



Ripley Town Council

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MINUTES of Wednesday 8th January 2025 at 4.30pm 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), S Freeborn, M Hawkins, N Weaving, P Weaving and D Williams.
Plus: Hannah Curzon (Town Clerk).

080125/1. To receive apologies for absence – Apologies were received from Councillor Ashton and Councillor Emmas-Williams.

080125/2. Variation of Order of Business - None

080125/3. Declaration of Members Interests – None received.

080125/4. Public speaking – None.

080125/5. Discuss the sustainability threat to Strelley Wood in Waingroves.

Councillor Freeborn reported that along with the Town Clerk and Cllr Williams, he will be attending a meeting on Wednesday 15th January 2025 with the owners of Waingroves Hall and representatives from Forterra. They will discuss the ancient hedgerow, trees and habitats, along the strip of wood linking Waingroves Hall to Strelley Wood and how they may be affected when Forterra make the initial breakthrough onto the land. Also to be discussed is the long-term vision for the site in future once Forterra have finished working on the land.

Recommend to Full Council that Councillor Freeborn report the discussions had at this meeting, back to the Environment and Regeneration Committee at the next meeting.

080125/6. Update on the Ripley Cycle Network.

Councillor Hawkins reported that the route for the Cycle Network has been planned out and that he is in discussions with Amber Valley CVS to source funding for the project. We are waiting for the East Midlands Mayor to appoint an Active Travel Coordinator to carry this work forward.

Recommend to Full Council for Ripley Town Council to write to the East Midlands Mayor expressing our eagerness of working with the Active Travel Coordination once they are in post, to enhance the Ripley Cycle Network.

080125/7. Discuss the Hydro Water Scheme in the River Derwent at Ambergate.

The Committee discussed the possibility of water driven electricity at Ambergate Wireworks which would potentially provide power to Heage, Nether Heage and Ambergate. They would like to get this scheme re-established for the benefit of the community. This is to be discussed at the next Environment and Regeneration Committee meeting.

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080125/8. Date and time of next meeting – Tuesday 4th March 2025 at 5.30pm.

080125/9. Meeting Closed at 4.59pm

The next Monthly Full Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st January 2025 at 7.00pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____