



Ripley Town Council

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MINUTES of Friday 25th March 2022 at 5.00pm RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held at Ripley Town Council Office, 6, Grosvenor Road, Ripley, DE5 3JF.

In Attendance: Cllrs: D Williams (Chair), M Allwood, R Emmas-Williams, S. Freeborn, T Spencer and N Weaving.

Also: L. McCormick - Town Clerk and H. Curzon – Deputy Clerk

AGENDA

250322/1. To receive apologies for absence – No apologies were received

250322/2. Variation of Order of Business - None

250322/3. Declaration of Members Interests – None received

250322/4. Public speaking – None

250322/5. Maintenance and accessibility of Public Rights of Way in Ripley Town Council area update – Clerk to report suggestions of how this can be managed.

The Clerk reported that she had partially prepared a report comparing the cost of using external companies and employing someone to carry out the same tasks. Further investigation is needed to look at an hourly rate for a Lengthsperson and find examples of rates, job grade and equipment costs and whether it would be more cost effective to lease or buy machinery. The Clerk will report back at a future meeting.

NOTED

250322/6. Review of the Ripley Town Council Environment Committees, Environment, Climate and Biodiversity Action Plan to access the progress / delivery of action points.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL to circulate the updated Action Plan to the Environment Committee members to read through before the next meeting.

250322/7. COP 26 (United Nations Climate Change Conference) Glasgow, November 2021 for information – impact on Ripley Town Council Environment, Climate and Biodiversity Action Plan – for information only.

Cllr D. Williams give a written report regarding this matter. The Committee are to read the report prior to the next meeting.

NOTED

250322/8. River Starts Here – project update

Cllr D. Williams reported that this year is the last year of Ripley Town Council financially supporting the River Starts Here project. The team are currently working on a wetland area on the Ripley Greenway. Ripley Town Council are promoting the Coppice Brook Walk from Ripley to Belper in the current newsletter and on the website.

NOTED

250322/9. Local Rivers Pollution Report

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL for Trent Rivers Trust to be invited to talk to the Environment Committee regarding sewage being pumped into our local waterways, thus contaminating them.

250322/10. Tree Planting locations in the Ripley Township: Queen's Green Canopy for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022, partnership with The Woodland Trust - update

The Clerk reported that an Oak Tree has been planted in the grounds of Greenwich Community Centre in Ripley and it is being watered regularly by KeptKleen.

NOTED

250322/11. Date of next meeting

To be decided and circulated to the Committee

NOTED

250322/12. Meeting Closed at 5.29pm

The next Monthly Full Council Meeting will be held on 19th April 2022 at 7.00pm.

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