

ROTHWELL TOWN COUNCIL

A Meeting of Rothwell Town Council was held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 12th July 2005 in the Market House, Market Hill, Rothwell.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs C M Brown Chair
 Councillor C W Cross
 Councillor D W Jones
 Councillor N A Matthew
 Councillor A C Pote
 Councillor M W Spendlove (8.20 pm)
 Councillor Mrs G Weston
 Councillor P G Weston
 Councillor D A Whyte (8.00 pm)

352 PRAYERS

Before the business of the Council commenced, the Chair asked for a minute's silence for those people who died in the bomb attacks in London last Thursday, and prior to this the Revd Roger Smith ready some relevant texts to the Meeting. After the minute's silence, the Revd Smith said Prayers for those involved in the bomb attacks and the people who helped them, and sympathy was expressed to everyone affected by this. Councillor Weston expressed his thanks to the Revd Canon George Burton for the Service the previous Sunday to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the end of World II. Councillor Mrs Weston thought we all ought to be thankful that we have such wonderful workers in the emergency services in this country who will have experienced real horrors and the desperate conditions they have been working in.

353 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillors Atkins, Mrs Talbot and Whitlam, and from Councillors Spendlove and Whyte who would be late attending the Meeting.

354 COMMUNITY POLICING

General Report

Copies of the letter from Sgt Grady in response to the issues raised at the last Meeting had been circulated prior to this Meeting. PC O'Hara had managed to get back from London to attend the Meeting. He has a comparison fro the months of April to June for 2004 to 2005 and was pleased to confirm that there is a drop of 81 crimes, which is 34.5% for Rothwell. Every category of crime has dropped and he felt this was because of the Police policy of targeting drugs offences.

Councillor Pote reported that there is a silver Mondeo which is parked regularly parked on the pavement in front of the Lotus House and PC O'Hara wil look at this. We understood from the last Meeting that criminal damage is the highest crime and this is occurring in Spring Gardens, together with juvenile nuisance and the residents wondered if there could be a Meeting between them and the Police. Councillor Weston Emailed Sgt Gradey but he has not had a response from him. Some residents have put grilles on their windows to protect their property from stones etc being thrown. A metal barrier by the Community Centre has been destroyed, with bricked being pulled out of the Centre wall to remove this. The Borough Council is also very concerned about this as it is a continual problem for them.

PC O'Hara had spent a lot of time in this area after the burglaries some time ago, and now this has been brought to his attention, he will look at this again. He will also speak to Sgt Grady and there is the Community Meeting the following Monday. Some Members of the Town Council felt it would be better to have a separate Meeting on this issue, with representatives from the Police, the town Council and the borough Housing Department. PC O'Hara had called in to see some of the Spring Gardens residents recently and they did not mention a problem. It was confirmed that the criminal damage in Well Lane Recreation Ground is very bad now. On 18th June there was a lot of youths on the footpath in ColumbusCrents late at night and apparently

they were camped out in the Park, and these events could be linked. Councillor Jones has visited Well Lane almost daily and there has been continual damage over the last year or so. The Town Council did ask for a CCTV camera in this area, but we were not able to get this. There are mainly elderly residents in Spring Gardens and this behaviour can be quite frightening. They have some new Wardens for Rothwell and Desborough and PC O'Hara will ask them to visit these areas in the evenings.

Police Questions from the Public

(a) Police Speed Camera: we had written and asked for the Safety Camera to come out to both Kettering Road and Glendon Road. The Clerk had recently received a telephone call from Sgt Hodgson, that he has just returned to work and he confirmed we are on the list for a visit. They will first come out to the area to gather data and assess the situation, to see if the camera is necessary and if the van can be put in these locations.

(b) Spring Gardens: it was explained that residents do telephone the police, they do not come out to these problems. PC O'Hara said all calls are graded but if a situation is happening at the time they will try and attend. If there is a delayed response it could be 2 or 3 days before a Police Officer visits. On one of the occasions residents telephoned, there were many Grade 1 incidents taking place, but he agreed there is sometimes an unnecessary delay. PC O'Hara said there is some value in obtaining evidence but he recommended that any pictures are taken discreetly and from a resident's own property. Neighbourhood Watch has equipment, including a very small camera which you cannot see. Some Members were concerned that residents might then have to give evidence, but Neighbourhood Watch can confirm where they placed a camera, and at least it gives the Police a reason to speak to the offenders.

