

MINUTES of the September 17th 2013 MONTHLY MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

In Attendance: Cllrs: R P Ashton, A Bridge (in the Chair), Ms L D Cox, C Cutting, S D Freeborn, R Emmas-Williams, D Farrelly, M J Godfrey, Mrs J H Gregory, T Holmes, M G Jones, RAP Phillips-Forsyth, Mrs A S Ward, M Wilson and Mrs C Worth.

Also in attendance: 12 members of the public and the Clerk.

Prior to the start of the meeting the Mayor Cllr A Bridge and representatives from the Midlands Co-operative Society members presented the Best Kept Garden Competition and the Best Kept Allotment Competition.

AGENDA

6737. To receive apologies for absence – Cllrs S M Daley, M B Gent, M J Missett, D T Ward and D A Williams

6738. Variation of Order of Business

RESOLVED to take item 11 The Future of Crossley Park with 8q) Crossley Park Toilets

6739. Declaration of Members Interests:

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6740. Public speaking –

A resident spoke of the hanging baskets and how pleased she was with them, but asked if there could be several more on various locations and possibly remove others that were isolated. Also could the baskets for next year be planted with plants that attract bees, butterflies and insects?

Cllr Freeborn responded stating that the contract is to be renewed and the requests would be a consideration in the contract.

Cllr Freeborn spoke of Derbyshire County Council cuts that have to be made of £157million from a budget of £493million which equates to 30%. These cuts could affect vulnerable and the disabled people and Derbyshire County Council will try to streamline where possible but this is an appalling situation and not countrywide as the Greater London Council are receiving no cuts and Oxford County Council have received an increase.

Cllr Wilson asked if the two largest departments, which are education and care, would be effected. If the cuts are put to the care homes they could possibly have to close, and he is not looking forward to what the cuts could mean to other services.

Cllr Freeborn stated that education is not controlled by Derbyshire County Council but education workers and social workers etc are.

Cllr Gregory spoke of the displayed photograph of the local Police are out of date and need replacing with up to date photographs.

6741. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Meeting July 16th 2013 and Special Meeting of August 6th 2013

RESOLVED to sign the minutes of both meetings as a true and accurate record

6742. To determine which items if any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – None Required

6743. Town Mayor's Announcements – August 17th opened the new **RSPCA** charity shop on Oxford Street, August 17th attended the RBL event at All Saints Church, August 24th attended South Wingfield Fun Day, August 24th attended the Holly Bush Marehay Fun Day, August 25th attended Maple Leaf House Care Home 10 year celebrations, August 25th attended the Bee Hive Peasehill Breast Cancer Day, August 31st opened car Wash Ripley Fire Station for Macmillan Cancer, September 2nd attended Waingroves Church Service for the new Vicar, September 5th opened Conservatory Flowers Shop, September 7th opened Marehay Show, September 14 & 15th attended Waingroves Show.

6744. Report of the Town Clerk on: -

a) **Porterhouse Road lease –** consultation completed, lease to agree and play equipment to install at a reduced negotiated cost of £7999.00 + vat from £8392.00 + vat

RESOLVED to thank the Clerk for negotiating a reduction in the costs

b) **Cedar Avenue Grounds Maintenance - Cedar Avenue Play Equipment Report** and correspondence regarding naming the park

RESOLVED to continue to call the park Cedar Avenue Play Area

c) **Cllr S Joynes resignation from the East Ward –** Notice of vacancy displayed - **item for information**

d) **To discuss Community Covenants** joining an existing scheme or developing a scheme with neighbouring town or parish councils

RESOLVED to join the Community Covenants Scheme

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, example repair costs per panel £115.00 + vat)

RESOLVED in principle to support the bus shelters replacements, certainly the Marehay one however Derbyshire County Council need to be contacted to ask if the 50% scheme is still possible and agenda for the October meeting.

f) **Residents Request for Waingroves Common** from parishioner for benches on the common

