

Minutes of the March 20th 2012 Monthly Meeting of Ripley Town Council

Present: Councillor M Missett (in the Chair)
Councillors R P Ashton, D Bowley, A Bridge, Miss L D Cox, C Cutting, S D Freeborn, M B Gent, M J Godfrey, Mrs J H Gregory, T Holmes, S Joynes, R A P Phillips-Forsyth, Mrs A S Ward, D T Ward, D A Williams, Mrs C Worth.
In attendance: one member of the public and the Clerk

AGENDA

PART I – NON CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

5853. To receive apologies for absence Cllrs: K T Buzzard, S M Daley, M G Jones and M Wilson

5854. Variation of Order of Business NONE

5855. Declaration of Members Interests NONE

5856. Public speaking – (10 Minutes)

Cllr C Cutting spoke of the problems with a litter bin on Maple Avenue which was blown away and Cllr Cuttings had found it and replaced it to its position, however it has disappeared totally now and the land near to the side of the chip shop is covered in litter.

Cllr R P Ashton stated that he had spoken to Amber Valley Borough Council regarding clearing and cleaning this area of land on several occasions and would speak to them again.

Cllr T Holmes spoke of two vehicles that continuously park in front of Ripley Library and something needs to be done to stop this, the Police had been contacted and apparently Derbyshire County Council are aware of this problem.

Cllr D Bowley spoke to Derbyshire County Council who are aware of this problem and are looking to put concrete bollards in situ, however the land owner has to be identified first but will keep the Council informed.

Cllr RAP Phillips-Forsyth spoke of residents across Amber Valley have received their Council Tax Bill but there is no explanation of what the Ripley Town Council money is and what it is being used for.

Cllr S D Freeborn replied that the Ripley Town Council Newsletter which is almost ready to go to the printers contains this information.

Cllr RAP Phillips-Forsyth spoke of Mr John Stamp who does lots of work with Waingroves Community Association and the Waingroves Woodlands Trust has been chosen to carry the Olympic Torch in Chesterfield this is a great accolade.

Cllr RAP Phillips-Forsyth also spoke of Waingroves Community Association losing their £5200.00 grant from Derbyshire County Council and would be finding things very difficult this year.

Cllr C Cutting spoke of the Ripley Town Council Newsletter contains far more information than ever before giving the public information of what the Ripley Town Council are doing.

Cllr S D Freeborn replied that on behalf of the Council offered congratulations to Mr John Stamp regarding being chosen to carry the Olympic Torch and the Clerk would write stating this from the Council.

Cllr S D Freeborn also spoke of Waingroves Community Association losing the £5200.00 grant from Derbyshire County Council and agreed that Waingroves should be made aware of this.

Cllr D Bowley replied that the £5200.00 grant from Derbyshire County Council was a one off payment and they are looking at alternative funding and Cllr D Bowley is meeting with the Community Association.

Cllr J H Gregory gave PC Mark Reddish apologies as he had been called to attend a Police Operation and was unable to attend the meeting.

5857. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on February 21st 2012 previously circulated
RESOLVED signed as a true and accurate record.

