

OPEN SESSION: There were several members of public present, none of whom wished to address the Council.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RINGWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

Held on Wednesday 29th April 2015 at 7.35pm

PRESENT:

Cllr B Woodfield (Town Mayor)
Cllr M H Thierry (Deputy Town Mayor)
Cllr S Burgess-Kennar
Cllr N J Chard
Cllr L C Ford
Cllr J D Heron
Cllr G J O'Reilly
Cllr W S Rippon-Swaine
Cllr M A Steele
Cllr J Terry
Cllr A Wiseman

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr S Nash, Town Clerk
Jo Hurd, Deputy Town Clerk
Nicola Vodden, Meetings Administrator
Sam Whittingham, Student Advisor

The Town Clerk reported that apologies for absence had been received from Cllr B Terry and Cllr R Frampton.

C/5672

PRESENTATION OF CHEQUE

The Town Mayor presented a cheque in the sum of £545.03 to Stable Family Home Trust, her chosen charity, and commended their fabulous work in the community. A number of events had been held and more funds had been pledged. In accepting the cheque, Marion Davies, Head of Fundraising, thanked the Town Mayor and she said that it had been a great pleasure to work with her and the staff at the Gateway, particularly Mandy Oldfield, over the past year.

C/5673

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none declared at this time.

C/5674

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Meeting held on 25th March 2015, having been circulated, be approved and signed as a correct record.

C/5675

PLANNING, TOWN & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr Burgess-Kennar presented the minutes of the Planning, Town & Environment Committee meeting held on 10th April 2015.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning, Town & Environment Committee meeting held on 10th April 2015 be received.

**C/5676
POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Cllr Heron presented the minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee meeting held on 15th April 2015.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee meeting held on 15th April 2015 be received.

**C/5677
COMMUNICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED**

The Town Mayor reported that she:-

- 1) had attended the official opening of Millstream House, the new head office of Churchill Retirement Living. It was a fantastic occasion with amazing facilities and a lovely working environment for staff
- 2) would be opening Ringwood Infants School Fayre on 9th May

**C/5678
REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

District Councillor Rippon -Swaine presented his written report (*Annex A*), highlighting the consultation in respect of the proposed enlargement of Poulner Infant School.

Cllr Steele asked for clarification in respect of the Crow Stream works and the up to date position with the issues at Sabines Farm and Solent Coaches. Cllr Rippon-Swaine reported that they were on the programme, currently the obstructions were not affecting capacity of the stream and that due to the delays in pursuing enforcement action, they were attempting to resolve matters by negotiation.

District Councillor Michael Thierry noted that this was the last occasion that Cllr Woodfield would act as Chairman for the Council and Town Mayor of Ringwood and wanted to record on behalf of the Council an appreciation of the work she had done for the Town Council during her time in office. He commented on her attendance at functions, the warm and witty way in which she had chaired Council meetings and wished her well for the future.

**C/5679
FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

Planning, Town and Environment	10.00am	Friday 1 st May 2015
Annual Meeting	7.00pm	Wednesday 20 th May 2015
Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces	7.00pm	Wednesday 3 rd June 2015
Planning, Town & Environment	10.00am	Friday 5 th June 2015
Policy & Finance	7.00pm	Wednesday 17 th June 2015
Full Council	7.00pm	Wednesday 24 th June 2015

Prior to the conclusion of the meeting, the Town Mayor made a presentation to Cllr N Chard to congratulate him on his 42 years of service to the Town Council and to mark the occasion as he would not be standing for Council at the impending elections (Annex B).

There being no further business, the Town Mayor closed the meeting at 7:56pm.

APPROVED
24th June 2015

TOWN MAYOR

RINGWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

29th April 2015

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

HAMPSHIRE HIGHWAYS WEST – April 2015.

Traffic Management Schemes 2015-2016 – (County Traffic Management Programme)

- Linford Road – review speed limit for an extension of the 30 mph past the Church Hall. Preliminary design completed and initial consultation in progress.
- Crow Hill Area, Ringwood – speed limit review and traffic management measures. Improvements to signing and road markings to draw driver awareness to equestrians and cyclists to be developed. Funding available through NPA managed grant to support cycling. Design and consultation complete – works ordered.
- Review of New Forest 40 mph Zone and 30 mph speed limits for the purpose of progressing a blanket DfT authorisation to cover wide area. Mapping proposed, for areas that are or potentially may be marked using roundels rather than repeater signs, being completed. Application submitted to DfT but consideration by DfT delayed due to resource and TSRGD update expected 2015. Authorisation granted October 2014.

