

OPEN SESSION: There were several members of the public present, but none who wished to speak.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RINGWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

Held on Wednesday 23rd March 2005 at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr M H Thierry (Town Mayor)
Cllr P Chambers
Cllr N J Chard
Cllr Mrs B A Charlton
Cllr N R G Clarke
Cllr N W Light
Cllr W S Rippon-Swaine
Cllr Mrs V A Sullivan
Cllr N Wood

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

C/4370 ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr D E Cracknell, Cllr C Ford and Cllr B H Terry.

C/4371 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

C/4372 PRESENTATION OF GRANT AID CHEQUES AND CERTIFICATES

The Mayor presented grant aid cheques for £250 to the Ringwood Parochial Church Council to assist in the mounting of a Flower Festival in May 2005, and £750 to Bisterne United Football Club towards the cost of new grass cutting machinery.

The Mayor congratulated Cllr Chard on winning the Hampshire Football Association Groundsman of the Year 2005 for Step 7 Clubs and below and presented him with a certificate and plate.

The Mayor also presented a certificate to a member of the Bisterne United Football Club Reserve Team for winning the A1 Windscreens Saturday team of the week.

C/4373 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th February 2005, having been circulated, be approved and signed as a correct record.

C/4374 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor made the following announcements:

- i) The District's Council Tax for 2005/06 had increased by 12p a week.
- ii) A letter had been received from the Ringwood Church Hand Bell Ringers thanking the Council for its grant aid of £200.

- iii) A letter had been received from Trinity Church thanking the Council for its special grant aid of £1955.30 to purchase chairs for the new community hall.
- iv) A letter had been received from the Rotary Club asking if the Council would consider taking on the maintenance of the Picnic Area. It was agreed that this request would be considered at the next meeting of the Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces Committee.
- v) Copies of the Ringwood Waldorf School Magazine and the Ringwood Society Spring Newsletter were available to view in the office.

C/4375

QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR

Cllr Mrs Charlton asked if the Mayor was aware that residents of Star Lane were concerned about some homeless people who appeared to be living at the rear of the Venice Pizzeria. They were making a lot of noise after midnight, including using abusive language, and had a fire burning. They were also attracting young teenagers. The Mayor replied that he was aware of this issue and said that, because they were on private land, there was little that the local authority could do. However, he understood that the Police were monitoring the situation.

C/4376

REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

County Councillor John Waddington had sent his apologies for the meeting. However, he had prepared a report that was circulated at the meeting (Annex 'A').

District Councillor Mrs Whitehead was observing the meeting.

District Councillor Heron reported that housing allocations for districts were now being decided by central government, through the regional assemblies. The South East Regional Assembly was currently looking at preparing a strategic plan to 2026, the South East Plan, in which it was proposed to increase housing provision in the area, as it was considered that economic growth had fallen behind other areas.

C/4377

ELECTION FOR NORTH WARD

The Town Clerk reported that Mr Don Cole had been the only candidate for the election for North Ward. Therefore, he would become a member of the Council with effect from 31st March 2005.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That Mr Don Cole be officially appointed a member of Ringwood Town Council, with effect from 31st March 2005.
- 2) That Cllr Cole be appointed to the Planning, Town & Environment Committee and the Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces Committee.

C/4378

RECREATION, LEISURE & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

Cllr Chard presented the minutes of the Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces Committee meeting held on 2nd March 2005.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces Committee meeting held on 2nd March 2005, and the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

**C/4379
PLANNING, TOWN & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Cllr Clarke presented the minutes of the Planning, Town & Environment Committee meeting held on 4th March 2005.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning, Town & Environment Committee meeting held on 4th March 2005, and the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

**C/4380
POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Cllr Chambers presented the minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee meeting held on 16th March 2005. He asked that the resolution at F/3754(iii) be monitored by the Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces Committee.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee meeting held on 16th March 2005, be approved and adopted.

**C/4381
FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

April 2005

Planning, Town & Environment	2.05pm	Friday 1 st April
Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces	7.00pm	Wednesday 6 th April
Policy & Finance	7.00pm	Wednesday 20 th April
Full Council	7.00pm	Wednesday 27 th April
Planning, Town & Environment	2.05pm	Friday 29 th April

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.55pm.