

MINUTES of JANUARY 15th 2013 MONTHLY MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN

In attendance: Cllrs S Daley (in the Chair), R P Ashton, A Bridge, Ms L D Cox, C Cutting, S D Freeborn, M B Gent, M J Godfrey, Mrs J H Gregory, T Holmes, M G Jones, S Joynes, M Missett, RAP Phillips-Forsyth, D T Ward, D A Williams, M Wilson and Mrs C Worth
Five members of the public, Press and the Clerk

AGENDA

PART I – NON CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

5998. To receive apologies for absence – Cllrs: K T Buzzard and Mrs A S Ward

5998/a. Variation of Order of Business –

RESOLVED to bring forward item 9. Ripley Reckoning and Neighbourhood Plan meeting February 7th 2013 at 5.00pm in All Saints Church Ripley to after Public Speaking d)

5998/b. Declaration of Members Interests – Cllr RAP Phillips-Forsyth declared a personal interest in items 12. Ripley Gateway Development, a) General Issues, b) A case of ‘maladministration’ by Amber Valley Borough Council?, c) Petition received with 1230 signatures to be presented to Amber Valley Borough Council and would remain in the meeting.

Cllr S Joynes declared a prejudicial interest in items 12. Ripley Gateway Development, a) General Issues, b) A case of ‘maladministration’ by Amber Valley Borough Council?, c) Petition received with 1230 signatures to be presented to Amber Valley Borough Council and would leave the meeting.

Cllr S Joynes declared a prejudicial interest in item 8) Town Hall Lease and would leave the meeting.

5999. Public speaking – Mr Hutton spoke of his congratulation to the Ripley Town Council for their stance on the Ripley Gateway scheme, he felt that Ripley Town Council Cllr or Amber Valley Borough Council Cllr should take no other stance that to be against the development, having spoken to the traders in Ripley it is unbelievable that with the economic climate how such a development should be considered and wonders how Amber Valley Borough Council can justify this application.

Cllr S D Freeborn spoke of the Codnor site having bulldozers on it and fencing being erected when there is a Village Green application on the land and a planning application outstanding, the Ripley Town Council should write to Peveril Homes expressing its disappointment that the work has commenced whilst the Village Green application is not determined.

RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders 7.08pm.

Presentation from Action for Market Towns

Liz Bourne and Alison Eardley gave a presentation regarding the process and Ripley Town Council are proceeding with the Neighbourhood Plan and Town Centre Action Plan.

Cllr S D Freeborn thanked Liz and Alison and reiterated that Ripley Town Council would like to work with Amber Valley Borough Council but up to this point there has been very little support from Amber Valley Borough Council.

RESOLVED back in Standing Orders 7.29pm.

6000. Ripley Reckoning and Neighbourhood Plan meeting February 7th 2013 at 5.00pm in All Saints Church Ripley – item for report

**6001. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the:
Monthly Meeting of the Town Council November 20th 2012** (previously circulated)

RESOLVED signed as a true and accurate record

Special Meeting of the Town Council December 3rd 2012 (previously circulated)
RESOLVED signed as a true and accurate record

Planning Meeting of the Town Council January 4th 2013 (previously circulated)
RESOLVED signed as a true and accurate record

6002. To determine which items if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded - None required

6003. Town Mayor's Announcements – Cllr S Daley had attended Amber Valley Civic Service – Swanwick Carol Service – Ironville Carol Service

6004. Report of the Town Clerk on: -

- a) **Events Committee Working Party Meeting recommendations** (previously circulated)
RESOLVED to accept the recommendations from the Events Working Party (Appendix 1)
- b) **Town Hall Lease** – the lease is with Amber Valley Borough Council's solicitors – item for report
- c) **Village Green application** – Amber Valley Borough Council have given their reasons for objecting to the Village Green application- all necessary documents (bundle) is with Derbyshire County Council – item for report
- d) **Dog waste bags – purchase 50,000 at a cost of £505.00 + vat**
RESOLVED to purchase the bags
- e) **Thank you correspondence received from Grant recipients** – thank you letters received from the Ripley Music Festival and Waingroves Community Association for the Christmas trees and lights and also a young 9 year old Ripley girl regarding how pleased she was with the Christmas Lights
- f) **DALC on site training explaining Councillors, Chair and Clerk roles - propose dates for February / March 2013** (this is part of the Quality Status training policy)
RESOLVED to ask Amber Valley Borough Council and DALC for availability of the Council Chamber and Sarita Preston of DALC week commencing March 11th 2013
- g) **Cllr D William's suggestion for the purchase and siting of a half winding wheel**
RESOLVED to support the idea of a suitable memorial and ask the Ripley Heritage Action Group and Ripley Town Council would revert to the budget next year
- h) **Ripley Heritage Action Group meeting January 16th 2013 7.00pm in the training room, second floor, the Old Town Hall** – item for report
- i) **Bus shelter removed from Marehay** – no response received from Amber Valley Borough Council – a response had been sent to the Clerk
- j) **Street signage to Crossley Park** - no response received from Amber Valley Borough Council - a response would be sent to the Clerk after discussion with Derbyshire County Council
- k) **Litterbins removed and not replaced** - no response received from Amber Valley Borough Council - a response had been sent to the Clerk
- l) **Amber Valley Borough Council Preferred Growth Strategy** - no response received from Amber Valley Borough Council - **item for report**
- m) **Ripley Town Council to consider re-opening Toilets in Ripley and outlying areas** - no response received from Amber Valley Borough Council
RESOLVED to authorise contracts of a maximum 6 month length with a combined maximum value of £5,000 (exc VAT) for the opening and cleaning etc of the Market Place toilets in Ripley, and during this time Cllr S D Freeborn and the Clerk would seek 3 quotations for future contracts

