

MINUTES of OCTOBER 28th 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 I Harry, T Holmes, A Johnston, M Missett, A Tester, D A Williams, M Wilson and Mrs C Worth
3 members of the public, the Press, and the Clerk

AGENDA

- 6919. To receive apologies for absence** – Cllrs S M Daley, Mrs J H Gregory, M G Jones, Mrs A S Ward and DA Ward
- 6920. Variation of Order of Business**
- 6921. Declaration of Members Interests –**
Cllr Ms L D Cox 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, 8e) Heage Toilets – g) Parish & Town Elections and 8h) Ripley Old Town Hall
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 a) Neighbourhood Plan, 8e) Heage Toilets – g) Parish & Town Elections and 8h) Ripley Old Town Hall
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 a) Neighbourhood Plan, 8e) Heage Toilets – g) Parish & Town Elections and 8h) Ripley Old Town Hall
Cllr M Wilson 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, 8e) Heage Toilets – g) Parish & Town Elections and 8h) Ripley Old Town Hall
Cllr D Farrelly 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, 8e) Heage Toilets – g) Parish & Town Elections and 8h) Ripley Old Town Hall
Cllr Mrs I Harry 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, 8e) Heage Toilets – g) Parish & Town Elections and 8h) Ripley Old Town Hall
Cllr D A Williams declared a personal interest in the following items as a member of Derbyshire County Council and would remain in the meeting – 8b) Bus Shelters and 8p) Footpath Closure extension
- 6922. Public speaking** – A resident spoke on behalf of other residents regarding the serious issue of flooding in Codnor which also involves Waingroves. The watercourse is not maintained properly and there is water running from Ripley into Codnor land and people are very concerned that this will worsen when the building development at Waingroves starts. At the planning meeting with AVBC comments were made but not minuted. Sewage has been reported and Severn Trent had attended the site, reports had been made to the Environment Agency but they were not interested and videos showing the flooding had been sent to DCC. Cllr Freeborn had been contacted to ask if he could make sure that the streams are maintained. At present there is no water but when it rains the stream turns into a river and floods residents gardens. There was an Architects report against the appeal and reported that the assessment had been downplayed and would ask that the application to be heard in reserved matters should go before the AVBC Planning Board.
Cllr R Ashton spoke of the moving of Ripley Fire Station and that the site should become a car-park.
Cllr A Bridge gave thanks for the very good evening, venue and food for the Riley Fair Dinner held at the Village Inn Marehay.
- 6923. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Monthly Meeting September 16th 2014** (circulated)
RESOLVED to sign as a true and accurate record

6924. To determine which items if any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded. None required

6925. Town Mayor's Announcements – September 30th attended an Autumn Fair at St John's School – September 26th attended Macmillan Coffee Morning at the Zion Chapel, Marehay and at Amber Sound – September 27th Invited to officially open Waingroves School Fair at Codnor – September 28th Attended the Civic Service of Amber Valley Borough Council – October 2nd attended an Open Evening at the New Ripley Academy – October 3rd attended a Macmillan event at Ripley Junior School – October 4th 2014 invited to a Macmillan Coffee Morning at Conor Sports Pavilion – October 5th attended a Ripley Heritage Day at Marehay Miner's Welfare – October 21st invited to attend a renovation project of the tunnel on Ripley Greenway in the morning and hosted the 63rd Annual Fair Dinner with the Showman's Guild in the evening.- October 22nd invited to receive a donation from Specsavers in Ripley to my Mayor's charity the Ripley Hospital League of Friends in the morning and in the evening officially opened the 763rd Ripley Charter Fair. October 18th the Deputy Mayor attended on my behalf a dedication of a seat given to the Town by the 1st Ripley Scouts to commemorate 100 years of Scouting in Ripley, for which we thank them.

Just to inform members' of the Council that on the death of the Dowager Duchess of Devonshire I sent a sympathy card on behalf of the residents of Ripley to the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire.

The Remembrance Day Parade on Sunday November 9th will be leaving the Co-op Car Park at 10.15am prompt and on Tuesday November 11th at 10.45am there will be a short service at the Cenotaph and then a WW1 memorial dedication service at the new Memorial Garden in Crossley Park at 11.45am.

