

MALTBY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Wednesday 20 March 2002

Present were Councillors B Slade (Chairman), C Beaumont, Mrs M E Gannon, A Garner, D A Gayton, J C Kirk, Mrs G U Mercer (part), G B Robinson, A Russell, K A Smith, K F Stringer and D Thorpe.

In attendance – Mr D J Morton (Clerk & Financial Officer) + 14 members of the public.

239/01 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public raised the following questions and comments:

- The timing of presentations at Town Council meetings
- Enjoyment of the the Community Conference held on 9 March 2002
- Provision of litter bins on the Model Village
- The use of natural spring waters in Maltby
- The provision of cycle lockers at the Queens Corner
- The provision of a bollard on Meadow Lane
- The change of name to Maltby Town Council
- A question as to whether the Town Council could employ a "warden"

240/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C D Colley, A D Crompton, Mrs S N Robinson, Mrs A L Rushforth and Mrs B S Tomlinson.

241/01 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2002

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20 February 2002 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

242/01 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) 183/01(a) Newsletter

The Clerk & Financial Officer reported on a meeting with the Progressive Club regarding a possible joint venture in producing a Newsletter.

(b) 170/01 Hazel Road Wood

Councillor Thorpe reported on an unsatisfactory meeting with officers of Rotherham MBC regarding Hazel Road Wood. Councillor G B Robinson agreed to investigate this matter.

(c) 211/01 Dog Waste Bins

The Clerk & Financial Officer reported that Dog Waste Bins had now been ordered and delivery was awaited.

(d) 223/01 Proposed Sports Hall

There was confusion as to where the Maltby Sports Hall would be located, and the Clerk & Financial Officer was requested to seek clarification on the matter.

(e) 226/01 Maltby Coat of Arms

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

243/01 MALTBY CENOTAPH

Mr A D W Shepherd Dip ARCH, RIBA, ACI ArbFAE, of Elden Minns & Co Ltd reporting.

Mr Shepherd explained that he had been engaged by the Town Council to:

- Draw up a detailed scheme to restore Maltby Cenotaph
- Notify other bodies (eg. Rotherham MBC) of the proposals
- Prepare a detailed schedule of works
- Invite quotations on the basis of the schedule
- Advise the Council on appointing contractors
- Supervise the works specified by the Council
- Report to the Council on successful completion of the works
- Sign off contractors invoices prior to them being authorised for payment by the Council

Mr Shepherd presented and explained detailed drawings of the proposed restoration of the Cenotaph, and responded to questions and comments from Councillors.

In view of the importance of the project, the Chairman suspended the meeting for a short time while Mr Shepherd responded to questions and comments from members of the public.

RESOLVED: that (a) the presentation by the Mr Shepherd be received with thanks, (b) the scheme as now presented by Mr Shepherd be formally adopted by the Council, (c) Elden Minns & Co Ltd be authorised to proceed along the lines reported above and (d) the Clerk & Financial Officer be authorised to act on behalf of the Town Council in selecting contractors, placing official orders and signing off invoices for payment as and when appropriate.

244/01 MALTBY YOUTH SERVICE

Mr A Wright (Senior Youth Worker) + 2 young people reporting.

A presentation was made on the work being undertaken at Maltby Linx Youth Club, on the benefits of maintaining a youth service, and on the difficulties being faced by the Youth Service in Rotherham. The presenters responded to questions and comments from Councillors and members of the public.

RESOLVED: that the presentation from Mr A Wright and young people from the Linx Youth Club be received with thanks.

245/01 MALTBY HOME START

Mrs D Brayshaw reporting.

Mrs Brayshaw reported on her work with Maltby Home Start and responded to questions and comments from Councillors.

RESOLVED: that the report from Mrs Brayshaw be received with thanks.

246/01 ACCOMMODATION WORKING PARTY

Councillor G B Robinson reporting.

Councillor Robinson reported on the current developments with regard to the Town Council's interests in the Edward Dunn Memorial Hall site and the Bede Church site.

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

247/01 ENVIRONMENT WORKING PARTY

Councillor D A Gayton reporting.

Councillor Gayton reported on:

- Condition of winter hanging baskets
- Placing of order for summer hanging baskets
- Running the gardens competition
- Provision of planters on High Street
- Street Sweeping
- Christmas Illuminations

RESOLVED: that (a) the report from Councillor Gayton be received with thanks and (b) winter hanging baskets be removed as soon as convenient.

