

## **MINUTES of the JULY 15<sup>th</sup> 2014 MONTHLY MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

Attendees Cllrs: R P Ashton, A Bridge, L D Cox, C Cutting, S D Freeborn, R Emmas-Williams (in the Chair), D Farrelly, M J Godfrey, Mrs J H Gregory, Mrs I Harry, T Holmes, M Missett, A Tester, Mrs A S Ward, D T Ward, D A Williams, M Wilson and Mrs C Worth  
13 members of the public, the Press, and the Clerk

**Best Kept Garden and Allotment Competition presentations** – Cllr Roland Emmas-Williams Ripley Town Mayor with Teresa Winfield from the Central England Co-operative presented the prizes to the winners: The Best Kept Garden - 1st Mr & Mrs Telford, 2nd Doreen Wood & David Hawkins and 3rd Mrs Elliott – The Best Kept Allotment - 1st Harry Keable, 2nd Caroline Miller and 3rd Malcolm Townsend

### **AGENDA**

**6863. To receive apologies for absence** – Cllrs: S M Daley, A Johnston and M G Jones

**6864. Variation of Order of Business** – None required

**6865. Declaration of Members Interests:**

Cllr T Holmes declared a personal interest in the following item as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and would remain in the meeting – 8 c) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Ms L D Cox declared a personal interest in the following item as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and would remain in the meeting – 8 c) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr R Emmas-Williams declared a personal interest in the following item as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and would remain in the meeting and would remain in the meeting – 8 c) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr R Emmas-Williams declared a personal interest in the following item as a member of the club and would remain in the meeting – 8 i) Marehay Cricket Club request for funding

Cllr A Bridge declared a personal interest in the following item as a member of the Steering Group and would remain in the meeting - 8 c) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr A Bridge declared a personal interest in the following item as a member of the RBL and would remain in the meeting - 8 l) Ripley Branch of the Royal British Legion request for financial support

Cllr A Bridge declared a personal interest in the following item as a member of the Working Party Group and would remain in the meeting – 8 b) Butterley Brick Works football pitch

Cllr R P Ashton declared a personal interest in the following item as a member of the RBL and would remain in the meeting – 8 l) Ripley Branch of the Royal British Legion request for financial support

Cllr R P Ashton declared a personal interest in the following item as Treasurer of the Ripley Amateur Boxing Club and would remain in the meeting – 8 m) Ripley Amateur Boxing Club request for funding support

Cllr Mrs A S Ward declared a personal interest in the following item as a member of the RBL and would remain in the meeting – 8 l) Ripley Branch of the Royal British Legion request for financial support

Cllr D A Williams declared a personal interest in the following item as a County Councillor of Derbyshire County Council and would remain in the meeting – 8 e) Ambergate Cricket Club Ground

Cllr D A Williams declared a pecuniary interest in the following item as a Treasurer of the Friends of Carr Wood and would leave the meeting – 8 f) Carr Wood Boardwalk

Cllr D A Williams declared a personal interest in the following item as a County Councillor of Derbyshire County Council and would remain in the meeting – 8 h) Bus Shelters

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Cllr D A Williams declared a personal interest in the following item as a County Councillor of Derbyshire County Council and would remain in the meeting – 8 o) DCC Street Lighting Policy Consultation

Cllr D A Williams declared a personal interest in the following item as a County Councillor of Derbyshire County Council and would remain in the meeting – 8 r) DCC Snow Warden Scheme

**6866. Public speaking –**

Mr Paul Lavender spoke of Ripley Town Football Club playing on Nottingham Road Football pitch and the very poor state of the pitch. Other clubs from the league are not happy to play on the ground as it is such a poor state. The RTFC are an ambitious club and in order to compete with other clubs in the area it is very important to have a suitable pitch and facilities for the teams. There is a great deal of talent in the surrounding areas but the young talent choose to play for other teams with better facilities than Ripley. Mr Lavender asked RTC for help to obtain a better pitch and facilities for the team. The pitch needs sorting and the changing facilities need a re-vamp plus there is a need for better pitch railings and a dug out to enable the RTFC to compete in a better standard division and for the club to be a part of the community. Match day brings the community together and there could be a great improvement in obtaining young players if we could sort out the problems with the pitch.

Cllr S Freeborn thanked Mr Lavender for his information and explained that the RTC are trying to work with the Butterley Brick site with a view for the medium / longer term solution. Members of the Borough Council have arranged for RTFC to play on the land that belongs to Clowes Westerman and maybe that pitch could be upgraded. The Borough Council take money from the tent / camping people but have not put anything back. The Council wish you well for the season and hope that you can attract youngsters to play in the team.

Cllr R P Ashton expressed his thanks to Cllr Steve Freeborn and Cllr Mick Wilson for the Ripley Music Festival for a wonderful effort again this year and many comments he had received were all very favourable. Sunday afternoon in the park was excellent and better than when held on the Market Place, well done to all involved.

