

MINUTES of the October 15th 2013 MONTHLY MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

In Attendance: Cllrs: R P Ashton, A Bridge (in the Chair), C Cutting, S M Daley, S D Freeborn, R Emmas-Williams, D Farrelly, M B Gent, M J Godfrey, Mrs J H Gregory, M J Missett, RAP Phillips-Forsyth, Mrs A S Ward, D S Ward, D A Williams, M Wilson and Mrs C Worth
1 member of the public, 3 members of the Police and the Clerk
Meeting closed at 20.02.

AGENDA

6753. To receive apologies for absence – Cllrs Ms LD Cox, T Holmes, M G Jones

6754. Variation of Order of Business - None

6755. Declaration of Members Interests –

RESOLVED to take item 11 Grounds Maintenance and Services Generally with 8c) Cedar Avenue Grounds Maintenance

6756. Public speaking –

A member of the public expressed her concern at the text in the Ripley Area Youth council flyer, Cllr Freeborn advised that The Blend had produced the flyer for the youth of the area

The Police advised that Amber Valley Borough Council have given notice to leave the Town Hall office and they are concerned that other suitable premises are not available, space is very limited at Police HQ.

Cllr D Williams has approached Alan Charles Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire to request that the Police could enforce parking tickets.

6757. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Meeting September 17th 2013 (previously circulated) - **RESOLVED** to sign the minutes as a true and accurate record

6758. To determine which items if any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public
Excluded - None

6759. Town Mayor's Announcements – **Opened** Walkers Butchers September 28th 2013 – Deputy Mayor attended RNLI event October 5th 2013 – Deputy Mayor attended Alfreton Civic Service October 13th 2013

6760. Report of the Town Clerk on: -

a) Police eviction from Town Hall by Amber Valley Borough Council – Cllr S Freeborn stated that Ripley Town Council are hugely disappointed and shocked that the licence has been terminated by Amber Valley Borough Council. The Police Commissioner has written to Stuart Bradford leader of Amber Valley Borough Council to ask why no consultation had taken place, also that the decision had been made by Officers of Amber Valley Borough Council and not by the Members.

RESOLVED the Clerk to write to Amber Valley Borough Council to ask them to reconsider their decision, Ripley Town Council fully support the Police presence in the Town Hall which is very good for Ripley.

b) Porterhouse Road – work to cut the hedges back completed and update – **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation from Forward Fenceline for £3135 to install 2 gates and modify the fence panels

c) Cedar Avenue Grounds Maintenance – **RESOLVED** the Clerk to contact Community Payback Team to ask if they would litter pick Cedar Avenue and Porterhouse Road

d) Notice of vacancy and anyone showing interest should apply to the Clerk and is displayed in the Barrel Vault and inserted in the R&H News – **item for information**

e) Bus Shelter Marehay – update no response from Amber Valley Borough Council to Derbyshire County Council regarding AV taking on the maintenance – **Bus Shelter for Heage Road** (opposite Norman Road) Ripley, information – **update** – **RESOLVED** to check the Budget figures at the Finance meeting to establish whether it is viable for Ripley Town Council to take on the maintenance

- f) **Heage Toilets** – update – Contacted the Black Boy Public house to establish how many members of the public use their facilities which is on average 50 per month mainly school children waiting for the bus. There was discussion regarding the use of the toilets. The Clerk reported that the time lock and the sanitary equipment would be installed when the licence had been received from Amber Valley Borough Council
- g) **Litter on play areas, Albion Street and Broadway** – Thanks to Cllr R Emma Williams for collecting litter. **RESOLVED** Clerk to contact Amber Valley Borough Council to ask if they would do a litter pick and would also ask the Community Payback Team if they could incorporate this in their work schedule. Albion Street requires a litter bin, the Clerk to take measurements of the litter bin that Ripley Town Council would purchase to install and ask if Amber Valley Borough Council would empty the litter bin
- h) **Market Place toilets clothing and aerosols found** – Clerk reported that it would quite expensive to change to Timed Flow taps, therefore would monitor the situation
- i) **100 years World War 1 Commemoration** – Report – the Clerk had previously circulated proposals of Commemorative events and this would be an agenda item for November
- j) **Crossley Park and Toilets** – update – the Clerk is to arrange a meeting with Simon Gladwin, Friends of Crossley Park, Cllr S Freeborn and the Clerk.
- k) **Youth Council** – meeting report – meeting was held, the next meeting was to be in the Council Chambers on November 7th however it is not available therefore the Clerk would contact McDonalds
- l) **Remembrance Parade and Service November 10th 2013** – wreaths are to be ordered by middle of October – Clerk to confirm to all Cllrs the contact details of where the wreaths are to be collected from. Next year the Ripley Branch of the Royal British Legion will arrange the Remembrance Parade and Service and all associated matters.
- m) **Fair Dinner October 22nd 2013** – A reminder to all wishing to attend to contact the Clerk and payment made.
- n) **Fair Opening October 23rd 2013** – Town Crier to Cry the Charter – the Clerk reported that the Town Crier has agreed to attend to ‘cry the Charter’.
- o) **Allotments Committee and Allotment Site Representatives meeting October 18th 2013 at 5.30pm**
- p) **Waingroves Thorn Tree and Community Centre designation as community assets** – update – the Clerk reported that the Waingroves Thorn Tree was already on the market for sale and could not therefore be added to the Community Assets register. Cllr RAP Phillips-Forsyth will contact the Community Centre management team to inform them to register the Community Centre, item for November meeting
- q) **Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service** – Consultation on Transforming Service Delivery 2022 previously circulated – Agenda item for November meeting

