

## COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIPON

### MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 29 June 2015 AT 7.35PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE TOWN HALL, RIPON

**PRESENT:** Cllr P McHardy – The Right Worshipful The Mayor  
 Cllr L P A Barnes  
 Cllr J Bate  
 Cllr M Chambers  
 Cllr P Horton  
 Cllr S Jones  
 Cllr S Martin  
 Cllr A I Morgan  
 Cllr P Pearson  
 Cllr C E Powell  
 Cllr M Stanley  
 Cllr M Waiting  
 Cllr Williams  
 Cllr R Willis

The Clerk  
 The Serjeant at Mace  
 Mayors Chaplain  
 109 members of the public

**Late Arrivals:** None

**Early Departures:** Cllr J Bate left the meeting at 9:02pm  
 Cllr M Waiting left the meeting at 9:02pm and then returned  
 Cllr Jones left the meeting at 9:45pm  
 Cllr Horton left the meeting at 9:45pm

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Mayors Chaplain said prayers.

		Action By:
40/15.	<p><u>To receive apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr Hawke</p>	
41/15.	<p><u>Members of the public are invited to question, seek clarification or make representation to members of the Council on any agenda item as listed below.</u></p> <p>All members of the public who expressed an interest in speaking in relation to items on the agenda were given their allotted 3 minutes.</p> <p>14 members of the public asked to speak in relation to the motion outlined in agenda item 47/15.</p> <p>2 members of the public asked to speak in relation to the motion outlined in agenda item 45/15.</p>	
42/15.	<p><u>To request any Disclosure of an interest in relation to any matter under consideration at this meeting (financial or otherwise) &amp; to consider any written requests for dispensation</u></p> <p>There were no disclosures of interest.</p>	

43/15.	<p><u>To approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 2 June 2015 &amp; 8 June 2015</u></p> <p>Proposed – Cllr P Horton                      Seconded – Cllr R Willis</p> <p>“That the Minutes of the Council Meetings held on 2 June 2015 and 8 June 2015 be approved”</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p>	
44/15.	<p><u>To receive the following committee meeting minutes for information only</u></p> <p>a) <u>Finance &amp; General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 8 June 2015</u></p> <p>Proposed – Cllr A Williams                      Seconded – Cllr C E Powell</p> <p>“That the minutes of the Finance &amp; General Purposes meeting held on 8 June 2015 be received”</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>b) <u>Planning Committee Meeting held on 23 March 2015 &amp; 27 April 2015.</u></p> <p>Proposed – Cllr P Horton                      Seconded – Cllr M Chambers</p> <p>“That the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 23 March 2015 and 27 April 2015 be received”</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>c) <u>Hugh Ripley Hall Committee Meeting held on 23 March 2015 &amp; 27 April 2015</u></p> <p>Proposed – Cllr S Martin                      Seconded – Cllr M Chambers</p> <p>“That the minutes of the Hugh Ripley Hall Committee meetings held on 23 March 2015 and 27 April 2015 be received.”</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>d) <u>Staffing Committee meeting held on 26 March 2015</u></p> <p>Proposed – Cllr L Barnes                      Seconded – Cllr M Stanley</p> <p>“That the minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting on 26 March 2015 be received”</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p>	
45/15.	<p><u>To note the online petition &amp; to consider any action including the need to adopt a petitions policy – paper enclosed from the Clerk</u></p> <p>Councillors discussed the current petition and the Councils approach to it in the absence of a petitions policy.</p>	

