

MINUTES of October 13th 2015 MONTHLY MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

held at **7.00pm** in the Council Chamber Town Hall, Ripley

In Attendance: Cllrs: R P Ashton, A Bridge (Chair), S D Carter, Ms L D Cox, C Cutting, S D Freeborn, R Emmas-Williams, Mrs S Emmas-Williams, D Farrelly, I Fisher, Mrs J H Gregory, T Holmes, A Johnston, Mrs L Joyes, P Loble, P C Moss, D A Williams, Mrs C Worth
Also two members of the public, L McCormick Town Clerk and K Hall Community Officer

AGENDA

7062. To receive apologies for absence – Cllrs: M G Jones, M J Missett and M Wilson

7063. Variation of Order of Business – none required

7064. Declaration of Members Interests

Cllr R Emmas-Williams declared a personal interest in the following items as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and would remain in the meeting – 8 c) Nottingham Road Recreation Land and 8 h) Whole Elections for Amber Valley Borough

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 – 8 c) Nottingham Road Recreation Land and 8 h) Whole Elections for Amber Valley Borough

Cllr R P Ashton declared a personal interest in the following items as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and would remain in the meeting – 8 a) Neighbourhood Plan referendum 8 c) Nottingham Road Recreation Land and would leave the meeting for item 8 h) Whole Elections for Amber Valley Borough

Cllr P Moss declared a personal interest in the following items as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and would remain in the meeting – 8 a) Neighbourhood Plan referendum 8 c) Nottingham Road Recreation Land and would leave the meeting for item 8 h) Whole Elections for Amber Valley Borough

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

7065. Public speaking –

Cllr R Emmas-Williams spoke of his concerns regarding statements made in the press by Cllr R P Ashton on October 1st 2015 regarding the Nottingham Road recreation land proposal. He felt that Cllr R P Ashton should offer apologies to the residents of Ripley, for making misleading statements in the local newspaper.

Police report – A public meeting had been held and 15 members of the public attended to set the Policing priorities which were Anti-Social Behaviour, Ripley Town centre and the Greenway. There were 3 events coming up. Ripley Fair which opens on Wednesday and which has a great atmosphere, Ripley Christmas Lights Switch On and the Michaelmas Market, meaning extra shifts. We are offering support to young people. Also looking to extend the designated compulsory no drinking area to Church Street, Grosvenor Road and Oxford Street, would like to gauge the opinion of Cllrs and members of the public.

Cllr S Freeborn thanked the Police for their 'cover' and flexibility with the events coming up, and welcomed Youth Workers working alongside the Police. He felt the extension of the designated area in the Town centre would be welcomed.

Cllr A Johnston spoke of speeding traffic in Ambergate and felt that the signs with changing speed limits were confusing.

7066. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Monthly Meeting September 15th 2015 and Employment Committee minutes of July 10th 2015, August 7th 2015 and August 27th 2015 (previously circulated) and Finance Committee October 9th 2015

(to be circulated) - RESOLVED to agree and sign the minutes as a true and accurate record with amendments to the monthly meeting September 15th 2015

7067. To determine which items if any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded. None required

7068. Town Mayors Announcements: Deputy Mayor Cllr A Bridge attended Derby Cathedral for the annual Legal Service on Sunday October 11th 2015

