



Ripley Town Council

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MINUTES of the November 4th 2025 at 5.30pm RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE AND ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTATIVES MEETING

held at Ripley Town Council, Town Hall, Market Place, Ripley, DE5 3BT

In Attendance:

Cllrs: C. Bailey (Chair), S. Freeborn, N. Weaving, P. Weaving.
Emma Booth (Pit Lane), Paul Bird (Pit Lane), Judith Waldron (Heage Parkside), Sue Wood (Heage Parkside), Dianne White (Greenhillocks), Des Hill (Greenhillocks), Jackie Walton (Fearn Ave), and Lauren Haynes (Fearn Ave).

Also: Town Clerk – Hannah Curzon

AGENDA

041125/1. To Receive Apologies for Absence – Cllr Carter, Sandham Lane Allotment Association and Heage Road Allotment Association.

041125/2. Variation of Order of Business – None required

041125/3. Declaration of Members Interests

Cllr. Freeborn declared a personal interest as his wife is a committee member at Pit Lane Allotment Association.

041125/4. Public speaking – None

041125/5. To determine which items if any from the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – None

041125/6. Any plots available which can be advertised on the RTC website/ Social media

None of the allotment associations present have any current vacancies. The Town Clerk informed them that if that should change, the Town Council can assist them with advertising the plots on social media.

NOTED

041125/7. Public Liability Insurance copies and Allotment Information form (circulated to Allotment Associations before the meeting).

The Town Clerk had received copies of Public Liability Insurance from Greenhillocks and Heage Parkside Allotment Association. She will contact the other allotment associations for theirs. All information forms had been returned prior to the meeting apart from Heage Road and Sandham Lane Allotment Associations. They will be reminded via email to return their forms asap.

NOTED

041125/8. Discuss the recent Allotment site inspections by Ripley Town Council.

The Town Clerk reported that the council's Grounds Maintenance Operative had conducted the first site inspections of all six allotment sites in the Ripley Township. She thanked the associations for making him very welcome when he attended. He met some lovely plot holders during the inspections. The Clerk went through each report, and noted some areas of improvement at some allotments, but generally all of them did really well on the inspection, complying with all areas in question. She advised them that the Public Liability Insurance should be displayed on a noticeboard on the allotments, along with emergency contact details and the rules for the allotments.

All the allotment associations in attendance at the meeting received a handmade bird box from the council.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that for the 2026 Allotment Inspections, the Grounds Maintenance Operative is accompanied by a member of the allotment association so they can guide him round and explain various things if he has questions. For the council to give at least one days' notice of when inspections are taking place.

041125/9. Any issues at allotment sites to be discussed.

Heage Parkside Allotment Association asked who the other allotment associations bank with as their current bank (Lloyds) have increased their monthly charge.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that Ripley Town Council:

1. Arrange for the hedge along the footpath between Fearn Avenue and Pit Lane Allotments to be cut down to 6 feet on both sides in February 2026.
2. Speak to the owners of the hedges around Greenhillocks Allotments (Cemetery – AVBC, and on Cemetery Lane – Wheeldon Homes) and ask them to cut them.
3. Arrange for the hedge along the road to Heage Parkside Allotments to be cut.
4. Source and purchase Harris Fencing to go at the back of Heage Parkside Allotments to prevent trespassers. The Grounds Maintenance Operative to measure for this and assist with putting it in place with the help of the allotment association.
5. See if the Police can provide padlocks to help secure the allotment associations.

041125/9. Meeting closure

The meeting closed at 5.56pm.

The date for the next monthly Town Council Meeting is Tuesday 19th November 2024 at 7.00pm.