	It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Council notes the current on-line petition and seeks to adopt a policy in relation to public petitions.	
46/15.	<p><u>Councillor attendance at meetings – Cllr Martin to speak</u></p> <p>Councillors discussed this following a recent cancellation of a meeting.</p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Council receives and notes the reminder of giving apologies to meetings when unable to attend.</p>	
47/15.	<p><u>To consider a motion put forward by an elected member – Cllr Stanley to speak</u></p> <p><i>“That no elected member may sit on the F&amp;G Committee if in possession of a criminal record until such times as the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act in their individual case be spent”</i></p> <p>Councillors discussed the motion.</p> <p><i>Cllr Bate left the meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Waiting left the meeting and returned shortly afterwards.</i></p> <p>Proposed – Cllr P McHardy                      Seconded – Cllr P Horton</p> <p>“To close the meeting.”</p> <p>This was not agreed and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to continue the meeting.</p> <p>Councillors continued to discuss the motion, again after much discussion the Mayor proposed that the meeting be closed. This was not acted upon.</p> <p>Proposed – Cllr M Stanley                      Seconded – Cllr M Chambers</p> <p>“That no elected member may sit on the F&amp;G Committee if in possession of a criminal record until such times as the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act in their individual case be spent”.</p> <p>Cllr Martin asked for a named vote to be recorded.</p> <p>Cllrs Willis, Barnes, Stanley, Chambers, Pearson and Martin voted in favour of the motion.</p> <p>Cllrs Horton and Powell voted against the motion.</p> <p>Cllrs Williams, Waiting, Morgan and McHardy abstained from voting.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> in favour of the motion.</p> <p><i>Cllr Jones left the meeting</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Horton left the meeting</i></p> <p><i>17 members of the public left the meeting</i></p>	
48/15.	<u>To consider the correspondence for suggesting a possible review in the reduction in the number of councillors in the parish &amp; the number of wards &amp; if</u>	

	<p><u>appropriate make a request to the borough council for a review – paper attached.</u></p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Williams      Seconded – Cllr P Pearson</p> <p>“Due to there being insufficient information regarding the subject this item be deferred to the next Finance &amp; General Purposes Committee meeting with a recommendation prepared for final consideration at Full council.”</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p>	
49/15.	<p><u>To consider an amendment to the Terms of Reference of the Finance &amp; General Purposes Committee</u></p> <p>Proposed – Cllr M Stanley      Seconded – Cllr S Martin</p> <p>“That the clerk should seek advice from the district auditor and the bank in relation to this proposal and report back to the next meeting.”</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p>	
50/15.	<p><u>To receive reports from external organisations</u></p> <p>a) <u>Ripon in Bloom minutes of meeting held on 21 June 2015 – distributed to all Councillors 23.06.15</u></p> <p>Proposed – Cllr M Stanley      Seconded – Cllr M Chambers</p> <p>“That the minutes of the Ripon in Bloom meeting held on 21 June 2015 be received and noted.”</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p>	
51/15.	<p><u>To receive a report from Harrogate Borough Councillors if appropriate.</u></p> <p>Cllr Chambers said that there had been changes in the Harrogate Borough Council Cabinet including a reduction in the size of the Cabinet.</p> <p>Cllr Chambers also said that the proposed development at Doublegates, which had been refused planning permission at the Harrogate Borough Council Planning Committee, had been granted planning permission by the Planning Referral Committee.</p>	
52/15.	<p><u>To receive a report from North Yorkshire County Councillors if appropriate</u></p> <p>Cllr Bateman congratulated the Mayor for her handling of the meeting, saying that it had been a rough night but she had allowed the people to speak.</p> <p>Cllr Bateman said that the planned repairs to Market Place East were guaranteed for 15 years once put down.</p> <p>Cllr Bateman added that following recent discussions he had put down a marker for a relief road on the western side of the City, as something needed to be done to take traffic away from the City Centre.</p>	
53/15.	<p><u>Mayoral Announcements – for information only</u></p>	

a) Announcement of the death of Jim Ellis, a former Bellman of the City

The Mayor said that the funeral of Jim Ellis, a former Bellman of the City, was to be held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 1.40pm at Stonefall Cemetry in Harrogate. The Mayor was unable to attend but it would be fitting for some Councillors to attend.

Cllr Williams suggested that the Council should have had a minutes silence at the start of the meeting as a mark of respect for his service to the Council.

A 1-minute silence was held.

The Mayor suggested that a collection be held and an attempt be made to contact his wife to enable flowers to be sent.

Cllr Stanley suggested that if that wasn't possible then it should be donated to Dementia Forward.

b) Ripon Cathedral Time Capsule

The Mayor said that the Council had been asked whether it wished to put something into this time capsule. It would need to be no bigger than A3 sized and was needed by 15 July 2015.

Proposed – Cllr A Williams                      Seconded – Cllr S Martin

“That Members of the Council provide the Clerk with suggestions by the end of the week.”

**RESOLVED**

The meeting closed at 10.16pm

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DATE \_\_\_\_\_

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR