



Ripley Town Council

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MINUTES of Friday 8th September 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: H. Curzon (Deputy Clerk)

AGENDA

080923/1. To Receive Apologies for Absence – Cllr Ward.

080923/2. Variation of Order of Business – None required.

080923/3. Declaration of Members Interests – None declared.

080923/4. Public speaking – None.

080923/5. Discuss Bands on Crossley Park 2023.

The Deputy Clerk reported that all performances have been really well attended throughout the summer. We had to postpone the performance by Newstead Brass in July due to the weather but were able to reschedule for this Sunday.

The Deputy Clerk wanted to publicly thank local resident, Bruce Swanwick for opening and closing the bandstand and toilets on Crossley Park for each performance.

NOTED

080923/6. Discuss Bands on Crossley Park 2024.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that Ripley Town Council run a poll on social media, asking members of the public what type of live music they would like to hear next year in Crossley Park and possibly include a performance from a local DJ for the younger people in our community to come along to. Also to propose the following Sundays in 2024 for performances: 23rd June, 7th July, 21st July, 4th August, 18th August and 1st September.

080923/7. Discuss the 2023 Wool Bombing event – 1st September – 15th October 2023.

The Deputy Clerk reported that there are around 20 trees decorated in woolly designs on both Ripley Market Place and Crossley Park. Creative members of the public have done an amazing job and we thank them for taking part. Many positive comments have been received from members of the public.

ITV contacted Ripley Town Council as they had seen the promotion we have been doing regarding the wool bombing and organised to come along and meet some volunteers and film them in Crossley Park. They are to be aired w.c 11th September 2023 in the competition segment in 'This Morning' and 'Loose Women'.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that the Deputy Clerk writes to all the volunteers, requesting a photograph of them by their wool bomb so we can promote them on social media, with their consent.

080923/8. Discuss the 2023 Ripley Remembrance Parade.

The Deputy Clerk reported that she has a meeting scheduled on 22nd September 2023 with Rev. Wigram from All Saints Church and Phil Joyes from the Ripley and District RBL to discuss arrangements. Cllr Wilson kindly offered to set up his PA system to use on Ripley Market Place for the official Dismissal on the day of the Parade.

NOTED

080923/9. Discuss the Christmas Market and Light Switch on events to be held on Sunday 26th November 2023.

The Deputy Clerk reported that 30 stalls have now been booked to attend the Christmas Market. The Carousel has been booked and she is currently liaising with entertainers. The Committee discussed changing the format of the event regarding Father Christmas.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that in the benefit of public health and safety, Father Christmas will be in a grotto all day giving out free gifts to children, instead of arriving after the carol service, which get extremely busy with people.

080923/10. Discuss organising a Ripley Township Flowerpot Trail in 2024.

The Deputy Clerk suggested that instead of having community wool bombing next year, we try something different in the form of a Flowerpot Trail, making figures and displays out of flowerpots. Ripley Town Council would plot all the entrants on a map which will become available to the community so they can do a self-led walk around to see them in situ in residents front gardens and in business windows.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that Ripley Town Council engage community groups, businesses and individuals throughout the whole Township to take part in a Flowerpot Trail in July and August 2024.

080923/11. Discuss the possibility of having an outdoor cinema in 2024.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that Ripley Town Council explore the idea of holding an outdoor cinema in Crossley Park in June 2024, showing two back-to-back films, one targeted at children/ families and another one for age 12 plus.

080923/12. Meeting Closure - Meeting closed at 5.19pm.

Date of next meeting: Friday 5th November 2023 at 5pm.

The date for the next monthly Town Council Meeting is Tuesday 19th September 2023 at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber at Ripley Town Hall.

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