

MINUTES of the February 18th 2014 MONTHLY MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

In Attendance: Cllrs: R P Ashton, A Bridge (in the Chair), C Cutting, S Daley, D Farrelly, R Emmas-Williams, D Farrelly, S D Freeborn, B Gent, Mrs J H Gregory, Mrs I Harry, T Holmes, M G Jones, M J Missett, A Tester, D A Williams, M Wilson and Mrs C Worth
2 members of the public, 2 members of the Police, and the Clerk
Meeting closed at 20.48

AGENDA

- 6801. Welcome to co-opted Councillor Mrs Isobel Harry and declaration of acceptance of office** and Cllr Mrs Isobel Harry read out the declaration and signed the acceptance of office form
- 6802. To receive apologies for absence** – Cllrs: Ms L D Cox, M J Godfrey, Mrs A S Ward and D T Ward
- 6803. Variation of Order of Business** - None
- 6804. Declaration of Members Interests:**
Cllr T Holmes declared a personal interest in the following items as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and would remain in the meeting – 9 c) Heage Toilets, 9 d) Crossley Park and Toilets, 9 j) Neighbourhood Plan / Ripley Reckoning, 11. Morrison's development and link road
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- 6805. Public speaking** – A person spoke of his concerns regarding the Pear Tree public house and would hope that this could be designated as a community asset to protect it as a public house. He is worried that there has been work done and the brewery are known to do this type of work prior to selling the property.
Cllr Freeborn thanked the gentleman for his comments and this would be an item for the March agenda, this can be supported by the Ripley Town Council but it is an Amber Valley Borough Council decision, but please come back again to the March meeting.
Cllr D Williams stated that if the pub went it would be a great loss.
Police reported the next Panel meeting is March 27th 2014 in the Town Centre Police Office at 6.00m.
- 6806. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Meeting January 21st 2014 and Events committee meeting January 17th 2014 (circulated)**
RESOLVED to sign both sets of minutes as a true and accurate record
- 6807. To determine which items if any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.** If the Council decides to exclude the public it will be necessary to pass a resolution in the following terms: - "In view of the confidential nature of item.(.) to consider a resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1, in order to discuss the item." **Item 15 Clerk's Annual Review**
RESOLVED to confirm item 15 t be held in confidential session
- 6808. Town Mayor's Announcements** – Cllr A Bridge reported he had attended the following: January 24th 2014 the Showman's Luncheon at the Belfry Nottingham, this was the 125th year of the Showman's Guild – February 2nd 2014 attended the Hearnor Civic Service at Loscoe church
- 6809. Report of the Town Clerk on: -**
- a) **Porterhouse Road** – update – the Clerk reported that the play equipment would be installed as soon as possible when the weather improves and quotes for fencing across to separate the small children's play area and equipment are being sought
- b) **Bus Shelters Marehay & Heage Road** (opposite Norman Road) Ripley, - ordered and DCC dealing hopefully to be installed in March –

RESOLVED the Clerk is to seek the 50% scheme for four more bus shelters two on Victory Avenue and two on Chapel Street one outside Lidl and one opposite the hairdressers and in the future look to purchase one for the Elms estate and one for the Lons estate and have a rolling programme, members should let the Clerk know of places where bus stops are used and there are no shelters

- c) **Heage Toilets – AVBC are looking at a possible sale – fittings service contract update –** the Clerk reported that she was in negotiation with the service provider for a refund as the toilets are to be sold

RESOLVED the Clerk is to write to AVBC and ask why they are selling a community asset and also ask about potential risk to the general public and the need for these facilities

- d) **Crossley Park and Toilets –** report from meeting with Amber Valley Borough Council – report from meeting held with Cllr S D Freeborn, the Clerk and S Gladwin of AVBC – the Clerk reported that the meeting had been very positive and concerns were explained regarding the domestic fittings in the toilets not commercial

RESOLVED the Clerk is to write to AVBC to stress the need for the toilets to be open at the weekends as the park is very busy and the new paddling pool should be up and running soon. There also needs to be a joint meeting between AVBC / DCC / RTC and the Friends of the Ripley Greenway to join efforts to maintain and preserve the Greenway

- e) **New Website –**

RESOLVED the Clerk is to confirm the Neighbourhood Plan link is on the present website and the new website is progressing and should be up and running soon

