

## MALTBY TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of a Meeting held on Wednesday 24 July 2002

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

In attendance – Mr D J Morton (Clerk & Financial Officer) + 25 members of the public.

Before the commencement of proceedings, the Chairman confirmed that the Town Council had complete confidence in the ability and impartiality of the Clerk & Financial Officer.

#### 77/02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C D Colley and D A Gayton.

#### 78/02 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following matters were raised:

- Comments regarding the election of the Chairman at the annual meeting of the Council.

#### 79/02 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE 2002

**RESOLVED**: that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 19 June 2002 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

#### 80/02 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

##### (a) 226/01 Maltby Coat of Arms

The Clerk & Financial Officer confirmed that he had written to HM The Queen regarding this matter, and that a reply was awaited.

##### (b) 53/02(b) Dog Waste Bins

Councillor C J Kirk commented on the frequency of emptying of dog waste bins, and the Clerk & Financial Officer was requested to seek clarification from Rotherham MBC. Councillor Kirk also suggested that a bin be placed on Trueman Green when resources permit.

##### (c) 65/02 Borough Council Surgeries

Councillor G B Robinson expressed his regret of the Town Council's view of Borough Council surgeries in Maltby.

##### (d) 66/02 Appointment of Internal Auditor

The Clerk & Financial Officer confirmed that he had not, as yet, had the opportunity to appoint an Internal Auditor.

##### (e) 69/02 Membership of Yorkshire Local Councils Association

The Clerk & Financial Officer confirmed that he had written to the Yorkshire Local Councils Association, and that a reply was awaited.

81/02 CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman reported receipt of a letter from Councillor Mrs M E Gannon dated 19 July 2002 (received 23 July 2002). It was agreed that the Clerk & Financial Officer would send a copy of the letter to each Councillor.

82/02 ROTHERHAM CHURCHES TOURISM INITIATIVE

Mr P McLaughlin reporting.

Mr McLaughlin reported on the Rotherham Churches Tourism, both in Maltby and throughout Rotherham.

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

83/02 BEDE CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

Councillor G B Robinson reporting.

Councillor Robinson reported on the on-going negotiations with the Bede Church, and on an exploratory meeting with a funding consultant to be held on 29 July 2002.

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

84/02 LAND ON WALTERS ROAD/TICKHILL ROAD

Councillor G B Robinson reporting.

Councillor Robinson reported on the efforts of the Clerk and Financial Officer in seeking to appoint a Chartered Surveyor to negotiate with Rotherham MBC on the purchase of the Edward Dunn site.

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

85/02 ALLOTMENTS WORKING PARTY

The Clerk & Financial Officer reporting.

The Clerk & Financial Officer reported on a positive meeting with allotment holders and societies at which a number of detailed issues were raised. He confirmed that he would be reporting on these issues to the next meeting of the Council.

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

86/02 ENVIROMENT WORKING PARTY

Councillor B Slade reporting.

Councillor Slade reported on progress with (a) gardens competition, (b) awards evening for gardens competition, (c) the bonfire and fireworks display, (d) hanging baskets and planters.

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

87/02 HAZEL ROAD WOOD

The Clerk & Financial Officer reported on receipt of a draft management plan for Hazel Road Wood + a suggestion for introducing new trees on the site.

Councillor D Thorpe also commented on the plan and its delay in being received.

**RESOLVED**: that the report of Councillor Thorpe and the Clerk & Financial Officer be received with thanks.

88/02 PROVISION OF PLAY EQUIPMENT

The Clerk & Financial Officer reporting.

The Clerk & Financial Officer issued a consultation document prepared by Alex Hepworth of Groundwork Dearne Valley, and asked that comments on the document be forwarded to the Edward Dunn Memorial Hall.

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

89/02 RESTORATION OF MALTBY CENOTAPH

Councillor A D Crompton reporting.

Councillor Crompton confirmed that restoration work on the Cenotaph was almost complete, and that the service of re-dedication would take place on Saturday 27 July 2002.

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

90/02 RESTORATION OF DR CROSSLEY'S LAMP

**RESOLVED**: that the restoration of the Dr Crossley's Lamp be agreed in principle, and the Clerk & Financial Officer to identify possible sources of funding.

91/02 COMMUNITY PLANNING

The Clerk & Financial Officer reporting.

The Clerk & Financial Officer Presented the latest drafts of the Maltby Community Plan, as prepared by Mr C Sissons.

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

92/02 MALTBY/THURCROFT IDP

The Clerk & Financial Officer reporting.

The Clerk & Financial Officer reported on an IDP meeting which was taking place that evening, and would report on future IDP meetings when appropriate.

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

93/02 STAFFING WORKING PARTY

The Staffing Working Party had not met.

94/02 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2002

The Clerk & Financial Officer Presented the following documents for Financial Year ended 31 march 2002:

- Receipts Schedule
- Payments Schedule
- Account/Bank Reconciliation
- Budget & Management Accounts

- Income & Expenditure Account
- Balance Sheet

A copy of all the documents are attached to these minutes.

**RESOLVED**: that all the above documents, as now presented by the Clerk & Financial Officer, be confirmed.

95/02 CAR ALLOWANCE RATES

**RESOLVED**: that the following car mileage be applied immediately:

Up to 999cc = 35.8p/mile  
 Up to 1199 cc = 39.9p/mile  
 Over 1199cc = 49.9p/mile

96/02 GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Grants Panel had not met.

97/02 DETAILS OF A BY-ELECTION

Councillor K A Smith declared an interest in this matter.

The Clerk & Financial Officer presented details received from Rotherham MBC of a forthcoming By-Election, to be held on the 8 August 2002.

98/02 AREA ASSEMBLY REPORT

Councillor G B Robinson reporting.

Councillor Robinson reported on the last Area Assembly Meeting which centred on the proposed electoral boundary changes.

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

99/02 MALTBY SURE START

The Clerk & Financial Officer tabled a letter from Mrs P Verity, former Sure Start Manager, explaining her reasons for leaving.

**RESOLVED**: that the Clerk & Financial Officer write to Mrs Verity expressing the best wishes of the Council for the future.

100/02 YOUTH INCLUSION PROGRAMME

**RESOLVED**: That Councillors C Beaumont, A Russell, & K Stringer represent the council on the YIP Neighbourhood Steering Group

101/02 COUNCILLORS CODE OF CONDUCT

The Clerk & Financial Officer Presented a consultation paper on the local investigation & determination of misconduct.

**RESOLVED**: that the information be noted.

102/02 ROTHERHAM ROAD ISSUES

Councillor Mrs G U Mercer reporting.

Councillor Mrs Mercer reported that she had been able to resolve a minor issue at Rotherham Road.

**RESOLVED**: that the report of Councillor Mrs Mercer, and actions taken, be received with thanks.

103/02 YLCA MATTERS

The following items were presented:

- White Rose Update Issue no 4/02
- Local council review-May 2002
- Local council review July 2002
- Copy of NALC corporate plan
- YLCA Response to DTLR Consultation on the code of Conduct
- DIS Issue no 532

104/02 PARKHILL LODGE

Councillor K F Stringer declared an interest in this matter. He did not speak on the matter, or vote thereon.

**RESOLVED**: That under Section 137 of the Local Government 1972, a grant of £5000.00 be made to Friends of Parkhill Lodge for the provision of a security fence around the premises.

105/02 PLANNING MATTERS

The Clerk & Financial Officer confirmed receipt of planning list numbers 24, 25, 26, 27, & 28.

It was agreed that further details would be requested for application number RB2002/0935, & that an objection would be made to application number RB2002/1079.

106/02 ROUTINE CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Maltby Messenger - July August 2002
- Funding News -Issue 58
- Birks Holt News Letter - Issue 3
- Vital Villages Update (The countryside Agency) Spring 2002
- Minutes of the Birks Holt Partnership 9<sup>th</sup> July
- Minutes of the Maltby Forum 22 June2002
- Justices Application for the Co-op, High Street Maltby
- Copy of the Town Council's contribution to the White City Estate Agreement

107/02 RMBC MATTERS

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

- Rotherham Council matters Issue number 9
- Minutes of the Rotherham Tourism Forum held on the 25<sup>th</sup> June 2002
- Minutes of the Rotherham Borough Standards Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2002
- Letter regarding footpath works on Woodland Gardens
- Letter regarding arrangements for the counting at Local Elections
- Minutes of Rother Valley East area assembly meeting of 8 July 2002

- Area assembly News Issue no 22
- Letter confirming street works on Lilly Hall Road from 1 July 2002

108/02 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Councillor K F Stringer was congratulated on being awarded the National Certificate in Tenant Participation by the Chartered Institute of Housing, which also led to his election as a Housing Practitioner by that Institute.

109/02 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Town Council was arranged for 7.00pm on Wednesday 18 September 2002, in the Edward Dunn Memorial Hall, Tickhill Road, Maltby.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.