248/01 COMMUNITY PLANNING

Councillor D Thorpe reporting.

Councillor Thorpe gave details of a successful Community Planning Conference held on 9 March 2002 at Hellaby Hall Hotel, and on the many positive comments received about the conference.

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

249/01 GRANT APPLICATIONS

Councillors J C Kirk and Mrs G U Mercer declared an interest in the grant application from Rotherham Road Allotment Society. They did take part in the discussion or vote thereon.

RESOLVED: that grants of £100.00 each be made to Brundish Social Fund and Rotherham Road Allotment Society.

250/01 TOWN COUNCILLOR VACANCY

The Clerk & Financial Officer reporting.

The Clerk & Financial Officer reported that a by-election to fill a Town Councillor vacancy had not been requested by 10 electors, and that it could now be filled by Co-option.

RESOLVED: that (a) persons interested in filling the Town Councillor vacancy be invited to apply **by letter** to the Clerk & Financial Officer expressing that interest, and (b) the vacancy be advertised on Parish Notice Boards, and in the Rotherham Advertiser and Dinnington and Maltby Guardian.

251/01 PARISH COUNCILS CENTENARY BOWLS COMPETITION

The Clerk & Financial Officer reported on a letter from Rotherham MBC inviting the Town Council to enter a borough wide bowls competition in September 2002.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

252/01 ELECTORAL REVIEW OF ROTHERHAM WARD BOUNDARIES

Councillor G B Robinson reporting.

Councillor Robinson reported on the electoral review currently being undertaken in

Rotherham. The review centred on borough council wards and would have no direct effect on the Town Council.

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

253/01 LETTER FROM MACA

The Chairman referred to a letter from MACA + a draft reply prepared by the Clerk & Financial Officer.

RESOLVED: that the matter be dealt with in accordance with the draft reply prepared by the Clerk & Financial Officer.

254/01 MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COUNCILLORS

The Clerk & Financial Officer reminded Councillors that a training session on the new Code of Conduct for Councillors would be held on Wednesday 10 April 2002, prior to the Code being formally adopted by the Council on 17 April 2002.

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

255/01 GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

RESOLVED: that (a) a budget of £5000.00 be earmarked for celebrating the Golden Jubilee, and (b) an application for funding be made to the National Lottery Awards for All Fund.

256/01 STAFFING WORKING PARTY

RESOLVED: that (a) a Staffing Working Party be formed, and (b) the Working Party consist of the Chairman + Councillors C D Colley, J C Kirk, A Russell, Mrs B S Tomlinson and D Thorpe.

257/01 AREA ASSEMBLY REPORT

Councillor G B Robinson reporting.

Councillor Robinson gave a brief report of the affairs of the Area Assembly which took place on Monday 11 March 2002 at Whiston.

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

258/01 YLCA MATTERS

The Clerk & Financial Officer reporting.

The Clerk & Financial Officer referred to a seminar on the running of Village Halls to be held in May.

RESOLVED: that the information from YLCA be noted.

259/01 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Planning List Nos 8, 9. & 10

The Clerk & Financial Officer tabled the above planning lists and highlighted applications relating to Maltby

(b) R96/1168P – Land at Braithwell Road (The Muddies)

The Clerk & Financial Officer confirmed that he had written a letter of the objection to the Head of Planning, regarding the above application.

(c) R02/0197 – Maltby Progressive Club

The Clerk & Financial Officer confirmed that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman had inspected the above plans and found no reason to object.

260/01 ROUTINE CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Minutes of Sure Start Board Meeting 20 February 2002
- Minutes of Sure Start Board Meeting 12 March 2002
- Minutes of Birks Holt Partnership 28 February 2002
- Minutes of Birks Holt Partnership 12 March 2002
- Details of free home insulation provided by Cllr Russell
- Funding News Issue No 54
- DIS Issue 522
- DIS Issue 523
- Letter from Mr K A Barron MP, regarding Maltby Police Station
- Various leaflets and newsletter from CPRE
- Letter from DEFRA regarding a campaign to stop the poisoning of wildlife

261/01 FOOTPATH MATTERS

There was nothing to report.

262/01 ROUTINE RMBC MATTERS

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

Area Assembly Newsletter – Issue 16, March 2002

263/01 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was arranged for 7.45pm on Wednesday 17 April 2002, in the Edward Dunn Memorial Hall, Tickhill Road, Maltby.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.