

OPEN SESSION: There were 6 members of public present.

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RINGWOOD TOWN COUNCIL**

Held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2004 at 7.25pm

PRESENT: Cllr M H Thierry (Chairman)  
Cllr P Chambers  
Cllr N J Chard  
Cllr Mrs B A Charlton  
Cllr N R G Clarke  
Cllr D E Cracknell  
Cllr C Ford  
Cllr N W Light  
Cllr W S Rippon-Swaine  
Cllr Mrs V A Sullivan  
Cllr B H Terry  
Cllr Mrs B J Wright  
Cllr S C Wright

IN ATTENDANCE: Terry Simpson, Town Clerk  
Jo Stannard, Deputy Town Clerk

The Mayor welcomed Cllr Rippon-Swaine back to the Council following a period of absence.

### **C/4222 ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr N Wood.

### **C/4223 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

### **C/4224 PRESENTATION OF GRANT AID CHEQUES**

The Mayor presented a cheque for £250 to a representative of Avon Valley Concerts towards the cost of a series of 6 classical music concerts in Ringwood and Fordingbridge from September 2004 to March 2005.

### **C/4225 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2004, having been circulated, be approved and signed as a correct record.

### **C/4226 COMMUNICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED**

The Mayor reported the following:

- i) Letter from the Winged Fellowship Trust thanking the Council for its grant of £50.
- ii) Letter from Greyfriars thanking the Council for its grant of £250.

- iii) The Mayor announced that Dorset Orthopaedic Company had been recognised in the Queen's Award for Enterprise 2004 and said that a letter of congratulations would be sent to the company.
- iv) It was noted that, following continued pressure from the Town Council on the Police, the traffic warden had been seen issuing tickets to cars parked illegally in the High Street and Market Place.

#### **C/4227**

#### **QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR**

Cllr Mrs Charlton: asked if the Mayor was aware that Dorset County Council was proposing to create a permanent travellers camp off Hurn Road. She had been asked by the Avon Castle Residents Association to ask the Town Council to consider sending a letter of objection to this proposal.

Cllr Chard declared an interest in this item, as he owns a property in Hurn Road.

The Clerk stated that, as this item was not included on the agenda, it would be ultra vires to consider it. It was therefore agreed that the Clerk would request further information from Dorset County Council in order that this item could be discussed at a future committee meeting.

Cllr Light: asked if the Mayor was aware that, using the Town Council's grant of £500 as leverage, Bisterne Village Hall Committee had applied to the National Lottery Awards for All and had received a grant of £5,000. This would allow them to complete all the works necessary to cater for disabled visitors to the Hall.

Cllr Mrs Sullivan: asked the Mayor if there had been any follow-up with the Police regarding contractors' vehicles parking in The Close. She said that these vehicles were now parking in disabled bays and on the pavements all day. It was agreed that the Mayor would speak to the Police again about the Council's concerns and that the Deputy Town Clerk would push for the waiting signs to be replaced as a matter of urgency.

#### **C/4228**

#### **REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

County Councillor John Waddington had given his apologies for the meeting.

#### District Councillors

Cllr Heron informed members that there was a new Government directive that meant district councils had to provide sites for travellers and that, if they failed to do this, the courts would be instructed not to issue possession orders. He was not aware that there was any exemption for National Parks.

Cllr Thierry stated that New Forest District Council was now 3<sup>rd</sup> in the national recycling league with 23% of all waste being recycled. He added that Ringwood was one of the best towns in the District.

#### **C/4229**

#### **PLANNING, TOWN & ENVIRONMENT**

Cllr Clarke presented the minutes of the Planning, Town & Environment Committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2004.

P/4047: It was noted that an informal meeting had been arranged with Chris Elliott, Head of Development Control at New Forest District Council, to discuss the development of the former Wellworthy site. This would take place at 10am on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 10am in 'Greenways' and all councillors were invited to attend.

**RESOLVED**: That the minutes of the Planning, Town & Environment Committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2004 be approved and adopted.

### **C/4230**

#### **RECREATION, LEISURE & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE**

Cllr Light presented the minutes of the Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2004.

OS/4496: Cllr Light said that the Clerk had requested the exact amounts of developers' contributions being held by the District Council and had asked which other planning applications would generate requirements for on and off site open space. Some information had been received but the Clerk was still awaiting further details. In addition, following meetings with local sports clubs, a report was being prepared for consideration at the June Recreation Committee. This would enable the Council to develop a list of schemes suitable for funding via developers' contributions.

**RESOLVED**: That the minutes of the Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2004 be approved and adopted.

### **C/4231**

#### **POLICY & FINANCE**

Cllr Chard presented the minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee held on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2004.

**RESOLVED**: That the minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee held on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2004 be approved and adopted.

### **C/4232**

#### **FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

##### May 2004

Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces	7.00pm	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May
Planning, Town & Environment	2.05pm	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> May
ANNUAL TOWN ASSEMBLY	7.30pm	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May
Policy & Finance	7.00pm	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May
ANNUAL MEETING	7.00pm	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May
Planning, Town & Environment	2.05pm	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.45pm.