

**COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIPON
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**REPORT & MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER,
TOWN HALL RIPON ON MONDAY 1 June 2015 AT 6.30PM.**

PRESENT: 20 Members of the public were present
The Clerk to the City Council
Ripon City Development Manager, Mr Alan Weston

Late Arrivals – 1 member of the public arrived 6.43pm
2 members of the public arrived 6.48pm
1 member of the public arrived 6.51pm
1 member of the public arrived 6.56pm

Early Departures – 1 member of the public left 7.35pm
1 member of the public left 7.38pm

The Chairman of the Council was not present at the commencement of the meeting. Mr A. Williams proposed that Mr P Horton chaired the meeting in the absence of the chairman of the council. This was seconded by Mr C Powell.

Mr P Horton in the Chair

1 WELCOME & NOTICE OF MEETING

Public notice of the meeting was given in accordance with Schedule 12, Part III, paragraph 14(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

2. MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the Statutory Annual Parish Meeting held 29 May 2014

Proposed - Mr C Powell Seconded Mr M Chambers

“That the minutes of the meeting be accepted as a true & correct record”.

RESOLVED

3. REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES CHAIRMAN

a. The Chairman of the Council for 2014/15

Mr. Mick Stanley, Chairman of the Council 2014/15 had prepared a report which was read out by Mr Mike Chambers, Deputy Chairman of the Council 2014/15 A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

b. The Chairman of Finance and General Purposes Committee for 2014/15

Mr Skidmore. Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee 2014/15 had prepared a report on the finances of the Council for the year Mr Horton read the report on his behalf. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

c. The Chairman of Planning Committee for 2014/15

Mr Horton read out his report for the Planning Committee for the year in which some notable

planning applications were considered. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes. Mr Horton added an update to the report on the Gladman Development, West Lane that he understood a planning application & an Environmental Impact Assessment had recently been resubmitted to Harrogate Borough Council. He also added an update on the proposed Bellman Walk development. This application was referred to the planning referral committee by the planning committee at HBC last week.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Cllr P McHardy took the chair for the rest of the meeting.

d. The Chairman of Hugh Ripley Hall Committee for 2014/15

Mr Stuart Martin, Chairman of the Hugh Ripley Hall Committee 2014/15 read his report on the Hall committee. This is the first full year that the City Council has managed the hall & it is pleasing to note that the bookings in the hall have increased in that time A copy of the report is enclosed with these minutes

e. The Chairman of the Alderman TF Spence Charity for 2014/15

Mrs S Brierley, Chairman of the Alderman TF Spence Committee for 2014/15 had prepared a report for the meeting. This was read by The Right Worshipful The Mayor.

f. The Chairman of the City Plan Group for 2014/15

Mr Stanley, Chairman of the City Plan Committee for 2014/15 had prepared a report which Mrs L Barnes, as Deputy Chairman of the committee 2014/15 read out. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes

g. The Chairman of the Staffing committee for 2014/15

Mrs L Barnes, Chairman of the Staffing Committee 2014/15 read her report for the year. A copy of the report is enclosed with these minutes

4. QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM ELECTORS PRESENT AT THE MEETING

A member of the public asked that how many houses from the 5 year housing supply in the Harrogate District are to be built in Ripon in the next 5 year. The Chair asked Mr P Horton to respond to the question but other than those already identified in the planning committee report it is not known. Mr A Weston, City Development Manager responded with the knowledge he had from the work he is completing on the City Plan that he is trying to establish with HBC how many houses are in the pipeline & how many have already been approved. There will be a consultation coming from HBC about where they should be in the district but this is in the relatively early stages at the moment.

5. TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION ON THE CITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE FROM THE CITY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER – MR ALAN WESTON

Mr Weston had prepared a powerpoint presentation on the achievements of the City Development team in 2014/15 & the plans for 2015/16. It is hoped to relaunch & expand the ambassadors scheme, improve City Centre signage & the continuance of the work to complete the City Plan.

A member of the public asked when the City Plan will be finalised. This is dependent on many things throughout the process, mostly out of the City Councils hands.

A member of the public asked if a City Plan could be issued just for housing to try stop whats happening at the moment. Mr Weston believed that the City Plan was too far down the line to start making alterations & this was likely to delay the plan rather than speed things up.

A member of the public asked if there had been any developments on a park & ride scheme for Ripon. Mr Weston replied reporting that Park & Ride schemes have to be commercially viable & the volume of usage in Ripon is limited. Park & Ride schemes work well where there is a large employment base.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending & closed the meeting.

The Meeting closed at 7.45pm

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

The Right Worshipful The Mayor

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