It was reported that there is also a problem with non-residents parking in Spring Gardens and on the pavements at the entrance so that access is blocked, mainly people from Well Lane. There are signs that this is residents parking only. There was a red BMW parked there for some time and a resident was informed that the Town Council gave permission for people to park there. It was confirmed that we did not do this, and do not have the authority to say this. Residents have written to Mr Conway, the Borough Head of Housing, but he has not replied. They have also spoken to the Desborough Housing Office and got a positive response. The Police cannot give fixed penalty tickets if it is only signed as residents only parking, as no offence is being committed. The residents will attend the Community Meeting on Monday, and make a list of their complaints, and they will let the Clerk have a copy of this.

It was AGREED to arrange a Meeting in the Market House with Mr John Conway, and to let residents know when this is to be held through the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, Ms Gill Simons.

(c) Glendon Road: Mr West reported that there are still a lot of construction lorries using Glendon Road, and he wondered if the Police could enforce the ban. There are signs that construction traffic should not use this route, but this is a Planning condition and there is not yet a Traffic Order imposing a weight limit. It was AGREED to pursue this again with the Borough Planning Department.

A lot of vehicles are going too fast in Glendon Road as well, sometimes going at about 60 mph. PC O'Hara said there has definitely been one speed survey done, but this did not show any speeding problem. He explained that every town and village in the County has the same complaint and they cannot put a camera everywhere. We are to have the Police Safety Camera Team here, and residents can take registration numbers and pass these to the Police.

355 FAIRTRADE TOWNS

Margaret Tuffin and Joan Moody from the Methodist Church were present at the Meeting to explain their proposal to try to make Rothwell a Fairtrade Town, especially following the G8 talks and Live8 concert. Many organisations, such as Oxfam, have already been working towards making poverty history but everyone should take some responsibility. There is an Eco Congregation at the Methodist Church, and this is a Fair Trade Church, as well as the Parish Church. They gave some samples of the chocolate. There are five goals which must be met as follows:-

- The local Council must pass a resolution supporting Fairtrade, and server Fairtrade coffee and ea at its Meetings and in offices and canteens.
- A range of Fairtrade products must be readily available in the area's shops and served in local cafes and catering establishments.
- Fairtrade products must be used by a number of local work places and community organisations.
- The Council must attract popular support for the campaign.
- A local Fairtrade Steering Group must be convened to ensure continued commitment to Fairtrade Town status.

They have come to the Town Council Meeting because they need our support for to form a Committee so that we can work out how we can achieve this.

Councillor Weston declared an Indirect Interest as a Director of the Co-op but it was AGREED he should stay at the Meeting. Councillor Jones did not feel he had a pecuniary Interest although he was in the same situation.

It was MOVED by Councillor Mrs Weston, SECONDED by Councillor Matthew and RESOLVED that Rothwell Town Council supports this initiative for Rothwell to become a Fairtrade Town. The next step is to set up a Committee and it was felt that the Town Council should appoint a representative to sit on this. Ms Tuffin and Ms Moody will come back to the Town Council September Meeting.

356 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

(1) Recycling Bins: Mr West said these are being emptied regularly now, but boxes and bags are being left there by people put items in the bins. It was AGREED to ask the Borough Council if the area can be inspected regularly and any boxes and bags taken away.

(2) Tommy Nichols Seat: Mr West said that this has not yet been put back. We had spoken to Mr Dunnill at the Site Meeting in Manor Park, and he had promised this would be done by 5th July. As this had not happened the Clerk had written to him, with copies to Mr Shaw and Mr Cook, and as the letters had probably been caught up in the postal delays, she had also Emailed them. No reply had been received yet. Mr West was given the names of the people dealing with this.

(3) Spencer Street: a resident had referreed to the recent letter in the Evening Telegraph that she was disappointed to see how rundown this estate has become, with litter, weeds, fences down and boarded-up houses. The resident said there are no dropped kerbs but fences have been taken down so people can drive their cars straight over the pavement to put them in the gardens. The Town Council did have a walk around the area with the Head of Housing, and some work has been done from this but not all the houses are owned by the Borough. Some Members of the Town Council do look at this area. We had asked fo the pebble dash to be painted but this has been delayed until 2007. the resident thought it was the gardens and the fences which are more important to put right and it is some of the residents who are actually causing the problems.

