

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF RIPLEY HELD ON

THURSDAY 26th APRIL 2012 AT ST MARY MAGDALEN CHURCH ROOM AT 19.30 HOURS

Present:

Cllr Jennie Cliff Chairman
Cllr Richard Ayears
Cllr Lisanne Mealing
Cllr Vernon Wood
Cllr Colin Cross
Cllr Caspar Hancock
Cllr Suzie Powell-Cullingford

Alison Jones Clerk of the Council

Guildford Borough Cllr John Garrett and approximately 40 Members of Public

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Surrey County Councillor Bill Barker

2. WELCOME

Councillor Cliff welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the difference between the Annual Parish Meeting where the parish council listened to the concerns of the parish and the parish council meetings where decisions could be made.

3. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 10th MARCH 2011

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Ripley held on 10th March 2011, were received, confirmed and signed as a true and correct record by the Chairman, Councillor Jennie Cliff.

4. CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman Councillor Jennie Cliff presented the annual report of the Parish Council to the meeting. A full copy of the report is attached to these minutes in the minute book.

5. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM PARISHIONERS

Parishioners were invited to ask questions of the Parish Council.

a) Mr Tony Morrison asked if the parish council was familiar with the new planning legislation and the importance of a Local Plan. The parish council is being kept up to date by the clerk and councillors had attended meetings with the Borough Council regarding Neighbourhood Planning. Any neighbourhood plan for Ripley must fit in with the Guildford Local Plan which is currently being updated.

b) Gill Cox asked if the parish council was aware that the land between the Saddlers Arms in Send Marsh and Grove Heath was up for sale. The tenant farmer is leaving in September. The parish council is aware but not able to take any action until consulted on a planning application.

c) Jeanette Armstrong asked if the parish council was aware of the plans for an incinerator at Titan Sheds on Portsmouth Road. The parish council had looked at the plans which were for a wood burning heater with a 2 metre chimney. The parish council had not objected. If there were environmental issues then the Borough Council Enforcement officers or Environmental Health would deal with it.

d) Chris Lee reported that Cemex was selling all its lakes including Papercourt Lake and that the large warehouse opposite the church has been provisionally bought by Budgens supermarket.

He also reported that the Ripley and Send Rotary Club desperately needed help for organising the Ripley Event which takes place each July. No-one from Ripley is currently on the Committee and the future of the Ripley Event is in doubt.

e) Rosalind Hewitt asked when Budgens intentions will become known. The parish council will be made aware when a planning application is put forward.

f) Tony Morrison asked that a public meeting is held to discuss any plans for a Budgens supermarket within the consultation period for any planning application in order to assess the opinion of the parish.

6. OLYMPIC CYCLE ROAD RACES

Councillor Cliff introduced Pauline Roussos of the Surrey 2012 team who gave a presentation and took questions on the impact of the Olympics on Surrey. She was working in partnership with Anna Tomkins of Guildford Borough Council to ensure the success of the cycle road races and torch relay events.

The following points were raised:

The Surrey Olympic Team had heard the feedback from the test event in August 2011 noting particularly the complaints about stewarding.

Stewards are provided by a large event company but efforts have been made to ensure they are trained and briefed better for the actual events. They will be supported by Surrey Ambassadors – local people with local knowledge.

The roads will be closed from 4.00 am on Sat 28th July and 6.00am on Sunday 29th July.

There will be a crossing point for vehicles on the High Street until 9.30 am on Saturday which will reopen as a crossing point about ½ hour after the last vehicle has in the race has gone through i.e. about 11.30 am. On Sunday the closure will be from 11.30 am until 1.30 pm.

There will be pedestrian access throughout the day.

Burnt Common and Ockham roundabouts are advance closure points and will be stewarded. They will advise of the road closure ahead but not be a hard closure as in the test race last year.

Every road abutting the race route will be closed from 4.00am. Residents will need to plan where to park if they need to use their car that day. The Parish Council could help to identify parking areas and publicise this in a leaflet. Possible areas: The Green, Ripley Nurseries, Village Hall, Lutidine House

The race route will be re-opened as quickly as possible. Barriers will need to be removed, signs re-instated. It is impossible to say how long this will take. The race HQ in London will declare when the road is safe to re-open.

The A3 will remain open.

Carers should contact the Olympic team to ensure access arrangements are put in place.

A contact centre will be operating throughout the weekend.

Further information: www.gosurrey.info olympic.cycling@surreycc.gov.uk

The meeting closed at 9.20pm and refreshments were served.

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