5858. To determine which items if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded. NONE

- 5859. Town Mayor's Announcements** Cllr Missett spoke of his Civic Dinner and those who attended had an enjoyable evening and please be reminded of the Civic Service to be held on April 15th 2012 at All Saints Church Ripley.
- 5860. Report of the Town Clerk on: -**
- a) **Heage Road allotments** requesting extension to the land for more allotments
RESOLVED the land next to the allotment is development land and if this were to happen then the possibility of asking the developer for using some of the land for allotments could be something that the Ripley Town Council could ask for, the Clerk is to write to all the Allotment Associations explaining that this is something that the Neighbourhood Forum would be an ideal place for ensuring allotments are considered within the Neighbourhood Plan
 - b) **Amber Valley Borough Council planning letter sent to Cllr J Anderson regarding AVA/2011/0491** response from D Stafford previously circulated
RESOLVED a further letter of response had been sent to Mr P Carney
 - c) **Cedar Avenue Play Area quotations**
RESOLVED a Working Party to be set up and meet to discuss possibilities, the Working Party will consist of Cllrs Tony Holmes, David Williams, Ron Ashton, Stuart Joynes and one other
 - d) **Porterhouse Road Play Area quotations** 5 letters objecting to Play Equipment received from parishioners.
RESOLVED a Working Party to be set up and meet to discuss possibilities, the Working Party will consist of Cllrs Tony Holmes, David Williams, Ron Ashton, Stuart Joynes and one other
 - e) **Litterbins quotations for the Greenway**
RESOLVED the Clerk had obtained quotations for litter bins, however the Clerk is to obtain quotations for emptying litter bins, as Amber Valley Borough Council state they have no access along the Greenway to empty litter bins
 - f) **Meeting dates 2012 / 2013**
RESOLVED to be circulated to all Councillors
 - g) **Newsletter**
RESOLVED the Newsletter will hopefully be going to print by the end of Friday 23rd March, 2012 and a new distribution company will be delivering them
 - h) **Report from Cllr Freeborn Stakeholder Event**
RESOLVED Cllr Freeborn gave a report
 - i) **Arrange Events meeting**
RESOLVED the Councillors of the Events Committee would contact the Clerk giving available dates
 - j) **Christmas Lights to go out to tender**
RESOLVED the Contractor had been given notice, the Clerk had received a letter in response and the Clerk and Cllr Freeborn were given delegated powers to seek Solicitors advice. The Tender for the Christmas lights for this year would be posted on the Source Derbyshire website
 - k) **Securing the Future of our Natural Environment report from the Clerk**
RESOLVED the Clerk gave a report, information gathered will be useful for the Neighbourhood Plan
 - l) **George Kerry name to be added to the Memorial killed in Germany 1946**

RESOLVED to go ahead to add the name to the Memorial and the Clerk will get the Memorial cleaned

5861. Neighbourhood Plan open meeting February 28th 2012: Report from meeting.
The next meeting is on March 27th 2012 – item for report

5862. Legal Representation; Planning Matters

RESOLVED the Clerk and Cllr Freeborn were given delegated powers to seek QC advice regarding with a possibility of judicial review in respect of planning matters; however before, any money is spent, it would be brought to full Council first

5863. Town Hall Lease; Update – the Lease has not been signed as yet and negotiations are taking place between Ripley Town Council and Amber Valley Borough Council item for report

5864. Action for Market Towns; Proposal to affiliate

RESOLVED to affiliate to the Action for Market Towns for 1 year at a cost of £235 plus VAT

5865. Accounts for payment/Income cheques to be approved and signed

RESOLVED signed and approved

<u>Cheque No</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
503616 /7	L McCormick Clerk salary PAYE costs	£1010.77		£1010.77
503618	L McCormick reimburse copying Local Plans maps	£120.00		£120.00
503619	Heage Allotments	£200.00		£200.00
503620	DALC	£914.65		£914.65
503621	Staples	£105.24	£21.05	£126.29
503622	AVBC office rent for Old Town Hall – March 2012	£300.00	£60.00	£360.00
503623	Mh-p Plan E Annual	£310.00	£62.00	£372.00
503624	AVBC Postage	£109.46		£109.46
DD	BT Internet	£110.00	£22.00	£132.00
	Total	£3180.12	£165.05	£3345.17
503625	E-On Christmas Lights electricity	£389.20	£77.84	£467.04
	Total	£3569.32	£242.89	£3812.21
Income				

The Clerk was thanked for securing the substantial reduction in the E-On payment.

5866. Planning Applications separate sheet previously circulated - item for report

5867. Items for Information:- made available in the Information File

PART 2 – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS None identified

5868. Date for next monthly Meeting: **Monthly Town Council Meeting April 17th 2012 at 7.15pm**

Meeting closed at 7.40pm