One of the Members agreed that it is not pleasant to walk in Spencer Street, and recently some representatives were calling in that area and said they had never been so accosted in any town in the wide area they cover. The road sweeper was assaulted there and did not clean the street for some time because of this. A new resident chopped down a tree so he could get his car in the garden.

It was AGREED to ask Mr Conway for another walk around this estate as soon as possible and to explain the problems to him.

(4) New Health Centre Site: a resident asked if it had now been decided that the Health centre was definitely going to be put on the Football Club Site, but it was confirmed that no final decision has yet been taken.

357 MINUTES

It was MOVED by Councillor Cross, SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Weston and RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th June 2005 be confirmed and signed.

358 HIGHWAYS

Post-Bypass Works

Copies of the Report of the Site Meeting held on 23rd June 2005 had been circulated prior to this Meeting. The following items were discussed and agreed as stated:-

(1) Vehicle Actuated Signs

It was MOVED by the Chair, SECONDED by Councillor Jones and RESOLVED that we accept the site for the sign to show the Gordon Street junction as marked, namely by the side of 1 Hobbs Hill. It was FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council also approves the location for the sign to warn of the mini-roundabout as marked, opposite Nos 101-103 Desborough Road.

Councillor Spendlove joined the Meeting at 8.20 pm and referred to the Vehicle Actuated Sign in Harrington Road which is now working, but which he feels is set at too low a speed because this comes on all the time. It was AGREED to ask for this to be checked and set at 30 mph.

(2) Zebra Crossing

It was MOVED by Councillor Jones, SECONDED by Councillor Cross and RESOLVED that the Town Council approves the proposed location for the zebra crossing at the bottom of Desborough Road (by 5 The Maltings) as shown on the plan handed to the Clerk.

Rushton Road

Copies of the plan showing the section of Rushton Road to be closed for resurfacing work and the proposed diversion route had been circulated to Members of the Town Council. It was not thought necessary to make any comment on this. It is hoped that the work will be started this month.

Blocked Drains

Councillor Pote reported that the drains which were reported as being blocked had been cleared in or near the town centre. The Clerk said that they had not only done the ones she had listed, but also seem to have listened to our request to also check the nearby drains because a lot of extra ones had been done. They had at last been able to get to the ones in front of 16 Market Hill and in the corner by the rear of the Market House. The only one which they do not seem to have been able to clear is that in Crown Yard, which does now get a lot of water from Droué Court, but the cleaning lorry would not be able to drive under the flying freehold.

It was MOVED by Councillor Pote, SECONDED by Councillor Whyte and RESOLVED to write to Mr Foster at Atkins, with a copy for Councillor Bob Seery the County Portfolio Holder for Highways, and thank him for arranging to have all these drains cleaned out. We will ask if it is possible to find a way of clearing the Crown Yard drain manually, and as if the annual cleansing schedule can be reinstated so that the drains never get into such a bad state again. We will look at this again at the end of the year.

Highways Representatives Scheme

Copies of the latest edition of Rep's Review had been circulated, for information.

Market Hill

A reply had been received from the Maintenance Technician about completing the work to the York stone slabs and putting in the extra bollards, that they will arrange for the Contractors to install the lockable bollards and padlocks during this week, and this should be done by 15th July. As they did not mention replacing the missing and broken slabs, the Clerk had telephoned Atkins and was told that they now had to order some more York stone slabs but this would be done as soon as possible.

The Chair suggested that if any Member sees a vehicle parking on the pavements, they could take the numbers and pass these to the Clerk who will inform PC O'Hara.

Work on the A14

As to the work being carried out on the A14, it was in the local newspaper that this was between junctions 7 to 10 and this is being done overnight. However, there are caravans and recovery vehicles in the layby just outside Rothwell. We will monitor this.

As to the off-slip at junction 7 going into Kettering, there are the new traffic lights there but the only lane markings are on the road and usually there are signs to tell you which lane you need above the lights. People are missing the signs on the road as they are not obvious or easy to read. It was AGREED to write to Carillion-URS to ask for signs above the lights at the eastbound off-slip road at junction 7 of the A14.

Councillor Mrs Weston left the Meeting at 8.35 pm.

Cross Street

New electricity cables have been put in from Littlewood Street on the eastern side of Cross Street. They have not put the kerbs back satisfactorily and this is therefore an area where people are likely to trip. It was AGREED to write to Atkins about this.