Minor Traffic Management - Reactive Programme

- Northfield Road/ Gorley Road – replacement of ‘patrol’ plates to ‘school’ plates at children warning sign sites. Design to be completed Q1 2015/16.

Traffic Management Programme 2015-2016 – Agency Programme (NFDC)

- Southampton Road adjacent Carvers – cycle route and measures to better manage parking. Detailed design agreed, funding allocated and being programmed. Plan of cycle network at:- <http://www.newforest.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=10737>
- Christchurch Road near Willow Drive – Environmental Enhancements – Further work to earth bund undertaken. Work is to deter parking on northern section of verge (material from another scheme at no cost). **Works completed.** Plan at <http://www.newforest.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=10737>

HCC Highways Maintenance (New Forest) – March 2015.

- Works completed in NFDC area for the month of March 2015 attached.

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HCC ENLARGEMENT OF POULNER INFANTS SCHOOL

- Consultation commences on **1 May till 12 June 2015** during which time comments may be submitted.
- Proposal is to increase the physical capacity to 90 places for Year R (age 4+) children (increase to 270 pupils) to be nearer existing admission number at Poulner Junior School already at 87 places p.a. (348 total pupils).
- Proposed 'Drop-In' session at school **Monday, 11 May 2015** 3pm to 6pm.
- An FAQ website is <http://consultations.hants.gov.uk/active.aspx>.
- Comments can be made by e-mail to strategicplanningunit@hants.gov.uk by **12 June 2015**.
- Comments can be sent to Gemma Wigman, Strategic Development Officer, Children's Services Department, E11 Court North, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 8UG by **12 June 2015**.

HCC COUNCILLOR MEETINGS – April 2015.

- 13th Apr – HCC Full Council Meeting in Winchester.
- 16th Apr – HCC Environment Transport & Economy Scrutiny Committee Meeting in Winchester.
- 16th Apr – HCC Health & Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee Briefing in Winchester.

W Steve Rippon-Swaine FRICS DipGS
Hampshire County Councillor

New Forest Statistics for March

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Vehicle accesses completed

343

Potholes repaired

166

Square metres of footway patched excluding vehicle accesses

63

Two hour response emergencies attended

27

Drainage related jobs completed – including rodding, ditching, jetting and new builds

7,963

KM gritted* (4,948 miles)



Hampshire County Council, Amey and Hampshire Constabulary have launched a roadworker safety campaign with new technology, including LED stop/go boards with CCTV cameras and cone cameras.

The campaign was officially launched in mid April to the local media, to raise awareness to the potential dangers our operatives face on a daily basis from unsafe driving by members of the public.



655

Jobs completed (excluding emergency, tree and vegetation maintenance, structures or planned works)

360

Hours spent salting *from the Totton depot, covering Eastleigh, Test Valley and the New Forest



4,781

Square metres of carriageway resurfacing completed

Note: Conversion – 1sqm = 1.2sq yard

CLLR NEVILLE JAMES CHARD ISM
RINGWOOD TOWN COUNCILLOR 1973 - 2015

I am sad to say that this will be Neville's last meeting as a Town Councillor having been a Member of this Council for an amazing 42 years.

Neville joined the Town Council in 1973. He has multiple entries of his name on the Council's Roll of Honour, having served as Chairman of the Council in 1982/83 and then for three years from 1986 to 1989 and, latterly, in 1999/2000. In addition to all of those roles, Neville has been Chairman of virtually every Committee of the Council.

He has been a dedicated councillor, and is justly proud of his impeccable record of attendance. For many years, he has been known as the "father" of the Council and many decisions have been made with the benefit of his knowledge and experience. In fact, I think Members of the Planning Committee in particular will miss being treated to Neville's stories of people and places; his incredible knowledge coming from the 51 years he spent as a Postman in the town!

Neville was the first person to be awarded the title of Honorary Freeman of Ringwood Town in 2010, in recognition of his long and outstanding service to the people of the Town. His service to the community began in the Second World War when he was an Army Cadet watching out for air raids from the observation post on the roof of the old Public Offices in Christchurch Road. In 1948 he joined Bisterne Football Club and became Secretary to the Club in 1957, a role in which he continued until recently. He also served as Groundsman to the Club and has won many

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awards for the high standard of his pitches. Neville joined the former Ringwood & Fordingbridge Rural District Council in about 1970 and, in 1973, became one of the first Members of the newly formed New Forest District Council, on which he served until 1987.

I think I speak for everyone here when I say it has been an honour and a privilege to serve with you as a Councillor, and we wish you all the very best for your “retirement”.