7069. Report of the Town Clerk on: -

- a) **Neighbourhood Plan – referendum update October 15th 2015 – Four Cllrs allowed to attend the count Cllr S Freeborn, M Missett, A Bridge and R Ashton– item for information** also letter received from a resident
RESOLVED the Clerk is to write to Amber Valley Borough Council as there were streets which may not have received any Poll Cards for the referendum voting. It also noted thanks to Brian Wood for Chairing the Steering Group, and thanks to Nigel Mills MP and others for assisting with delivering information leaflets to residents within the Township. It was noted that there were requests for seven Cllrs wishing to attend the count but AVBC restricted the amount who could attend to four, apologies to those who could not attend.
- b) **Codnor Common Land – update**
RESOLVED for Cllr S Freeborn and the Town Clerk to pursue options for legal advice and assistance
- c) **Nottingham Road Recreation Land – update**
The Amber Valley Borough Council Cabinet had met recently and formally agreed to commission the scheme of the combined pavilion and training centre, after consultation with Groundwork Creswell, Ashfield & Mansfield, Butterley United Cricket Club, Ripley Town Football Club and Ripley Rangers Football Club and the Town Council.
- d) **Bus Shelters – update and quotes – request for a bus shelter at Ambergate**
RESOLVED the Clerk is to come back to the Full Council with a report detailing condensed choices and ‘like for like’ quotations for particular bus shelters in particular locations. The Council is to take a measured view on whether possibly some bus shelters could be refurbished. These bus shelters will be financed in the new financial year.
- e) **Play Areas in Ripley Township and Equipment – (previously circulated) – AVBC to empty the litter bins for eight weeks**
RESOLVED to accept the quotation from AVBC to the end of the financial year (March 31st 2016) and check that the litter is taken away and they are more diligent and to query the litter bin at Porterhouse Road as this is outside the actual play area.
- f) **Pit Top Pond area – update – at present the landowner title is unavailable, ponies are escaping on the land and breaking through the fence and also there are homeless people living on the land with no facilities. Cllrs S Freeborn and R Emma-Williams had attended a meeting at the Ripley Academy School, reporting that fencing has been damaged and the current situation needs resolving quickly and the Police are involved.**
- g) **Planters to be installed – quotations for installing and planting**
RESOLVED to accept quotation B from Plantscape for £1210.00 + vat for installing the planters, planting up and watering for 12 months
- h) **Whole Elections for Amber Valley Borough Council – (consultation response) – Noted.**
Cllrs R P Ashton and P Moss left the meeting
- i) **Trent Barton – withdrawing the Ruddington route - report noted**

- j) **Residents complaint regarding Amber Sound not suitable for the Christmas Lights Switch ON** – noted this was not the view of the RTC the Clerk would check with the events Committee
- k) **Fair Dinner at Lumb Farm October 20th 2015 and Fair Opening October 21st 2015** – item for information
- l) **Funding from Tesco Local Community Scheme** – information circulated – **noted** – the Town Clerk would look at possible play area funding

7070. Accounts for payment and Income cheques to be approved and signed

RESOLVED to agree and sign the cheques

- **Audit Commission signed off accounts** - noted
- **Finance meeting to arrange for Budget recommendations** – a further meeting had been arranged

<u>Cheq No</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
504167	Grant Thornton Auditors	£600.00	£120.00	£720.00
504168	L McCormick reimbursement paper products	£294.78		£294.78
504169	The national Leaflet Company delivering newsletter	£838.54	£167.71	£1006.25
504170	L McCormick salary & reimbursement 504171 HMRC PAYE	£1474.58		£1474.58
504172	AVBC Heage Toilets Rates	£38.00		£38.00
504173	AVBC Office Rent	£525.00	£105.00	£630.00
504174	Cubit Ultrasonic Lamp-post testing for Christmas Trees	£375.00		£375.00
504175	L McCormick reimbursement Glo Sticks etc for Christmas Lights	£310.45	£62.09	£372.54
504176	Shelter Maintenance Ltd cleaning bus shelters	£93.50	£18.70	£112.20
	Totals	£4,549.85	£473.50	£5,023.35
504177	Iansprint Neighbourhood Plan copies	£482.50	£30.00	£512.50
504178	RBS Rialtas Accounts Software annual maintenance	£111.00	£22.20	£133.20
504179	Keptkleen Toilets wks 36/37/38/39/40 Heage	£208.00		£208.00
504180	Keptkleen Toilets wks 36/37/38/39/40 Ripley	£338.00		£338.00
	Totals	£5689.35	£525.70	£6215.05
504181	P Robinson trim & cut hedges Nuttalls Park Allotments	£230.00		£230.00
504182	Phase Print Newsletter printing	£699.08		£699.08
	Totals	£ 929.08		£ 929.08
Income	AVBC 50% precept			£99499.75
	Total			£99499.75

7071. Planning Applications – previously circulated

a) **Planning Training October 23rd or November 27th 2015** dates available

RESOLVED to accept October 23rd 2015 at 1.30pm for the training in the Council Chamber

7072. Items for Information in the Information Folder: DALC Circulars 23/2015 – DALC Circulars 24/2015 – RAD Community Food Outlets in Derbyshire and Foodbank Forum – Bus shelter cleaning report - **noted**

7073. Employment matters – Community Officer employed from October 5th 2015 – **item for information**

7074. Date for the next monthly meeting November 17th 2015 at 7.00pm