Market Hill Footpath

The setts had been replaced to the new development behind Ladywell Bakery, so the Clerk had just asked Atkins to check that they had been put back satisfactorily and they had confirmed this was so. As to the footpath in front of the Methodist Church, they have made arrangements for this area to be inspected and any necessary repairs will be programmed accordingly.

359 PLANNING

Report of the Planning Referee

Councillor Weston reported that the following Applications had been withdrawn:-

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| KET/2005/0367 | 28 Bridge Street – Change of Use from A1 (shop) to A5 (hot food takeaway). |
| KET/2005/0400 | 23 High Street – Three Storey Building to include 2 retail units and w flats, internal/external alterations. |
| KET/2005/0401 | 23 High Street – Refurbishment creating dwellinghouse. |
| KET/2005/0403 | 26 High Street – New shop front and division of shop to create two separate units. |
| KET/2005/0404 | 26 High Street – Change of Use from A1 to A3 to include new shop front. |

The following Refusal had been received:-

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| KET/2005/0388 | Rothwell Grange Farm – Conversion and extension to barns to create four dwellings. |
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The following Approvals had been received:-

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| KET/2005/0307 | Rothwell Town Football Club, Cambridge Street – Renewal of KE/01/0725 Outline for residential development. |
| KET/2005/0378 | 60 Daisy Bank Avenue – Extension and Garage. |
| KET/2005/0389 | 5 Clipstone Court – Extension and Garage. |
| KET/2005/0402 | 2 High Street – Change of Use of one flat to two flats, including external staircase. |

The following Application had been considered at a Meeting held on 27th June 2005, and the Town Council's observations were agreed as stated. We had subsequently received an amended plan, but Councillor Weston did not feel these alterations needed any additional comment:-

KET/2005/0228) Land off Jubilee Street – Approval of Reserved Matters for the erection of
KET/2005/0515) 160 dwellings, with associated roads, parking and garages.

- (1) Rothwell Town Council is pleased that Bovis has taken into account our concerns about the density on this site by reducing the number of units from 245 to 160.
- (2) We object to the three-storey units which are still proposed for the highest part of the site, namely the northern corner, and we would ask for the houses here to be two-storey only.
- (3) We assume that there will eventually be a further Planning Application for the area marked as "Compound and Storage Area" which will, of course increase the total number of units on this site.
- (4) The precise location for the play areas has still be agreed, but at this stage there should be a condition on any Planning Approval that the wildlife areas and open spaces will remain as such in perpetuity and adopted by the Borough Council after a suitable maintenance period.
- (5) We would ask for some affordable housing to be included, in particular for young people who wish to acquire their first home, and there are various means by which this can be done.
- (6) A 20 mph speed limit should be imposed throughout the site from the beginning.
- (7) The Town Council expects to be consulted on the estate name and the street names for this development because we would like these to reflect the 800th anniversary of the Rowell Charter and Fair in 2004.
- (8) We note there is now a suitable pedestrian exit from the site convenient for Manor Park, and we would like an environmentally acceptable surfaced footpath along the western side of the Park to Squires Hill to provide a safe route to the schools in the town, and this will also be convenient for access to the town centre.
- (9) We are concerned about the vehicular access in and out of the site onto Kettering Road, particularly for people wanting to turn right.
- (10) If there is to be any deviation from the agreed plans and house types in future we wish to be consulted on each occasion.

The following Applications had been received and dealt with by Councillor Weston, as Deputy Planning Referee:-

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| KET/2005/0535 | Ram's Supermarket, 1-5 High Street – Replacement of existing doors and windows with double glazed units of the same size.
No objection. |
| KET.2005/0536 | Land adjoining 15 Oxford Street – Two flats.
No objection. |
| KET/2005/0542 | 18 Market Hill – Trough lamps to light sign board.
No objection. |
| KET/2005/0546 | Land to rear of 68/70 Rushton Road – Outline for two single storey dwellings with garages, and new garage.
No objection. |
| KET/2005/0567 | 44 Tennyson Road – Outline for a bungalow.
No objection. |
| KET/2005/0582 | 12 Matson Close – Extensions.
No objection. |
| KET/2005/0591 | 4 Market Hill – Change of Use from A1 retail to A3 restaurant/café.
No objection. |

The following Application had recently been received and not yet dealt with by the Planning Referee and the observations were agreed as stated. The Clerk had previously declared an Indirect Interest on 26 High Street but it was not felt necessary for her to leave the room whilst this re-Application was discussed:-

KET/2005/0613 26 High Street – Change of Use from A1 to A3 to include new shop front and kitchen.
The Town Council objects to this proposal because of the lack of parking in this area and the fact that there are two flats above and the cooking smells could affect these residents and others in the vicinity.