6761. Email from the website regarding dog fouling on footpath near Waingroves school – the Clerk to report this to Amber Valley Borough Council

6762. Accounts for payment/Income cheques to be approved and signed – External Audit report received - **RESOLVED** to agree and sign the cheques.

Cheque No	Payee	£	VAT	Total
503260	Wood Street Methodist Church grant	£1000.00		£1000.00
503261	L McCormick salary & reimbursements 503262 HMRC PAYE	£1352.83		£1352.83
DD	BT Quarterly Ripley Town Council telephone at Clerk's home	£65.70	£13.14	£78.84
503263	Broxap two further litter bins for the Greenway	£499.00	£99.80	£598.80
503264	R Deans N Plan & RR media 18/09 25/09 02/10 08/10	£832.00		£832.00
503265	Amber Valley Borough Council postage July/Aug/Sept	£89.22		£89.22
503266	DALC new Good Councillor Guides	£48.00		£48.00

503267	Phase Print Ltd Newsletter printing	£513.68	£102.74	£616.42
503268	Phase Print Ltd Coloured Youth Council Flyer printing	£121.00		£121.00
503269	Amber Valley Borough Council fee for Porterhouse Road Lease	£200.00		£200.00
503270	The National Leaflet Co newsletter delivery	£742.78	£148.56	£891.34
503271	Grant Thornton External Auditors fee	£400.00	£80.00	£480.00
503272	P Robinson cutting back hedges Porterhouse Road	£90.00		£90.00
503273	Mh-p Ripley Town Council Domain Name two years renewal	£15.98	£3.20	£19.18
503274	Pure Safety Do Not Drop Litter signage	£32.70	£6.54	£39.24
503275	L McCormick reimburse Play Area No Dogs signage	£52.64	£10.53	£63.17
503276	RBS annual software maintenance	£107.00	£21.40	£128.40
503277	Shelter Maintenance clean Marehay bus shelter	£5.75	£1.15	£6.90
503278	Planning Design Consultant charges for Neighbourhood Plan	£208.30	£41.66	£249.96
503279	Amber Valley Borough Council Office Rent – October	£300.00	£60.00	£360.00
503280	Keptkleen cleaning wk's 36, 37, 38, 39 & pt 40 + new toilet seat and new toilet roll holders	£413.00		£413.00
503281	Decx Ltd 40% Christmas Lights 2013	£12550.00	£2510.00	£15060.00
503282	Royal British Legion – Remembrance Wreaths Ripley Town Council x 2 & Ripley Chamber of Trade x 1	£60.00		£60.00
		£19,699.58	£3,098.72	£22,798.30
	Total			
Income				
	50% Precept			£115125.00
	Total			£115125.00

6763. Ripley Reckoning / Neighbourhood Plan - To receive reports and drop in evenings at Sawmills October 24th 2013 6.00pm till 8.00pm and Heage Village Hall November 2nd 2013 10.00am till 12.00noon – Cllr S Freeborn are looking to open on December 22nd 2013 for Christmas shopping, the parking scheme would also be in place. the Clerk would contact Amber Valley Borough Council regarding entertainment on Oxford Street and at the rear of the library.

6764. Grounds Maintenance and Services Generally – this item was dealt with in item 8 c)

6765. Planning Applications – previously circulated

- a) AVA/2013/0891 Asher Lane Business Park, Asher Lane, Hammersmith, Ripley outline application with all matters reserved for the redevelopment of part of Asher Lane Business Park to provide up to 80 residential dwellings incorporating open space, access and landscaping. – **RESOLVED** Ripley Town Council object as the road is not suitable for increased traffic, there are a number of businesses which occupy the area and they would suffer, the Clerk to write to Amber Valley Borough Council to object.

6766. Items for Information in the Information Folder: DALC Circulars

6767. Date for the next monthly meeting November 19th 2013 at 7.00pm