

## Minutes of Meeting of the Council

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 27 April 2010 starting at 6.30pm  
Present: Councillor B Jones (Chairman)

Councillors:

P Ainsworth	E M H Ranson
S Brunskill	L Rimmer
R M Croasdale	J Rogerson
D C Eccleston	C Ross
R J Elms	I Sayers
S Farnsworth	G Scott
M Fielding	R E Sherras
A Gridley	D T Smith
R Hargreaves	J S Sutcliffe
J B Hill	M E Sutcliffe
T Hill	D Taylor
B Hilton	M Thomas
K Hind	J Waddington
S A Hirst	N C Walsh
J Holgate	J White
S Hore	A Yearling
A M Knox	
C Punchard	

In attendance: Chief Executive, Director of Community Services, Director of Development Services, Director of Resources, HR Manager and Legal Services Manager.

1 PRAYERS

The Reverend Andy Froud opened the meeting with prayers.

2 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors J Alcock, D Berryman, G Geldard, M Robinson and R Thompson.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no items of public participation.

5 COUNCIL MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 2 March 2010 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. Councillor J White was pleased

to report that 70% of the workforce at Berry's Furniture makers in Chipping had found alternative employment following the closure of the firm as reported at the last meeting. He asked if the Council would send a letter of thanks to the custodians of Chipping Village Hall who had supported the workforce by allowing them access to IT equipment and other resources in the village hall to assist them with their job search.

RESOLVED: That the Council send a letter of thanks to the Custodians of Chipping Village Hall for their support for the staff of Berrys Ltd.

## 6 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayoral communications were received and noted. The Mayor reported on a range of engagements that had taken place since the last meeting and that clearly demonstrated the mayoral role as one of both an encourager of local groups within the borough and an ambassador for the Ribble Valley outside the borough. Amongst other things, she reported on her participation in the Sport Relief Mile in the Castle grounds and was pleased to report on the recent unveiling of 10 new plaques at the museum which represented a timeline for the castle and which had been produced in association with pupils at Ribblesdale School. She also highlighted a range of visits to other boroughs which had culminated in her Mayoral tour and which had enabled her to promote the Ribble Valley to fellow Mayors from across Lancashire.

Finally, the Mayor thanked all who had supported her charity events throughout the year and thanked Members for affording her the opportunity to serve as Mayor of the Ribble Valley – it had been a privilege to do so.

## 7 LEADER'S REPORT AND LEADER'S QUESTION TIME

There was no Leader's report and question time at the meeting, however, Councillor Ranson took the opportunity to thank the Mayor for the service she had given to the community during the past year. He also expressed his thanks to officers and staff for their support to Members throughout the year and finally thanked the Chairman and all Councillors for their hard work in supporting and representing their communities.

Likewise, Councillor Knox paid tribute to the Mayor and especially commended her as a great patron of the arts during the course of her Mayoralty. Councillor Knox also paid tribute to Councillor Ranson for his dedication and co-operation throughout the year and to all staff and officers who supported the work of Members.

## 8 COMMITTEE MINUTES

(i) Community Services Committee – 9 March 2010

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received.

(ii) Planning and Development Committee – 11 March 2010

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received.

(iii) Licensing Committee – 16 March 2010

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received.

(iv) Personnel Committee – 17 March 2010

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received.

(v) Health and Housing Committee – 18 March 2010

The Chairman, Councillor S Hirst, reported on the illness of the Housing Needs Officer – Mr S Earnshaw, who was likely to be absent for some time and informed Members that Mr David Morris would be assisting with cover during the period of Mr Earnshaw's absence. Members also asked that their best wishes be sent to Mr Earnshaw for a speedy recovery.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received.

Consideration was given to a written question submitted by Councillor J B Hill. Councillor Hill noted that whilst residents in Read and Simonstone welcomed the intention of the Council to introduce additional dog waste bins, he asked if the Chairman could confirm that the Parish Council would be consulted on the location of any additional bins. He also asked if the Chairman could comment on whether any further assistance was to be offered to Parish Councils to accept responsibility for the collection and emptying of all dog waste bins irrespective of which authority provided them.

Councillor Hirst thanked Councillor Hill for his question and assured him that as previously reported, all Parish Councils would be written to and fully consulted in relation to the proposed introduction of additional dog waste bins.

In relation to the issue of further assistance being offered to Parish Councils who had provided dog waste bins themselves, the emptying and collection charges of all dog waste bins would continue to be kept under review to assess whether more could be done with current limited resources. It was anticipated that priority would be given to Parish Councils who had paid to contribute to the initial provision or who took responsibility for emptying.

When making recommendations, Parish Councils would be asked to identify specific locations and be asked to approach local residents to agree the provision as part of the process, in order to ensure that provision was welcomed and unchallenged.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received.

(vi) Policy and Finance Committee – 12 March 2010

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received with the exception of minute No 914.

MINUTE 914 – TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Members were asked to approve the Council's Treasury Management Strategy for 2010/2011.

RESOLVED: That the Council's Treasury Management Strategy for 2010/2011 be approved.

(vii) Accounts and Audit Committee – 24 March 2010

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received.

(viii) Parish Councils' Liaison Committee – 25 March 2010

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received.

(ix) Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 13 April 2010

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received.

(x) Planning and Development Committee – 15 April 2010

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received.

The meeting closed at 7.12pm.

If you have any queries on these minutes please contact Marshal Scott (414400).