



Ripley Town Council

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MINUTES of Friday 19th January 2024 at 5.00pm 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, R Ashton, R Emmas-Williams, S Freeborn, M Hawkins, K Somers, P Weaving and D Williams.

Plus: J. Simpson (Town Clerk) and H Curzon (Deputy Clerk).

AGENDA

190124/1. To receive apologies for absence – None

190124/2. Variation of Order of Business - None

190124/3. Declaration of Members Interests – None received.

190124/4. Public speaking
None

190124/5. Discuss Amber Valley Borough Council employing an additional Grounds Person to work in Ripley and Heanor, with the costs to be split equally between Ripley Town Council and Heanor and Loscoe Town Council.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that Ripley Town Council draw up a specification for this role and look into the proposal in more detail with costings and community engagement, including traders.

190124/6. Update regarding Speed Indicator Devices (SID) and Community Speed Watch and discuss future locations in the township for Speed Indicator Devices.

The Town Clerk reported that the Object in the Highways Licence notice from Derbyshire County Council is currently up on Waingroves Road, Waingroves for public consultation and it ends on 14th February 2024. The SID will be installed at this location in March 2024. The additional SID be in situ on Hartshay Hill, Ripley in the new financial year once all licences and testing of the lampposts have been carried out.

The Clerk also reported that Community Speed Watch equipment will cost around £500, which will be purchased in the new financial year, at which time we will be seeking volunteers to be trained on the equipment so speed watch sessions can commence.

NOTED

190124/7. Update regarding rewilding area and planting at Greenwich.

The Clerk explained that the sedum cassettes are more expensive than initially thought as a roof survey of the container at Greenwich Community Sports Hub need to be carried out first and a liner and edging will need to be purchased.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that Ripley Town Council purchase sedum cassettes with the

£1000 grant from the Cooperative Bank and that we pay the additional costs from Ripley Town Council funds and plant them on top of the container in Spring 2024 at Greenwich Community Sports Hub.

190124/8. Discuss Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and biodiversity credits in the Ripley Township. Committee members to devise a list of areas in the township for possible rewilding.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that the Town Clerk email all Councillors asking them to identify sites in the Ripley Township, as soon as possible where trees, shrubs, grasses etc can be planted on either public owned land, private land could also be considered. This information will then be passed to Derbyshire Wildlife Trust to work out the number of hectares this equates to and to see if it qualifies for biodiversity credits for future Section 106 credits. The Clerk to also contact local environmental groups such as the Friends of Carr Wood, Ripley Wild Flowerers and Friends of Ripley Greenway to ask for their suggestions too.

190124/9. Update regarding tree works near The Talbot Pub, Butterley Hill, Ripley.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that the Town Clerk instruct AA Tree Surgeons to undergo work on the trees near The Talbot Pub on Butterley Hill, Ripley.

190124/10. Discuss the request from Ripley Wild Flowerers to plant an orchard at Cedar Avenue play area.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that the Clerk invite representatives from the Ripley Wild Flowerers group to a meeting at the Town Council office to discuss their proposal in more detail and report back to the Environment and Regeneration Committee at the next meeting.

190124/11. Discuss litter picking in the Ripley Township.

Cllr Williams reported that problems with litter has become worrying around Ripley, especially in the Ripley Academy area of town and that the suburbs and estates in the Township need attention too. He has been in contact with the Business Manager at the school and they have discussed the possibility of representatives from Amber Valley Borough Council and environmental groups to go in to speak with their students to educate them further about the issues associated with dropping litter.

NOTED

190124/12. Date of next meeting: Friday 22nd March 2024 at 5.30pm.

190124/13. Meeting Closed at 17:54.

The next Monthly Full Council Meeting will be held on 20th February 2024 at 7.00pm.