
- Maltby Messenger – December 2002

RESOLVED: that the above items be noted.

220/02 FOOTPATH MATTERS

The Chairman reporting.

The Chairman reported on several footpath issues, and also on a meeting of the Maltby Commons Management Committee held on 13 December 2002.

RESOLVED: that the report of the Chairman be received with thanks.

221/02 ROUTINE RMBC CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of routine RMBC correspondence were tabled:

- Area Assembly Mtg 11/11/02 – Agenda and Papers
- Objective 1 Programme Update 17
- Feedback on Local Transport Day – February 2002
- Proposals to change LA services for Adults
- Area Assembly News Issue 25
- Area Assembly News Issue 26
- Agenda and papers for mtg of Standards Committee 12/12/02
- Consultation on services for young people
- **Letter offering surplus community skips**
- Copy of EDS Newsletter Issue 8
- Standards Committee 15/11/02 – Agenda & Papers

RESOLVED: that the above items be noted.

222/02 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Town Council was arranged for 7.00pm on Wednesday 15 January 2003 in the Edward Dunn Memorial Hall, Tickhill Road, Maltby.

The Chairman wished compliments of the season to Councillors and members of the public, and the meeting closed at 9.35pm.