



# Ripley Town Council

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## Minutes of the Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 5.30pm RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Ripley. DE5 3BT

In Attendance: Cllrs: D Farrelly, I Fisher, S Freeborn (Chair), M Missett, N Weaving, D Williams and L McCormick Town Clerk and H Curzon, Deputy Town Clerk.

### AGENDA

270718/1. **To receive apologies for absence – None**

270718/2. **Variation of Order of Business – none required**

270718/3. **Declaration of Members Interests – none declared**

270718/4. **Public speaking – no public present**

270718/5. **Environmental Action Plan – Update**

Now the Action Plan is adopted by the Council, this committee needs to be clear on how it is monitored and evaluated, based on each heading and benchmarking within the plan. The chair advised that resources are the issue when trying to keep the action plan updated.

It was considered that the background / base data available about environmental standards should be collected. This includes the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust reports, water quality information from the Environment Agency, and the pollution levels reports from the Pollution Officer at AVBC (Melanie Goodier) can also give relevant information. Figures on recycling are also available from AVBC.

It was also suggested that much information is available online to enable the plan to be updated, and that work / actions can be tracked on a spreadsheet with updates auto-generated to allow monitoring of measurements.

Noted that the Environment Agency lends equipment to community groups to test water and / or air quality. RTC to ask Friends of Carr Wood if they are aware of this.

It was suggested that the Environment Committee meet more regularly than every 6 months.

270718/6. **Environmental Awards**

Town Clerk reported that the Friends of Carr Wood are asking for a grant for tools.

**ACTION** To ask Friends of Carr Wood to be more precise and provide a list of what they want. It was suggested that power tools might be better than battery operated ones. Once this information is received, the council will support this application.

An application received previously from the Waingroves Community Association for litter picking equipment was supported.

**ACTION** Ripley Town Council to provide equipment for litter picking.

Cllr Fisher would welcome and support a request from Derbyshire Wildlife Trust for a grant to go into schools to educate children about the environment. We would need a willingness from schools to want this.

**270718/7. Amber Valley Borough Council – Green Belt Review**

Cllr Freeborn reported that the review is underway.

**ACTION** Ripley Town Council to write to AVBC (as per the outcome from the Full Council meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018).

Cllr Fisher suggested that RTC Councillors who are also Amber Valley Borough Councillors should lobby Amber Valley Borough Council about this matter. He asked if there will be a consultation and suggested that Ripley Town Council elect a representative to attend meetings on behalf of Ripley Town Council.

**RECOMENDATION** that Cllr. Freeborn attends Amber Valley Borough Council consultation meetings, representing Ripley Town Council.

**270718/8. Close meeting – meeting closed at 6pm**

**The next RTC Monthly Full Council Meeting will be held on September 18<sup>th</sup> 2018.**