



Ripley Town Council

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MINUTES of Friday 17th November 2023 at 5.00pm RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at Ripley Town Council Office, 6, Grosvenor Road, Ripley, DE5 3JF.

In attendance; Cllrs: C Bailey, A Burslem, M Hawkins, T Holmes (Chair), A Nicholls, P Weaving and M Wilson.

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

Plus: One member of the public

AGENDA

171123/1. To Receive Apologies for Absence – Cllr Ward.

171123/2. Variation of Order of Business – None required.

171123/3. Declaration of Members Interests – None declared.

171123/4. Public speaking

A representative from the Friends of Heage Community asked the Committee whether it would be possible in 2024 to have a Christmas tree in Heage so the village can have an official lights switch on, with the Mayor in attendance. The Clerk responded asking the Friends of Heage Community to send a proposal to Ripley Town Council for the location of a Christmas tree in their village so we can look at including it in the tender for the Christmas lights for next year.

171123/5. Discuss the 2023 Ripley Remembrance Parade which took place on Sunday 12th November 2023.

The Deputy Clerk reported that the recent Remembrance Parade and Service had the biggest turnout from the local community it's seen in recent years. The relationship between Ripley Town Council and the Ripley and District Branch of the Royal British Legion is the strongest it has ever been. The Three Horseshoes pub were great hosts after the event providing a free buffet for attendees.

NOTED

171123/6. Discuss arrangements for the Christmas Market and Lights Switch on events to be held on Sunday 26th November 2023.

The Deputy Clerk reported that all the arrangements are in place for the event. She asked for volunteers from the Events Committee to help on the day.

NOTED

171123/7. Discuss the proposed Community Events budget 2024/2025.

The Town Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer reported that the draft budget for 2024/25 includes an extra £10,000 in the Events budget, with a total of £25,000 being proposed.

NOTED

171123/8. Discuss the Ripley Spring Market and the proposed date of Sunday 19th May 2024, 10am - 3pm.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that the date of the 2024 Spring Market be Sunday 19th May 2024, 10am – 3pm and arrangements for this event will start in the new year.

171123/9. Discuss plans and a theme for the 2024 Ripley Well Dressing.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that we ask The Old Farm Bus in Marehay to design and produce the Well Dressing again in 2024. Councillors to think about a possible theme.

171123/10. Discuss dates for Bands on Crossley Park 2024.

The Deputy Clerk reported that there will be a more varied programme of music at these events, to attract younger people too and that we will change the name of the event to ‘Music on Crossley Park’.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that, subject to approval from Amber Valley Borough Council, the Music on Crossley Park events take place on the following dates in 2024:

1. Sunday 23rd June 2024
2. Sunday 7th July 2024
3. Sunday 21st July 2024
4. Sunday 4th August 2024
5. Sunday 18th August 2024
6. Sunday 1st September 2024

171123/11. Discuss organising a Ripley Township Flowerpot Trail in 2024.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that we hold the Ripley Flowerpot Trail during the school summer holidays with a Music and Film theme.

171123/12. Discuss a date for holding the Ripley Outdoor Cinema in 2024.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that we hold the event on Crossley Park, Ripley on a Sunday in June 2024 and have a children’s film on from 2pm, followed by possibly a sing-along musical afterwards. We will invite local food and drink vendors to come along.

171123/13. Discuss a date for the 2024 Ripley Christmas Market and Lights Switch on.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that, subject to approval from Amber Valley Borough Council, we hold the event on Sunday 24th November 2024, midday until 6pm and that we try to book a Ferris Wheel for the event.

171123/14. Meeting Closure - Meeting closed at 5.30pm.

The date for the next monthly Town Council Meeting is Tuesday 16th January 2024 at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber at Ripley Town Hall.

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