



# Ripley Town Council

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## MINUTES of Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 5.00pm RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE MEETING held at Ripley Town Council Office, Town Hall, Market Place, Ripley, DE5 3BT.

In Attendance: Cllrs: M Allwood (Chair), R Emmas-Williams, M Hawkins, N Weaving, P Weaving and D Williams.

Plus: Jayne Simpson (Town Clerk) and Hannah Curzon (Deputy Clerk).

**071124/1. To receive apologies for absence – No apologies were received.**

**071124/2. Variation of Order of Business - None**

**071124/3. Declaration of Members Interests – None received.**

**071124/4. Public speaking – None.**

**071124/5. Update regarding rewilding at Greenwich**

The Town Clerk explained that Derbyshire Wildlife Trust have been to Greenwich and completed the first of the three stages of the pond improvement project. They removed 30% of the typha, pruned sections of willow and created 3 hibernacula around the pond area. They will return in 2025 to complete the second phase of clearing the pond.

**NOTED**

**071124/6. Discuss seeking funding from Derbyshire Wildlife Trust (and via Amber Valley Borough Council s106 agreements) for landscape initiatives and environmental improvements throughout the township. (RTC Vision 10).**

The committee discusses the pond at Carr Wood benefitting from environmental improvements. Cllr Allwood mentioned that Amber Valley Borough Councillors will be contacting Sainsburys in Ripley to ask them to improve the filters under their car park as the water from the pond at Sainsburys, runs into the pond at Carr Wood.

**NOTED**

**071126/7. Discuss the sustainability threat to Strelley Wood in Waingroves.**

It was resolved at the October Full Council meeting that Ripley Town Council 'seek to liaise with Amber Valley Borough Council, Derbyshire County Council, landowners in the area, community groups, Fortera and other interested parties to maintain the long-term future of the wood and its habitat, for public use now and in the future'. The Clerks were needing further clarification on what the council wanted to include in the content of the letters.

**RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** that this agenda item is deferred until the next Environment and Regeneration meeting to seek clarification from Cllr. Freeborn as to the content of the correspondence.

**071124/8. Update regarding the placing of a bench near The Talbot Inn on Butterley Hill, Ripley.**

The Town Clerk reported that an Object in the Highway licence is needed from Derbyshire County Council before the bench can be placed in this area. Cllr Allwood asked the Clerk to clarify with the Grounds Maintenance contractor what they will spray the weeds with, in order to clear the area where the bench will be situated, as we do not want them to use Glyphosate.

**Recommend to Full Council** that the Clerk applies for the Object in the Highway licence from Derbyshire County Council.

**071124/9. Discuss the Grounds Maintenance Operative role.**

The Deputy Clerk reported that herself and the Clerk had met with the Assistant Landscape Maintenance Manager from Amber Valley Borough Council, to discuss how this role will complement the existing Town Centre Lengthsman role.

**Recommend to Full Council** that this role is advertised from early December 2024 with looking to recruit in January 2025.

**071124/10. Update on the Ripley Cycle Network.**

Cllr Hawkins gave an update on the work he is conducting regarding this topic. He has arranged to meet a representative from Amber Valley CVS to discuss potential funding options for the cycle network.

**Recommend to Full Council** that the Clerk writes to the Mayor of the East Midlands, Claire Ward asking for a meeting with their new Travel Ambassador and Cllr Hawkins and Cllr Allwood, when they have been appointed.

**071124/11. Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 5.30pm.

**071124/12.** Meeting Closed at 17:28.

**The next Monthly Full Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7.00pm.**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_