RESOLVED the Clerk is to contact Peveril Homes to ask if they would provide benches if not Ripley Town Council would consider the provision of benches.

g) **Heage Toilets –** update and annual costs for equipment £879.84 + vat

RESOLVED to continue with the opening of the toilets

h) **R Deans Contract Extend / Renew**

RESOLVED to extend the contract to the end of March 2014 with a cap of £7000.00

i) **Ripley Methodist Request** for grant assistance towards the cost of installing a lift cost £18,000.00 the Church have raised £8000.00 to date

RESOLVED to donate a grant of £1000.00 toward the cost of the lift

j) **Recommendations from the Events Committee –** previously circulated

RESOLVED to accept the previously circulated recommendations from the Events Committee

k) **100 years World War 1 Commemoration**

RESOLVED to pursue the ideas and present a report at the October meeting

- l) **New member needed for representing Ripley Town Council on Amber Valley Borough Council Ripley Regeneration**
RESOLVED Cllr Steve Freeborn would be the Ripley Town Council representative
- m) **Youth Council – working party meeting report**
RESOLVED to produce 2000 flyers for the next meeting October 17th 2013
- n) **Codnor Common – correspondence received –question to the Council “What are you doing to protect Codnor Common?” – previously circulated – correspondence noted**
- o) **Derbyshire County Council Snow Warden Scheme – information noted**
- p) **CPRE Stop Roadside Billboards Blighting the Countryside – request for evidence – details & photographs**
RESOLVED any Cllr taking photographs to send to the Clerk
- q) **Crossley Park Toilets – comments raised regarding condition**
RESOLVED the Clerk is to write to the Crossley Park Association and ask for a meeting with them, Ripley Town Council and Amber Valley Borough Council S Gladwin to discuss what has gone wrong and make sure the park and toilets are looked after properly.
- r) **Crich Chase Site of Special Scientific Interest – representation, objections or support**
RESOLVED to support this
- s) **Arrange Allotment Committee Meeting for October 2013**
RESOLVED the Clerk is to arrange a date for the meeting prior to the October Ripley Town Council meeting date
- t) **RAD Membership and AGM Invite Thursday 26th September 2013 at 1.30pm Pinxton Village Hall - Item for information**
- u) **Derbyshire County Council Proposed Parking Review – Laurel Avenue Ripley –**
RESOLVED no objections
- v) **Waingroves Thorn Tree Public House and Community Centre to be designated as Community Assets**
RESOLVED to designate both as community assets
- 6745. Accounts for payment/Income** cheques to be approved and signed **RESOLVED** to agree and sign the cheques but the Clerk is to check the totals figures.

<u>Cheque No</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
503227	AMT Neighbourhood Plan consultants	£2150.00	£743.49	£2893.49
503228	WG Pollard time locks Market Place toilets	£1310.00	£262.00	£1572.00
503229	L McCormick Clerks pay August 503230 HMRC PAYE	£1426.20		£1426.20
503231	L McCormick Reimbursement for Coffee machine	£107.29	£21.46	£128.75
503232	L McCormick Reimbursement for stationery	£40.13	£8.03	£48.16
503233	L McCormick Reimbursement for postage	£39.40		£39.40
503234	L McCormick Reimbursement for Coffee m/c refills	£45.37		£45.37
503235	L McCormick Reimbursement for various signage toilet key etc	£160.86	£25.84	£186.70
503236	CPRE membership (replacement cheque for 503185	£29.00		£29.00
DD	BT telephone Clerk's Internet	£114.60	£22.92	£137.52
503237	Rebecca Deans Social Media & Communications for Ripley	£2080.00		£2080.00
503238	Harrison's Packaging Dog Poo Bags	£485.00	£97.00	£582.00
503239	Shelter Maintenance Co clean and repair Marehay Bus Shelter	£120.75	£24.15	£144.90
503240	Navigus Planning subscription to journal of Local Planning	£50.00		£50.00
503241	Mh-p amending website	£30.00	£6.00	£36.00
503242	Amber Valley Borough Council Concrete Planters x 5	£500.00	£100.00	£600.00
503243	Amber Valley Borough Council Postage	£43.07		£43.07
503244	Amber Valley Borough Council Office Rent August	£300.00	£60.00	£360.00
503245	Amber Valley Borough Council Office Rent September	£300.00	£60.00	£360.00
503246	Cllr Bridge Reimbursement for repair to Chain	£10.00		£10.00
503247	Plantscape for watering & maintenance hanging baskets	£1456.00	£291.20	£1747.20