6926. Report of the Town Clerk on: -

- a) **Neighbourhood Plan and AVBC Core Strategy** – Inspector to inspect N Plan
Cllr Freeborn spoke of the Neighbourhood Plan being with AVBC and is on their website as required by regulation 16 and the consultation period has now ended. An agreed Planning Inspector is to be appointed and hopefully there will be a formal hearing in December 2014. The AVBC Core Strategy was rejected by the Planning Inspector previously and there are three additional sites added which are one Asher Lane (RTC objected) and two Amber Heights (RTC objected) and three land in front of the Police HQ near the by-pass. *Agenda item for the November meeting*
- b) **Bus Shelters** – signs ordered and will be erected as soon as possible after delivery and **RESOLVED** the confirmation of a new bus shelter at Tavistock Avenue not Porterhouse Road
- c) **Request for funding received from Ripley Rangers FC**
RESOLVED to give a grant of £500.00
- d) **Thank you for the grant letters** received – Marehay Community Trust – **item for report**
- e) **Heage Toilets** – draft licence received from AVBC – the Clerk reported the lease would be signed very soon
- f) **Certificate of Merit, one nomination received**
RESOLVED the Clerk is to email the details to the members of the Certificate of Merit Committee
- g) **Parish & Town Council Elections 2015 estimated costs £20627.00 from AVBC** and Guidance Notes circulated – **item for information**
- h) **Ripley Old Town Hall** – (Cllr R P Ashton) – Cllr Freeborn reported that this is an item for the future
- i) **Ripley Michaelmas Market discuss grant – recommendation from the Events Committee** - propose to support up to a maximum of £1500 (not including vat)
RESOLVED to award a grant of up to £1500
- j) **Training for Play Equipment Safety Checks** – weekly or fortnightly checks to be discussed – recommended signs ordered and will be erected as soon as possible after delivery
Noted and thanks were given to the Clerk, Cllrs R Emmas-Williams, A Bridge and D Williams for

attending the training

- k) Independent Persons required** - AVBC are recruiting Independent Persons as a member of the public to advise the Council's Monitoring Officer and the Council's Standards Committee in relation to allegations that Councillors have breached the Code of Conduct and also an Independent Person for its Remuneration Panel – **item for information**
- l) Greenway bin and lock damaged** (L Phillips to try to repair) – D Clarke offered to purchase flower bulbs – **item for report**
- m) Defibrillator and heated weatherproof outdoor cabinet with keypad lock**
RESOLVED for the Clerk, Cllrs Freeborn, R Emmas-Williams and T Tester to meet and discuss a possible location and joint venture
- n) Trent Barton Annual Pinch Spots Ripley** – Norman Road and Grosvenor Road – **item for information**
- o) Franking Machine** – to discuss £9.99 per month for five year contract as previously posted through AVBC Franking Machine no longer available
RESOLVED for the Clerk to go ahead with obtaining the Franking Machine
- p) Derbyshire County Council Footpath Closure Extension** – the closure of FP 90 (Part) between the junction with Deanery Close off Church Farm Road to the junction with FP No 55 (The Ropewalk) is being continued to be closed until May 2015 – **item for report**
- q) Flooding on Codnor Common**
RESOLVED for the Clerk to write to AVBC stressing that the two development applications are of serious concern regarding drainage and flooding and the application to be heard in reserved matters should go before the Planning Board.
- r) Correspondence received from Waingroves Show** thank you to the Ripley Town Mayor for his attendance and thank you to the RTC as the grant given went towards the new recycling bins – **item for report**

6927. Accounts for payment / Income cheques to be approved and signed – Audit Report returned from the Auditors with No comments

RESOLVED to agree and sign the cheques and the Audit Report No Comments was noted

Cheque No	Payee	£	VAT	Total
503907	Village Inn Marehay Fair Dinner	£1086.00		£1086.00
503908	L McCormick Salary HMRC PAYE 503909	£1432.84		£1432.84
503910	AVBC Office Rent	£300.00	£60.00	£360.00
503911	Staples stationery	£98.89	£19.78	£118.67
503912	Grant Thornton Auditors	£600.00	£120.00	£720.00
503913	P Robinson hedge cutting Nuttalls Park	£180.00		£180.0
503914	A Cartledge Plumber unblocking Market Place ladies toilet	£55.00		£55.00
503915	AVBC Refundable Bond for Christmas Lights Switch On	£250.00		£250.00
503916	Plantscape Maintenance of Hanging Baskets 2014	£1456.00	£291.20	£1747.20
503917	National Leaflet Company newsletter delivery	£761.41	£152.28	£913.69
503918	Phase Print Ltd Leaflet Printer Ltd	£775.44		£775.44
503919	Keptklean M Place toilet cleaning Wks 36 37 38 39 40	£338.00		£338.00
503920	RBS Accounts Software Annual Maintenance	£109.00	£21.80	£130.80
503921	Derbys, Leics, Notts and Rutland Greenway Litter clearing	£208.33	£41.67	£250.00
503922	PHS Group annual hire and services for M Place toilets	£1104.78	£220.96	£1325.74
DD	Unicom Telephone and Broadband	£53.56	£10.71	£64.27

	Total	£8,809.25	£938.40	£9,747.65
Income				
	AVBC 50% Precept			£99,750.50
	Fair Dinner Payments			£960.00
	Total			£100710.50

6928. Planning Applications – previously circulated

- a) Report from meeting with the Town Clerk and AVBC regarding Planning Application emails and on the website – **the Clerk reported there had been some improvement to the AVBC website**
- b) AVA/2013/0986 Sandham Lane Farm, Sandham Lane, Riley Appeal Decision “Dismissed” – **item for report**

6929. Items for Information in the Information Folder - DALC Circulars 19/2014 - 20/2014 – 21/2014 - 22/2014 – RBS Software support and consultancy costs - **Noted**

6930. Employment matters – recommendations from Employment Group – Cllr Freeborn reported that the committee had met and agreed to finalise the job description and hours per week at the next meeting there would be more detailed information and looking to advertise December / January.

**6931. Meeting closed at 7.55pm
Date for the next monthly meeting November 18th 2014 at 7.00pm**