Planning Information

Copies of the letters and information from the Borough Council on the planning Use Classes Order Amendment, and on Planning Obligations/Developer Contributions, for information.

360 ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY

Manor Park

Copies of the Report of the Site Meeting held on 21st June 2005 had been circulated prior to this Meeting. It was MOVED by Councillor Whyte, SECONDED by Councillor Pote and RESOLVED that the Report be approved and adopted.

Town Centre Partnership

Copies of the Report of the Meeting of the Partnership held on 4th July 2005 had been circulated prior to this Meeting. It was MOVED by Councillor Whyte, SECONDED by Councillor Pote and RESOLVED that the Report be approved and adopted.

The Clerk had prepared a cheque for £500 to start transferring the funds held by the Partnership to the Market Harborough Building Society, and it was FURTHER RESOLVED that this should be signed by Councillors Pote and Weston. This will be handed to Mr Patel so he can the process of opening the new Account.

Public Toilets

A letter had been received from the Borough Waste Policy & Amenities Manager that some of the graffiti was removed in May, and the remainder should have been cleaned off by now. Councillor Jones was pleased that we had resolved this issue after many years. It might be that the vandals will find a way to spoil this but the situation should be much improved.

15 Wales Street

Copies of the correspondence between the neighbouring resident and the Borough Council had been circulated. This came up at the last Borough Council Meeting and Councillor Pote had suggested compulsory purchase because the owner has left the area. Mr Isbister had also spoken to Councillor Whyte about this possibility. They have boarded the building up and done something about the bricks. The resident is now going to the Ombudsman because she is not satisfied.

It was AGREED to write to the Borough Council that we feel compulsory purchase could be the best option to resolve this problem and perhaps they could explore whether they have the power and the finance to do this and then clear the site.

It was FURTHER AGREED to send copies of the letter to the resident, the Fire Service and the Police.

When we had the Site Meeting in Manor Park, Ms Bellamy had mentioned building on the verge there but we had said the Town Council should be formally consulted. It might be that an access is needed over the verge to the land at the rear of 15 Wales Street, but when we had been asked some time ago about building on the verge, the Town Council had rejected this as being unsuitable and it would prevent visibility for drivers on this sharp bend.

Parish Churchyard Railings

The Clerk had received a telephone call from the Borough Head of Bereavement Services that the work was now being completed. Councillor Pote said Canon Burgon is not happy with this because the spikes are not in line with the main posts. He felt that all work should be checked before payment is made. It was thought Councillor Pote could raise this issue with the Borough and County Councils.

Grass Cutting, Rock Hill

The Borough Head of Environmental Care Services had Emailed the Clerk that at the A6 Towns Forum Meeting he was asked to look at the grass cutting at the Catholic Church in Rothwell. they recently undertook an audit of the grass the cut within Rothwell and this highlighted the Church as an area where the Borough was cutting grass and not charging the landowner. They were contacted by the Church and confirmed they could not continue subsidising private landowners and would have to charge for the service in future. A quotation was sent and the Church has accepted this for an initial cut and is discussing the cost of having the area cut on a monthly basis. He has instructed his staff that in future they need to give notice of their intention to withdraw any such service, in order to give the landowner the opportunity to decide if they wish to pay for the services.

Tree Maintenance

We had now received a reply about work on the trees in the town centre from the Borough Grounds Services Manager. Ms Summerley said the trees in Square Hill have been inspected by their Arboricultural Supervisor who has recommended that no further work be carried out at this time. These trees have, however, been placed on their 'wish list' of pruning work for the future. they receive many requests for tree work each week and these must be prioritised, with 'essential' work (such as dead or dangerous trees or those that are causing physical damage) being dealt with first. Other 'necessary' work (such as diseased trees or those that are in decline) is the next priority. Pruning for aesthetic purposes, for example to alleviate the nuisance of shade, leaf litter or blocked light is classed as 'desirable' work. The Squires Hill trees have therefore been placed in this category. However, we will continue to monitor these trees, as well as those within the Market Place, to ensure they remain in good condition. The Borough does not have any responsibility for highway trees and any concerns should be passed to Atkins.