503248	1 st Ripley Scout Group lighting	£45.00		£45.00
503249	Ripley Printers "Free Parking Flyers"	£81.00		£81.00
503250	Ripley Printers "Questionnaire for Marehay"	£17.00		£17.00
503251	Stuart Allen Plumbing & Heating Engineer unblock ladies wc	£50.00	£10.00	£60.00
503252	KeptKleen cleaning wc's week No's 27 / 28 / 29 / 30 / part 31	£364.00		£364.00
503253	Loz Phillips signage on toilets	£20.00		£20.00
503254	P Robinson hedge cutting Nuttalls Park	£180.00		£180.00
503255	Planning Design Neighbourhood Plan site appraisals	£5000.00	£1000.00	£6000.00
503256	KeptKleen cleaning wc's week No's part 31 / 32 / 33 / 34 / 35	£338.00		£338.00
503257	Staples stationery and items for N Plan events	£101.38	£20.28	£121.66
503258	L McCormick reimburse for engraving trophy and shield	£20.00		£20.00
503259	PHS Group Ripley Market Place toilet equipment Ann	£1164.84	£232.97	£1397.81
	Total	£18178.89	£2985.34	£21164.23

6746. Ripley Reckoning / Neighbourhood Plan - To receive reports and consider progress made **RESOLVED** to accept the tender from Bancroft for £5400.00, invite the traders in the town to have floral hanging baskets, confirm Sunday trading for December 1st 2013 and look to paint and clean sign posts etc to generally tidy up the town and Ripley Town Council to provide children's entertainment on Oxford Street and at the rear of the library any rides to be a charge of 50p, which will be donated to the traders, and hopefully this event would continue to run in the future.

6747. Future of Crossley Park – dealt with at item 8q

6748. Grounds Maintenance and Services Generally
RESOLVED to look for funding for this in the next financial year

6749. Moseley Street Church Hall Possible Future – surveyor reports
The report states cost to refurbish of £240K, there are changing rooms needed at the rear of the stage and an office facility is required but this is not a commitment of Ripley Town Council – the report be noted.

6750. Planning Applications – previously circulated

i) Peveril Homes Reserved Matters

RESOLVED that Ripley Town Council had responded to Amber Valley Borough Council as previously – the Clerk is to write to Peveril Homes stating that a car park and a new community centre is needed.

6751. Items for Information in the Information Folder: DALC Circulars 14/2013 15/2013 16/2013 17/2013 – Cromford Narrow Boat Local Crews – Local Clerk and Council Direct magazine – The Clerk magazine – Identifying Child Sexual Exploitation Training October 17th 2013 – WRAP (Workshop to Raise the Awareness of Prevent) September 20th 2013 – The health and Social Care Academy – Local Guide to Business Improvement Districts – Waingroves Community Woodland Trust AGM minutes – Ripley Heritage Action Group & Ripley Heritage Trust present a talk entitled "The Great Wall of Butterley" at Butterley Lodge September 30th 2013 7.00pm for 7.30pm start – Biodiversity News magazine – Derbyshire County Council Digital Derbyshire Newsletter – Amber Valley Business News now available on the Amber Valley Borough Council website - Jurys Inn Abseil

6752. Date for the next monthly meeting **October 15th 2013 at 7.00pm**