

OPEN SESSION: There were two members of the public present who did not wish to speak.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RINGWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

Held on Wednesday 27th October 2004 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Cllr M H Thierry (Town Mayor)
Cllr P Chambers
Cllr N J Chard
Cllr Mrs B A Charlton
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 N Wood

IN ATTENDANCE: Terry Simpson, Town Clerk
Lyn Wickens, PA to the Town Clerk

C/4304 ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs B Wright and Cllr S Wright and County Councillor J Waddington.

C/4305 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

C/4306 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 29th September 2004, having been circulated, be approved and signed.

The Mayor reported that PC Chris White, Ringwood Beat Officer, had sent his apologies as he was unable to attend the meeting to discuss local policing matters. A visit to the Council by PC White would be re-scheduled.

C/4307 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

- a) A letter had been received from the New Forest Disability Information Service, thanking the Council for its grant of £100.
- b) Ringwood Pregnancy & Family Care had written thanking the Council for its generous grant of £200.
- c) Each Councillor had received a copy of the Bisterne News. The Mayor asked Cllr Light to pass on the Council's congratulations for such an interesting and informative local newsheet.
- d) The Mayor reminded Councillors of this year's Remembrance Events:
11.am Thursday 11th November – 2 minutes silence at the War Memorial
11.am Saturday 13th November – Service in Ringwood Cemetery at the War Graves

11.am Sunday 14th November – Remembrance Day Service in the Parish Church, Market Place, Ringwood. All Councillors were requested to reply personally to Canon Turpin and to also let Mrs Wickens know whether or not they would be attending. The card for the Town Council's wreath was in the office for Councillors to sign if they so wished.

e) Notification from HAPTC of a Planning Seminar on Tuesday 7th December had been received. Two delegates could attend on behalf of the Council and would be selected at the Planning Meeting on 22nd November.

f) Cllr Clarke's report, (Annex 'A' to these Minutes), on Hampshire County Council's response to the consultation on the Regional Spatial Strategy (South East Plan) in preparation by South East England Regional Assembly was circulated to members. Cllr Clarke was thanked for preparing the report.

C/4308

QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR

Cllr Mrs Sullivan enquired whether the Town Council had received a communication regarding a 'phone mast to be erected in Stallards Lane. The Clerk replied that the Town Council had not received it but would write to the company involved asking for details of the proposed 'phone mast together with a visual impact drawing.

Cllr Mrs Charlton enquired whether the Mayor was aware that several Councillors had agreed to take part in a forthcoming Children In Need fund raising event when they would be sitting in the stocks and pelted with wet sponges. The Mayor replied that he was aware of the event and congratulated the councillors on their willingness to participate.

Cllr Cracknell enquired whether the Mayor was aware that the toilets in the Furlong Car Park were still extremely malodorous. Cllr Thierry replied that he was aware of the problems with these particular toilets and, in his capacity as Portfolio Holder for the Environment at the District Council, would endeavour to ensure that the Furlong Car Park toilets would be next on the list within the District for refurbishment.

Cllr Mrs Charlton asked if the Mayor was aware of the Care and Repair Service carried out by Community First, New Forest. She felt it deserved more public recognition for the commendable work it carried out at very low cost for the elderly and less able members of the community. Cllr Mrs Charlton was advised that the service is well advertised by NFDC in its own publication, which reaches every household in the area and had also received publicity in the Ringwood & Fordingbridge News. The Mayor concurred that it was an excellent service and worthy of greater recognition.

C/4309

REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

County Councillor

County Councillor John Waddington had given his apologies for the meeting, but had submitted a report. (See Annex 'B' to these Minutes).

District Councillors

Cllr Cracknell reported that New Milton Market had been granted permission for an increase in size for a temporary period.

**C/4310
RECREATION, LEISURE & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE**

Cllr Light presented the minutes of the Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces Committee meeting held on 6th October 2004.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces Committee meeting held on 6th October 2004 be approved and adopted.

**C/4311
PLANNING, TOWN & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Cllr Clarke presented the minutes of the Planning, Town & Environment Committee meeting held on 15th October 2004.

With reference to Annexes 'A' and 'C' to the Planning Minutes, Cllr Mrs Sullivan congratulated Mrs Stannard on obtaining a meeting with Pete Davis of Hampshire Highways. She had noted that 42 new dropped kerbs/minor works were proposed, but was concerned that the quality of the work carried out should be of a high standard. Cllr Mrs Sullivan reported that the construction of a recently installed dropped kerb by the parade of shops at Poulner was very poor.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Planning, Town & Environment Committee meeting held on 15th October 2004 be approved and adopted.

**C/4312
POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Cllr Chard presented the minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee meeting held on 22nd October 2004.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee meeting held on 22nd October 2004 and the recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted.

**C/4313
FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

November

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| Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces | 7.00pm | Wednesday 3 rd November |
| Planning, Town & Environment | 2.05pm | Friday 12 th November |
| Policy & Finance | 7.00pm | Wednesday 17 th November |
| Full Council | 7.00pm | Wednesday 24 th November |

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.30 pm.