Housing Grounds Maintenance

After the June Meeting we had written to the Borough Housing Department about the weeds and other vegetation at the following locations:-

- the footpath in front of 10-16 Moorfield Road
- the hedge of No 10 Manor Road
- the footpath between Manor Road and Cogan Crescent.

We had received a reply that an order had been issued for the work to be done

Bus Services

There had been an exhibition in the Library the previous week about the enhancement of the bus stops in Rothwell. Councillor Pote said bus services had been discussed at the Borough Council and the ones for Rothwell are satisfactory. They will look at how many other routes can visit the railway station.

Missing Seat, Glendon Road

This has been taken away by the Borough Council at the request of one resident but Mr Dunnill did say this would be put back. The Chair has spoken to Mr McInally in the Engineers' Department who said this would be reinstated today, but this has not been done so the Chair will continue to follow this up.

Recycling Scheme

It was reported that some people in the town have a limited recycling facility and some have none. It was confirmed that the last phase will be started in April 2006.

Trees in Rothwell

It was reported that the dead tree in the Cemetery is still there, but it was hoped this would be removed soon.

Councillor Pote reported that on the corner of Tasman Way and Columbus Crescent, there are six nice trees but the lower branches need to be taken off. Councillor Cross said there are also some trees in Moorfield Green, opposite the bottom entrance to Cogan Crescent, which also need attention. It was AGREED to write and ask the county Council to deal with these trees.

Benches in the Town

It was reported that the seat outside the Library is in a bad state, and the two seats in Desborough Road (the one by the bus stop and the one on the other side of the road, need refurbishment. It was AGREED to ask for these to be done.

Alcohol Ban

Councillor Pote said the Borough has got an On-Street Drinking Designation Order for an alcohol ban in Kettering town centre, and he felt that Rothwell should have one for Sun Hill, High Street, Bridge Street and Market Hill for example. Councillor Whyte said there has to be evidence of a problem before you can do this. This issue was discussed at the A6 Towns Forum but our representatives did not feel there was a big problem in Rothwell. There are also a couple of pubs which have seats outside, but Councillor Pote said these can have a dispensation. The anti-social drinking in the town tends to take place in the Parks etc. It was thought the Town Council will not take this any further at the present time, but the situation will be monitored and if there is any evidence of a problem we will look at this.

361 MATTERS OF BUSINESSCode of Conduct

Copies of the Borough Council's response on the consultation on the Code of Conduct had been circulated prior to this Meeting, for information.

Councillor Cross asked about the Ward Initiative Grants and whether these created an Interest. It was not thought this would be the case. As to a Charity collection this would also not be counted as an Interest, but if you are making decisions about a Charity of which you are a member, you should declare this and decide whether this is such a direct Interest that you should not take part in the discussion. In any event, it would probably be wiser not to vote on this.

Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act

Copies of the letter from Defra had been circulated prior to this Meeting, for information.

Licensing Applications

Notification had been received of an application for a Public Entertainment Licence at The Old Greyhound, 22 High Street. The proposed days and times of operation are as follows:-

Friday & Saturday, 8.00 pm to 11.30 pm
Sunday, 8.00 pm to 11.00 pm

We had also received copy of the Application under the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of the Red Lion Hotel, 23 Market Hill, but the Clerk said sections of this had not been completed. It was AGREED to take no action here.

Electoral Review

We have two copies of the Boundary Committee for England's draft recommendations for the Borough, in which they suggest 36 Borough Councillors and having three representatives from Rothwell. We have until 12th September 2005 to comment on this. It was AGREED to put this on the Agenda for the August Meeting.

Councillor Pote declared an Interest as he sits on the Borough Boundary Committee.

362 FINANCIAL REPORT

General Statement

The Clerk submitted a written Report as attached. It was MOVED by Councillor Whyte, SECONDED by Councillor Pote and RESOLVED that the Report be approved and adopted and the following amounts paid:-

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Service or Goods</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mrs C E Mackay	Clerk's Salary	£501.83
British Telecommunications	Phone Bill	£48.17

Annual Return

The Clerk had now completed the Annual Return in line with the accounts already approved. It was MOVED by Councillor Pote, SECONDED by Councillor Whyte and RESOLVED that this be approved and signed by the Chair and Clerk.

363 ADMISSION OF PRESS PUBLIC

In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it was AGREED that the Press and Public be asked to withdraw.