



Ripley Town Council

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MINUTES of Thursday 26th September 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, S Freeborn, M Hawkins, N Weaving, P Weaving, and D Williams.

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

Plus: One member of the public.

260924/1. To receive apologies for absence – None.

260924/2. Variation of Order of Business - None

260924/3. Declaration of Members Interests – None received.

260924/4. Public speaking – None.

260924/5. Update regarding rewilding area, pond and planting at Greenwich. Discuss quotes received from Ripley Wildflowerers and Derbyshire Wildlife Trust.

Recommend to Full Council that Ripley Town Council asks both Ripley Wildflowerers and Derbyshire Wildlife Trust to carry out the rewilding of areas at Greenwich. The council are to use the £1000 grant received from the Coop towards this.

260924/6. Discuss the proposal from Ripley Wildflowerers regarding planting at Cedar Avenue play area.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that Ripley Town Council ask Ripley Wildflowerers conduct planting at Cedar Avenue play area. Advise them to not plant items that may damage or encroach on buildings, pavements or play equipment.

260924/7. Discuss Derbyshire Wildlife Trust Derwent Living Forest project.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that Ripley Town Council help promote this project via social media.

260924/8. Update regarding Speed Indicator Devices, the next locations, and Community Speed Watch.

The Clerk reported that to date, we have 13 volunteers registered and that the Ripley Safer Neighbourhood Team are assessing the accessibility of the areas identified to conduct the Community Speedwatch from.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that Ripley Town Council will purchase the Speedwatch equipment and hold around five sessions per year.

260924/9. Discuss Ripley Greenway extension and development of a Ripley Cycling Network.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that Councillor Hawkins mark out a plan with the number of signs etc., possibly linking in the Codnor to Ripley Market Place route, to send to Claire Ward (East Midlands Mayor) as she may have access to funding to enable the extension of cycling networks.

260924/10. Update regarding the future maintenance of the Thomas Hartland Land.

The Clerk reported that Morris Homes want to keep and maintain the land for the foreseeable future.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that the Clerk writes to the Cromford View resident who initially brought this land to our attention, to update him on this outcome. Ripley Town Council to investigate registering the land as a Public Open Space with Amber Valley Borough Council, if it isn't already registered.

260924/11. Discuss the possible purchase of the woodland area on Peasehill Road, Ripley.

The Clerk reported that the council's offer of £23,000 has been accepted by the owner of the land. Our solicitor has been appointed and work has started on the purchase.

NOTED

260924/12. Discuss Ripley Market.

Cllr Allwood suggested that Ripley Town Council look at taking on the management of Ripley Market in the future with the aim of attracting more traders and people to Ripley Town Centre, especially with new, themed markets. He reported that he has asked the Market and Towns Manager at Amber Valley Borough Council for timescales of when the licence for the market may become available.

Cllr Emmas-Williams remarked about the lack of maintenance on Ripley Market from Amber Valley Borough Council, for example, the slippery, red bricks and the tree bases rising up.

NOTED.

260924/13. Discuss Ripley having a Banking Hub.

The Clerk reported that the closure of the Ripley HSBC branch has been extended and the new closure date is still unknown.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that Ripley Town Council request a review of the LINK Cash Access Assessment within 28 days of the HSBC bank closing.

260924/14. Date of next meeting: Friday 18th October at 5.30pm.

260924/15. Meeting Closed at 17:37.

The next Monthly Full Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th October 2024 at 7.00pm.