Cllr S Freeborn thanked Cllr Ashton and would pass on the comments to the RMF Committee. 6400 people attended the five outdoor events on the 'big stage' and there were no complaints about the fireworks. Only one first aid problem when someone got something in their eye. Special thanks to Bruce Swanwick and his team and thanks to the Police who were very pro-active and without them it would be very difficult. Next year's dates already arranged July 12<sup>th</sup> to July 19<sup>th</sup> 2015.

**6867. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Monthly Meeting June 17<sup>th</sup> 2014 and Events Committee Minutes July 4<sup>th</sup> 2014 (circulated) –**

**RESOLVED** both minutes were signed as a true and accurate record with the added apologies from Cllr T Holmes to the Events minutes

**6868. To determine which items if any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.** None required

**6869. Town Mayor's Announcements –**

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June attended the Teddy Bears Picnic at the Waingroves Community Woodland

Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup> attended the Waingroves School Fayre then attended the Armed Forces Day event put on by Tim Lane and the RBL

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June attended the Brass Band Concert in Crossley Park by Blidworth Miners Welfare Band

2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> July visit to Glogow, Poland as part of the delegation with Sports Athletes to compete in the Mini Olympics

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July attended Crossley Park Schools Day concert and then Ripley All Saints Church to attend a concert by the Sonara Singers as part of the Music Festival

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July an extremely busy day. In the morning judged the Best Kept Garden and Allotments Competition with the Deputy Mayor, in the afternoon opened the Ripley Hospital League of Friends Garden Party before attending Ambergate Carnival, and in the evening attended the Proms Spectacular and Fireworks Display in Crossley Park

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July attended a charity event at Marehay Miners Welfare in support of Ryan Coutts who is suffering with a brain tumour and raised £4100.00, and then attended Crossley Park for the Rom Fest

The Deputy Mayor attended the Crich Supper given by the Mercian Regiment on the Mayors behalf. Just a reminder to all of the invitation for this w/e 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> July to the patrons and Friends of Duchess of Sutherland Open Day from 10.00am to 4.30pm at the Midland Railway

**6870. Report of the Town Clerk on: -**

- a) **New Website** – update website is in place – amendments may be needed -  
**RESOLVED** for Councillors to inform the Clerk of local businesses and organisations who would like their details added to the website and to give the website more content
- b) **Butterley Brick Works Football Pitch** – Cllr D A Williams reported that meetings were to be held between DCC, AVBC, Mill Hill School, representatives of RTC and an advisor regarding Sport Strategy and findings will be reported back to the Council – **item for information**
- c) **Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr Freeborn reported that the Neighbourhood Plan had been submitted to Amber Valley Borough Council and an Inspector would be selected and appointed, with the agreement of RTC – **item of report**
- d) **Hanging Baskets in situ and planters sites being researched** – item for information
- e) **Ambergate Cricket Club Ground** – Cllr Freeborn reported that the Heage Educational Trust have agreed to purchase the land and an offer has been accepted by the vendor and a long term lease will be agreed for the Cricket Club – **item for report**
- f) **Carr Wood Boardwalk** – AVBC have agreed 50% share of the costs and will purchase the wood etc and will invoice RTC for 50%  
**RESOLVED** the Clerk is to contact the Friends of Carr Wood for clarification regarding if installation costs being included in the figures given
- g) **Quotations received for electrical work required for extra Christmas Lights** – Company ‘A’ £1100.00 + vat (Registered as a Trusted Trader) – Company ‘B’ £1398.45 + vat (Registered as a Trusted Trader) – Company ‘C’ £1715.00 + vat  
**RESOLVED** to accept the quotation from company A - P J Cooper Ltd
- h) **Bus Shelters** – consultation letters sent to properties immediately adjacent to Victory Avenue two bus shelters, Chapel Street one near Lidl and DCC investigating a possible location across the road from Lidl – consider replacement bus shelter at Parkside Heage -  
**RESOLVED** the Clerk is to chase DCC regarding the suitable location of a bus shelter on Chapel Street and to replace two which have been removed and add three new ones – locations to be agreed with ward Councillors
- i) **Marehay Cricket Club** request for funding for coaching and equipment as the number of children playing this year has increased significantly  
**RESOLVED** to give a grant of £340.00
- j) **Leonard Cheshire Disability** request for funding for transport to a disability sports event at West Park Long Eaton cost between £300.00 and £400.00 (six people from Ripley enjoy the services of the group)  
**RESOLVED** to withdraw as requests were made for information regarding beneficiaries from the Ripley area but none was forthcoming
- k) **Marehay Community Trust** request for funding support towards Marehay Show  
**RESOLVED** to give a grant of £500.00
- l) **Ripley & District Branch of the Royal British Legion** – request for support towards costs of running the Remembrance Parade and Service November 9<sup>th</sup> 2014 asking for whatever cost RTC incurred for the 2013 Parade and Service  
**RESOLVED** more dialogue is needed regarding Civic responsibilities and items to be supported, Cllrs S Freeborn, R Emmas-Williams and T Tester would arrange a meeting with RBL

