



Ripley Town Council

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MINUTES of Thursday 19th March 2026 at 5.00pm RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at Ripley Town Council, Town Hall, Market Place, Ripley, DE5 3BT.

In attendance; Cllrs: C Bailey, A Burslem, L Cox, M Hawkins, T Holmes, and A Nicholls.
Also: H. Curzon (Town Clerk) and B. Farnsworth (Community Engagement Officer)
Plus: Mr. Chris Howarth – Head of Ripley St John’s Primary School.

AGENDA

190326/1. To Receive Apologies for Absence – None received.

190326/2. Variation of Order of Business – None required.

190326/3. Declaration of Members Interests – None declared.

190326/4. Public speaking
None.

190326/5. Update from Ripley St. John’s Primary School regarding their Community Arts Project.
Mr. Howarth (Head) gave an update on the community arts project. They have conducted a consultation with the school children regarding where they would like to see the mural situated. The school is working on the designs for the tea towels and tote bags for the upcoming Ripley Spring Market. He explained that we are still waiting to hear from the National Lottery grant application the Town Council’s Responsible Finance Officer has submitted for the mural project.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that the Town Clerk contacts the owners of Ripley Library, The Hair Hive, and The Exchange to see if any of them would give permission for the mural to be painted on their buildings, including the windows. The venue would be used for public meetings relating to this project.

190326/6. Discuss the 2026 Ripley Spring Market and Well Dressing events.

The Community Engagement Officer reported there will be two children’s rides on Oxford Street for this event. The following services/ performers have been booked: Ripley Academy of Dance, Amber Sound FM, costumed characters, and face painter.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that the Community Engagement Officer:

1. Visits businesses on Oxford Street to encourage them to open for the event.
2. Looks into booking a Fun House for older children to use.
3. Ensures access to Tom Said pub on Well Street is in place.
4. Contacts Ripley and District Heritage Trust and Butterley Ironworks Trust to see if they would like to have a display in The Green Room inside Ripley Town Hall during the event.
5. Liaises with Ripley Music Festival to book local musicians to perform on Oxford Street during the event.
6. Contacts Denby Pottery to see if they will supply the clay for this year’s Well Dressing.

190326/7. Consider the stall applications received for the Ripley Spring Market.

The Community Engagement Officer explained that we have received 38 stall applications. The Committee discussed the applications.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that the Community Engagement Officer inform the businesses/ charities / organisations of the outcome of their application and confirm if Ripley Music Festival will be applying for a stall as their application hasn't been received yet.

190326/8. Update on performers for the Music In Crossley Park events.

The Community Engagement Officer reported that the following performers have been booked for the Music in Crossley Park events:

24 th May 2026	Derwent Wind Band
14 th June 2026	Derby Hospitals Band
28 th June 2026	Pure Steel*
12 th July 2026	Rowan Marsh
2 nd August 2026	TBC
16 th August 2026	TBC
30 th August 2026	Licksquid
13 th September 2026	The Sugar Tree

*this event is to incorporate Armed Forces Day celebrations with the Ripley and District RBL.

NOTED

190326/9. Discuss the possibility of giving out free Doggy Bags as part of the Keep Britain Tidy campaign for one week.

The Community Engagement Officer explained that we are currently in the middle of the Keep Britain Tidy two-week campaign. Week commencing 23rd March 2026, we would like to give out free biodegradable doggy bags as part of the campaign, for one week.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that Ripley Town Council purchase doggy bags to give out for free to members of the public from Ripley Town Hall, week commencing 23rd March 2026 as part of the Keep Britain Tidy campaign.

190326/10. Discuss the Ripley Christmas Market and Lights Switch on 22nd November 2026.

The Community Engagement Officer reported that enquiries have been made regarding quotes for a carousel.

NOTED

190326/11. Date of the next meeting: 5pm on Tuesday 12th May 2026 at 5.30pm.

190326/12. Meeting Closed: 6.02pm.

The date for the next monthly Town Council Meeting is Tuesday 21st April 2026 at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber at Ripley Town Hall.

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