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MINUTES of Friday 10th May 2024 at 5.30pm RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE MEETING held at Ripley Town Council Office, 6, Grosvenor Road, Ripley, DE5 3JF.

In Attendance: Cllrs: M. Allwood (Chair), S Freeborn, M Hawkins, K Somers, P Weaving and D Williams.
Plus: J. Simpson (Town Clerk) and H Curzon (Deputy Clerk) and one member of public.

100524/1. To receive apologies for absence – Cllr R Emmas-Williams.

100524/2. Variation of Order of Business - None

100524/3. Declaration of Members Interests – None received.

100524/4. Public speaking – Cllr Hawkins advised that he had conducted a litter pick at Greenwich Park.

100524/5. Update regarding Speed Indicator Devices (SID), the next locations and Community Speed Watch.

Members were advised that the quotation for the testing of Lamp posts in the next four locations Hartshay Hill, Newbridge Road, Derby Road, Marehay and Heage Road, was on the Agenda for the next Finance Committee meeting. On the Community Speedwatch scheme, 4 responses had been received as a result of the article in the latest Newsletter. Once established this can be used as an interim measure in other areas of concern.

NOTED

100524/6. Update regarding rewilding area, pond and planting at Greenwich and the rest of the Township.

Cllr Allwood met with a representative of Derbyshire Wildlife Trust at Greenwich, they looked at the pond area, the plants and depth and quality of the water. They will produce a report about enhancing and maintaining this area which will include a guide to costs for the work. It was noticed that the Queens Jubilee Tree is in poor condition and may need reciting and watering. It was further noted that the pond at Greenwich Park is in a series of four ponds, the one near Sainsburys (water very good), this then feeds under Car Park and into the pond in Carr Wood, which is filthy with stagnant water, it was requested that the ponds should form part of the DWT report. A reminder was given to staff to continue with the work needed to provide DWT with a map of areas for consideration for rewilding.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that RTC write to Sainsbury's to express concerns about the ineffectiveness of their drainage system, and to point out their responsibility to ensure the water running under their site is not adversely affected.

100524/7. To provide an update following the Town Centre Traders meeting and the next steps.

The Deputy Clerk reported that the meeting was held on Thursday 18th April 2024 at 5.15pm. Present were representatives from Ripley Town Council, Amber Valley Borough Council, and several Town Centre Traders, it was a very positive meeting and was considered to be a success.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that Ripley Town Council write to the new Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner, inviting her and other Police representatives to a meeting with the Town

100524/8. Discuss the locations for the first stage of the replacement of Notice Boards within the Township.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that the current list of noticeboards in the Township is circulated to all Councillors and ask them to take photos of the noticeboards in their ward and send them to the Clerk. Ripley Town Council to consider locating new noticeboards in the east side of the town, for example, near Porterhouse Road play area.

100524/9. To discuss approaching Morris Homes Ltd, regarding the future maintenance of the Thomas Hartland Land.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that Ripley Town Council write to Morris Homes about RTC taking on the responsibility of maintaining this area for an agreed one off fee.

100524/10. Update on Porterhouse Road Recreation Ground Fencing replacement.

It was agreed that there is no evidence of any fencing replacement need at present.
NOTED

100524/11. Discuss the proposed Grounds Operative role and associated tasks.

Members were given an update on work being carried out to size the role. It was noted that the Job Description should be adaptable to allow for changes as the role develops.
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100524/12. Date of next meeting: To be confirmed following the Annual Meetings.

100524/13. Meeting Closed at 18:07pm.

The next Monthly Full Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st May 2024 at 7.00pm.