- f) **Police and Town Centre presence –** further information that negotiations are taking place to keep the police in the Town Centre Police Office and as previously resolved the RTC would contribute £7000 annually towards the rent for the foreseeable future

- g) **Butterley Brick Works Football Pitch –** Report from Working Group – defer to the March agenda

- h) **Crich Chase –** confirmation of notification confirmed the boundary map and consent remain unaltered boundary map is available to view at:

http://www.sssi.naturalengland.org.uk/Special/sssi/notification_maps.asp?id=33&PNo=1 – item for information

- i) **Neighbourhood Plan / Ripley Reckoning –** submitted the Neighbourhood Plan and a copy is available in the Ripley Library and the RTC website – Cllr Freeborn explained that AVBC should confirm that the Plan conforms to their objectives and will pass it on to the Inspector

- j) **Network Rail / FDVL –** Town Council representative

RESOLVED for Cllr D Farrelly would be the main representative

- k) **Request for grant a 14 year old girl from Swanwick for Ripley & Heanor only representative to visit Japan**

RESOLVED the Clerk is to write to the young girl explaining that unfortunately she is not within the Ripley Township and also financial grants cannot be given to individuals

6810. Accounts for payment/Income cheques to be approved and signed –

RESOLVED to agree and sign the cheques

Cheque No	Payee	£	VAT	Total
503740	L McCormick salary & reimbursements 503741 HMRC PAYE	£1346.92		£1346.92
503742	Shelter Maintenance – shelter cleaning Marehay	£5.75	£1.15	£6.90
503743	DALC Training May 22 nd 2013	£150.00		£150.00
503744	Staples stationery	£63.03	£12.61	£75.64
DD	BT Internet Broadband	£114.60	£22.92	£137.52
503745	Keptkleen Place Toilets Weeks part 1 /2 /3 /4 / 5	£378.00		£378.00
503746	The National Leaflet Co – December newsletter delivery	£742.78	£148.56	£891.34
503747	Fleet Arts WW1 Project	£1900.00		£1900.00
503748	Planning design Practice Ltd Neighbourhood Plan	£327.05	£65.41	£392.46

503749	AVBC Franking Charges Oct Nov Dec Jan	£130.70		£130.70
503750	R Deans Media 5 weeks	£1040.00		£1040.00
503751	Phase Marketing A4 newsletters	£820.31		£820.31
503752	AVBC mowing Cedar Avenue recreation ground	£232.80	£46.56	£279.36
503753	Decx Ltd bal. invoice for Christmas Décor 2013	£14875.00	£2975.00	£17850.00
	Total	£22126.94	£3272.21	£25399.15
Income				
	Total			

6811. Morrison's development and link road – Cllr S D Freeborn and the Clerk seeking Counsel advice and will report to the March meeting

RESOLVED to agree the expenditure for one hour advice from Counsel

6812. Planning Applications – previously circulated

- **Appeal by Mrs Anabel Christmas site at land west of Holborn View Codnor**
- **Land east of Ripley and north of Codnor Gate** – mixed use urban extension incl provision of new A610 link road to provide for 1,059 dwellings, land for employment & commercial purpose, retail, leisure, hotel, public house/restaurant, sports facilities, recreation land and ass. Landscaping (this application is a departure from the Development Plan)

6813. Grounds Maintenance services and hanging baskets tenders – propose to continue for 2014 with Plantscape for the hanging baskets with some amendments

RESOLVED to continue with the sae contractor for 2014 but change some of the basket locations where they will give more impact

6814. Items for Information in the Information Folder: DALC Circulars 03/2014 & 04/2014 – Killamarsh Heritage Society invite for a trip to the National Memorial Arboretum Saturday May 10th 2014 - Severn Trent Water re Ambergate Reservoir - Digital Derbyshire - CPRE Breaking the bag habit - CPRE Green scheme work for farmers - CPRE Please reject a road building rampage and revitalise rural railways - CPRE e-circular - Amber Valley Info - Amber Valley CVS Community news January 22nd 2014 - Amber Valley CVS Community news February 6th 2014

6815. Clerk's Annual Review – recommendations from the meeting with the Clerk

RESOLVED for the Clerk to receive an increase of one point increment as the NALC pay scale and to investigate an assistant Town Clerk hours and job description

6816. Date for the next monthly meeting March 18th 2014 at 7.00pm – Events Committee meeting March 7th 2014 5.30pm