- m) **Ripley Amateur Boxing Club** request funding support, more youngsters and now females attending  
**RESOLVED** to give a grant of £200.00
- n) **Vitalise request for funding support**  
**RESOLVED** not to give a grant as the group cannot give details of any residents of Ripley who benefit from the charity
- o) **DCC Street Lighting policy consultation** – previously circulated and comments requested regarding the street lighting along the A6 between Ambergate and Broadholme Land two street lights to be switched off permanently – **item for information**
- p) **FP55 strimmed ground vegetation** as the right of way from Peasehill Road past Greenhillocks was impassable also FP 60 and FP112 Waingroves also need strimming as there had been many complaints from residents and parents, the costs will be claimed back from DCC in the Minor Maintenance claim RTC will make to DCC – **item for information**
- q) **Albion Street footpath** the kerb stones retaining the tarmac have moved and creating a hazard – DCC have been informed – **item for information**
- r) **DCC Snow Warden Scheme**  
**RESOLVED** not to participate but local groups or organisations may wish to participate
- s) **Thank you for the grant letters** received from Waingroves Drama Group, **Waingroves Rainbows, 1<sup>st</sup> Ripley Guides, Nether Heage Methodist Church – Waingroves Community Trust** – item for report
- t) **Fleet Arts report** –the Long Song Project WW1 commemoration report – Cllr Freeborn reported there had been a performance in Crossley Park of a story based on three brothers from Ripley where two died and one survived and the youngsters wrote the music and the words, it was a very moving experience – **item for information**
- u) **Adopt Policies / Standing Orders / Code of Conduct** – previously circulated
- Risk Assessment
  - Internal Control
  - Equality & Diversity
  - Standing Orders
  - Code of Conduct
  - Freedom Of Information
  - Financial Regulations
  - Working Alone Policy
- RESOLVED** to adopt all the above

**6871. Accounts for payment / Income** cheques to be approved and signed

<b>Cheque No</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
503855	Ripley Music Festival - grant as agreed in budget	£2500.00		£2500.00
503856	L McCormick Salary & reimbursements + 503857 HMRC	£1397.93		£1397.93
503858	L McCormick August Salary + 503859 HMRC	£1295.25		£1295.25
503860	Plantscape Hanging Baskets and Lamp post testing	£3224.00	£644.80	£3868.80
503861	Rural Action Derbyshire support for the Neighbourhood Plan	£6250.00		£6250.00
503862	The National Leaflet Company newsletter delivery	£761.41	£152.28	£913.69
503863	AVBC Office Rent	£300.00	£60.00	£360.00
503864	Phase Print Ltd Newsletter printing	£775.44		£775.44
503865	Pure Safety signage for bus shelters etc	£171.35	£34.27	£205.62
503866	Pure Safety signs no dog fouling	£45.04	£9.01	£54.05
503867	Matlock Brass Band Crossley Park	£275.00		£275.00

503868	Blidworth Miners Welfare Band Crossley Park	£400.00		£400.00
503669	Ashbourne Town Band Crossley Park	£220.00		£220.00
503870	Zurich Municipal Insurance	£1160.35		£1160.35
503871	Kept Kleen toilet cleaning weeks 18 / 19 / 20 / 21 / 22	£338.00		£338.00
503872	Derbyshire Probation Trust Greenway litter pick and bins	£208.33	£41.67	£250.00
503873	CPRE subscription	£36.00		£36.00
503874	Fleet Arts the Long Song Project	£5000.00		£5000.00
503875	Peter Robinson Hedge-cutting Nuttalls Park Allotments	£180.00		£180.00
503876	Peter Robinson strimming & brush cutting along FP55	£120.00		£120.00
503877	Keptkleen toilet cleaning weeks 23 / 24 / 25 / 26 / 27	£338.00		£338.00
503878	R Deans Sub editing N Plan	£481.00		£481.00
503879	R Deans Checking and organising references N Plan	£208.00		£208.00
	Total	£25685.10	£942.03	£26627.13
Income				

**6872. Planning Applications –** previously circulated

**6873. Items for Information in the Information Folder:** DALC Circulars 12/2014 - 13/2014 – 14/2014- 15/2014 – 16/2014- Clerks and Councils Direct magazine -

**6874. Employment matters –** recommendations from Employment Group meeting – discussions are continuing and a report will be given to the Council when recommendations prepared

**6875. Date for the next monthly meeting September 16th 2014 at 7.00pm –**meeting closed at 7.40pm