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MINUTES of APRIL 25th 2017 MONTHLY MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL held at **7.00pm** in the Council Chamber Town Hall, Ripley

Attendees: Cllrs: R P Ashton, A Bridge (Chair), S Carter, Ms L D Cox, C Cutting, R Emmas-Williams, Mrs S Emmas Williams, D Farrelly, I Fisher, S D Freeborn, Mrs J H Gregory, T Holmes, P Lobley, Mrs L Joyes, M Missett, P Moss, N Weaving, M Wilson and Mrs C Worth.

Also three members of the public, V Boswell Community Officer and L McCormick Town Clerk

Prior to the start of the meeting past Mayor Ms Helen Shaw was presented with a medal thanking her for his services to the electorate of Ripley Township

AGENDA

7387. To receive apologies for absence – Cllr M Jones (work), Cllr D A Williams (personal)

7388. Variation of Order of Business – none required

7389. Declaration of Members Interests:

Cllr R Emmas-Williams declared a personal interest in the following items as a member of Friends of Ripley Greenway and as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and would remain in the meeting – 11a) Environmental Improvements (footways, woodlands and watercourses) and 11c) Town Council's consultation response to Amber Valley Borough Council's Draft Local Plan

Cllr T Holmes declared a personal interest in the following items as a member of Friends of Ripley Greenway and as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and would remain in the meeting – 11a) Environmental Improvements (footways, woodlands and watercourses) and 11c) Town Council's consultation response to Amber Valley Borough Council's Draft Local Plan

Cllr M Wilson declared a personal interest in the following item as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and would remain in the meeting – 11c) Town Council's consultation response to Amber Valley Borough Council's Draft Local Plan

Cllr P Moss declared a personal interest in the following item as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and would remain in the meeting – 11c) Town Council's consultation response to Amber Valley Borough Council's Draft Local Plan

Cllr R P Ashton declared a personal interest in the following item as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and would remain in the meeting – 11c) Town Council's consultation response to Amber Valley Borough Council's Draft Local Plan

Cllr Ms L D Cox declared a personal interest in the following item as a member of Friends of Ripley Greenway and Derbyshire Wildlife trust and would remain in the meeting – 11a) Environmental Improvements (footways, woodlands and watercourses)

Cllr Mrs S Emmas-Williams declared a personal interest in the following item as a member of Friends of Ripley Greenway and would remain in the meeting – 11a) Environmental Improvements (footways, woodlands and watercourses)

Cllr A Bridge declared a personal interest in the following item as a member of Friends of Ripley Greenway and would remain in the meeting – 11a) Environmental Improvements (footways, woodlands and watercourses)

7390. Public speaking –

Cllr C Cutting spoke of the problems of vehicles parking on the slip road off Cedar Avenue up to the surgery and the Leisure Centre. Vehicles can hardly get through to the surgery due to the parking on this road and there is difficulty for parents with pushchairs and children to access the play area.

7391. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Monthly Meeting March 21st 2017 (previously circulated)

RESOLVED to agree and sign the minutes as a true and accurate record

7392. To confirm the Minutes of the Town Councils Events Committee meeting April 21st 2017 (previously circulated)

RESOLVED to agree and sign the minutes as a true and accurate record

7393. To confirm the Minutes of the Town Councils Planning Committee meeting April 7th 2017 (previously circulated)

RESOLVED to agree and sign the minutes as a true and accurate record

7394. To confirm the Minutes of the Town Councils Finance and Administration Committee meeting April 7th 2017 and accept the Finance and Administration Committee recommendations (previously circulated)

RESOLVED to agree and sign the minutes as a true and accurate record

7395. To determine which items if any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded. None required

7396. Town Mayor's Announcements –

March 24th 2017 attended the RTC Variety Spectacular held at the Marehay Miner's Welfare
March 28th 2017 assisted at Ripley's Fish & Chip Shop and during this time all takings were donated to Ripley Hospital League of Friends which is the Mayor's chosen charity
April 1st 2017 Attended a Fish & Chip night at the Riddings Community Room for Amber Gold
April 2nd 2017 attended Mayor of Matlock's Civic Service at St Giles church Matlock
April 4th 2017 assisted at Ripley's Fish & Chip Shop and during this time all takings were donated to Ripley Hospital League of Friends which is the Mayor's chosen charity
April 8th 2017 attended Polka Dot Florists for their 10th anniversary
April 11th 2017 assisted at Ripley's Fish & Chip Shop and during this time all takings were donated to Ripley Hospital League of Friends which is the Mayor's chosen charity
April 14th 2017 attended a visit to Chateau Renault in France the town Ripley is twinned with
April 23rd 2017 attended a march and service for St George's Day Parade from St Peter's Church Belper

7397. Report of the Town Clerk on: -

a) Environmental Improvements (footways, woodlands and watercourses) –

Cllr S Freeborn spoke regarding RTC engaging with various projects and Derwent Wise and Heritage Codnor with a number of partners looking at development of Bottle Brook. RTC need a policy in place to deal with issues of development and encapsulate a broad vision with partners. i.e. Councils, voluntary groups, Friends of Carr Wood and the Waingroves Woodland Trust. To clear the water in Carr Wood as after Sainsbury's was built the drainage system has never worked and what was a flowing brook is now stagnant. In principle we need a meeting with partners and discuss terms of projects and issues possibly forming an Environment Committee. Cllr Holmes spoke of trying to encourage people to get out into the fresh air, members of the Ripley Greenway are clearing and planting areas along the Greenway and anyone is welcome to join.

Cllr M Wilson stated this was a great opportunity to be involved with projects and possibly involve schools etc. could the RTC newsletter include a form / questionnaire for responses.

RESOLVED to form an Environment Committee, produce a policy and liaise with partners to progress projects

b) **Allotment Land at Nether Heage auction date May 22nd 2017 - Noted**

c) **Town Council's consultation response to AVBC's Draft Local Plan**
RESOLVED to respond to the consultation Cllr S Freeborn and the Town Clerk would write

d) **Ripley's Big Day Out**

Cllr I Fisher spoke of this very exciting project RTC are putting on at the Midland-Railway Butterley on July 19th 2017 10.00am till 3.00pm with a free train ride, free refreshments, a tented village of professional partners to help with questions or give free advice. Customers will be older residents and local groups with a limited amount of transport provided. There will be a formal press launch June 1st 2017 – **for information**

e) **Newsletter delivery issues**

RESOLVED the Town Clerk is to contact the delivery company regarding various issues

7398. **Planning Applications** – previously circulated

7399. **Items for Information in the Information Folder: -**

Water Plus acting as agents for Severn Trent Water – CPRE Field Work Magazine – Country Voice Magazine – Norris & Fisher Insurance Brokers – Trentbarton changes to the villager – Thank you card from Cllr V Thorpe and the Amber Community First Responders - **Noted**

7400. **Employment Community Officer Review**

RESOLVED to increase the Community Officers pay grade by one point

7401. **Meeting closed at 7.50pm**

Date for the next meeting the Annual Assembly Meeting at 6.45pm May 16th 2017 followed by the Annual Town Council Meeting May 16th 2017 at 7.00pm