– Heage toilets need to be looked at for re-opening but Ambergate loo block is to be demolished.

- n) **Purchase of 20 No Parking Traffic Cones –**
RESOLVED to purchase the 20 cones up to a maximum of £150.00 not including vat
- o) **Amber Valley Have your say January 30th 2013 6.00pm till 7.00pm at Mill Hill School, Peasehill, Riley –** item for report
- p) **Derbyshire County Council experimental waiting restriction Nottingham Road Ripley –** item for report
- q) **Website “Cookie Law” Privacy and Electronic Communications (EC Directive) Regulations**
RESOLVED to make the website compliant

6005. Ripley Reckoning and Neighbourhood Plan meeting February 7th 2013 at 5.00pm in All Saints Church Ripley – item for report

6006. Heage Parkside Allotments wanting to install a composting toilet on the Allotment site
RESOLVED to agree the siting of the composting toilet

6007. Cromford View Estate – lack of planning enforcement Resolved to write to Amber Valley Borough Council urging them to enforce the planning conditions so that Morris Homes provide the play area that was promised but never built.

6008. Ripley Gateway Development

a) **General Issues –** Ripley Gateway plans will not be considered by Amber Valley Borough Council until May 2013

b) **A case of ‘maladministration’ by Amber Valley Borough Council?**

RESOLVED Cllr S D Freeborn and the Clerk will review the whole process, Amber Valley Borough Council minutes of meetings and documentation from 2010 to where we are today

c) **Petition received with 1230 signatures to be presented to Amber Valley Borough Council**

RESOLVED the Clerk is to present the petition, now 1372 signatures opposing the development to Amber Valley Borough Council

6009. Review of Christmas Lighting – changes and additions

RESOLVED to increase the budget for Christmas Lights by £2750.00 to cover “dark areas” and local members to report back possible suitable sites for a Christmas tree in Marehay and Heage

6010. Budget / Precept setting for 2013 / 2014 and Precept Form to be signed

RESOLVED to accept the budget and set the precept at £230,250.00

6011. Accounts for payment/Income cheques to be approved and signed

RESOLVED agreed and cheques signed

<u>Cheque No</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
503081	L McCormick Clerk's pay & reimbursements –503082 HMRC PAYE	£1268.31		£1268.31
503083	P Robinson tree and associated work Cedar Avenue	£120.00		£120.00
503084	P Robinson first trim / cut hedges at Nuttalls Park	£150.00		£150.00
503085	AVBC December Office Rent	£300.00	£60.00	£360.00
503086	AVBC January Office Rent	£300.00	£60.00	£360.00
503087	Phase Printers Carol Sheets	£132.54		£132.54
503088	Phase Printers Order of Service	£222.68		£222.68
503089	All Saints Ripley – Ripley Reckoning meeting	£20.00		£20.00
503090	P J Cooper repairs/replace electrical cables, timers & boxes	£1208.33	£241.67	£1450.00
503091	Shelter Maintenance Co bus shelter cleaning	£7.25	£1.45	£8.70
503092	Ripley Printers copying VG Application	£89.00	£17.80	£106.80

503093	Mh-p annual website and updating	£310.00	£62.00	£372.00
503094	Mr William Webster Barrister re: VG application	£4200.00	£840.00	£5040.00
503095	Standard Industries Ltd lighting column inspection	£341.00	£68.20	£409.20
503096	SLCC subscription	£98.82		£98.82
503097	RBS accounts software annual support	£104.00	£20.80	£124.80
503098	Harrison's Packaging litterbin bag liners 1000	£75.99	£15.20	£91.19
503099	Harrison's Packaging dog waste bags	£505.00	£101.00	£606.00
DD	BT Clerks Telephone	£62.05	£12.41	£74.46
503100	Decx Christmas Lights contractor	£13500.00	£2700.00	£16200.00
503101	Waingroves Community Association Christmas tree & lights	£488.46		£488.46
	Total	£23503.43	£4200.53	£25003.96
	Income			

6012. Planning Applications – previously circulated

AVA/2012/1082 Iron Works Farm Street Lane Ripley – Two new 4 bedroom houses – This is a departure from the Development Plan

RESOLVED to object as this is a departure / breach of the development plan and this land is green belt

6013. Items for Information in the Information Folder:

PART 2 – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

6014. To determine which items if any from Part 2 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – none required

6015. Date for the next monthly meeting February 19th 2013 at 7.00pm