



## Ripley Town Council

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### Minutes of Tuesday 23rd February 2021 at 5.00pm RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL VIRTUAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE MEETING

In Attendance: Cllrs: R Ashton (replaces P Moss), R Emmas-Williams, I Fisher, N Weaving, D Williams and Mrs C Worth (Chair).

Also: one member of the public and Town Clerk L McCormick

#### **AGENDA**

**230221/1. To Receive Apologies for Absence – None received**

**230221/2. Variation of Order of Business – None required**

**230221/3. Declaration of Members Interests**

Cllr D Williams declared a personal interest in item 7. As a member of the Butterley Ironworks Trust and would remain in the meeting

Cllr R Emmas- Williams declared a personal interest in item 7. As a donator to the Butterley Ironworks Trust and would remain in the meeting

Cllr D R Emmas-Williams declared a personal interest in item 8. As a member of the Midland Railway Trust and would remain in the meeting

**230221/4. Public speaking – (10 Minutes)**

A member of the public spoke and gave a report (Appendix A) regarding the Butterley Ironworks Trust Crowd Funding and their ambition which explains the need to raise £15,000.00 to secure a specialist consultant for creating virtual reality experience.

**230221/5. Discuss the Information Boards –**

The Town Clerk reported that copies of the boards had been circulated to Committee Members for their perusal and comments had been received and pictures to be obtained ready to go to the designer and asks the Committee to investigate possible locations for further boards in the township. - **Noted**

**230221/6. Discuss the Town Guide**

The Town Clerk reported that copies of the Town Guide had been circulated to Committee Members for their perusal and comments had been received and pictures to be obtained ready to go to the designer and consider how the Town Guide will be distributed. - **Noted**

**230221/7. Butterley Ironworks Crowd Funding**

**RESOLVED to recommend to Full Council** to give a grant of £1,000.00 to support the ambition of the Butterley Ironworks Trust their report (Appendix A).

### **230221/8. Midland Railway Crowd Funding**

**RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council to give a grant of £1,000.00 to support the projects of the Midland Railway Trust their report (Appendix B)

### **230221/9. Local Community Organisations update – No update**

### **230221/10. Date for the next Heritage Committee Meeting**

**RESOLVED** to hold the next Heritage Committee meeting Tuesday April 13<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 5.00pm

**The date for the next monthly Town Council Meeting is March 16<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 7.00pm.**

## **RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

**BHIB Derbyshire Local Council of the Year 2020 and 2018  
Highly Commended Council of the Year 2019**

### **Appendix A**

#### **Butterley Ironworks Trust – Crowdfunding support request from RTC**

The company that became Butterley Engineering was founded in 1790 by Benjamin Outram. In its long history it manufactured iconic buildings and structures, from St Pancras Station to the Falkirk Wheel. Crucially it was a pioneer of mechanised heavyengineering processes and at the forefront of the industrial revolution going into production in 1791.

Butterley Engineering closed in 2008 and the site is now subject of a mixed housing and commercial redevelopment. Two structures at the site – the Blast Wall and the underground Canal and Wharves – are Scheduled Ancient Monuments; additionally, there are two Grade II Listed buildings amongst the remaining structures, all of which have historical significance.

Butterley Ironworks Trust (BIT) is a Registered Charity (No. 1173670) whose broad aim is to secure the nationally – and internationally - important heritage features of the former Butterley Works site.

Our vision is to utilise the latest ‘virtual reality’ technologies to demonstrate the historic engineering and socio-economic importance of the site with a series of ‘experiences’ designed for all ages and interests. These would explore the industrial processes, the range of jobs created and the wider socio-economic impact of the birth of the industrial revolution.

To deliver this ambition, we need crowdfunding to secure specialist support to help plan the delivery of an original and exciting visitor experience. Our first such funding appeal seeks to raise £15,000 to secure specialist consultant support about creating virtual reality experiences, and also business planning for a tourist attraction.

## **Appendix B**

### **Midland Railway Crowd funding**

#### **Projects**

One very important project we need to fund for the protection of our restored vehicles is our Museum building.

It is likely with its current condition we might not be able to reopen the museum building to the public when we start running trains again.

The building needs a complete new roof and some structural repairs, estimated to be in the region of £1.2million.

On completion it would support members of staff and allow us to access many other grants being a functioning museum offering access to visitors and would also help tell local history railway stories and give offerings for education visits.