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MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 20TH 2018 MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

held at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Ripley.

Attendees; Cllr P. Lobley (Chair), and Cllrs R. Ashton, A. Bridge, S.D. Carter, Ms. L. Cox, C. Cutting, R. Emmas-Williams, Mrs S. Emmas-Williams, D. Farrelly, I. Fisher, S. Freeborn Mrs. J. Gregory, T. Holmes, M. Jones, P. Moss, N. Weaving, D. Williams, and Mrs. C. Worth.

Members of the Public – three (including PCSO Dare and PCSP Dufton of Derbyshire Constabulary)
Also L. McCormick (Town Clerk) and H. Curzon (Deputy Town Clerk)

Prior to the start of the meeting, a minute's silence of respect was given for Maurice Gent, former Mayor of Ripley Town Council and Councillor Farrelly gave a eulogy.

201118/1 To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. L. Joyes, M. Missett and M. Wilson.

201118/2 Variation of Order of Business – None required

201118/3 Declaration of Members Interests - None declared.

201118/4 Public Speaking

PCSO Dare reported on crime statistics for Ripley in October 2018. Theft x18, Criminal activity x11, Non-dwelling x4, Car theft x2, Burglary x1, Robbery x1, Anti-social behaviour x29 (includes the period when the fair was on and Halloween).

PCSO Dare said they Police were pleased with only 2 reported incidents whilst the fair was here. For the remembrance parade, five Specials and Police came in on their rest days to assist with the parade. PCSO Dare also spoke of projects they are working on with the local community:

Project Zao – Police going into schools to talk about anti-knife crime, to children aged 10 years and over.

Free Home security visits – to homes via online requests, (at present the request has to come via the online service) helping to make homes safe and offer advice on security. This will possibly be extended into the New Year.

First Contact Form – whilst going into people's homes and seeing they need advice in other areas, signposting people to other services like the Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service or the Library Service.

Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire has relaunched the Derbyshire Alert system which is a free community messaging service about local crimes and community events.

Events – the Police will have a presence at the Ripley Christmas Light Switch on and the Christmas Market. 8th December they have a community stall on Ripley Market Place, 11th December, 10-12pm at Ripley Hospital and 19th December at Ripley Library where they will be giving safety and security advice.

Cllr Williams asked if the figures PCSO Dare reported were seeing increases / decreases in reported incidents or are they stable and was referred to www.police.uk for statistics.

Cllr Carter said he had used the 101 non-emergency telephone number and was pleased with the service, however he didn't hear the outcome of the incident he reported. PCSO Dare responded saying it depends on the type of incident. If an incident number was given, you can ring back and ask for feedback.

Cllr Jones stated his concerns that in Ripley is perceived as having ASB and residents don't feel safe in the late afternoons and evenings. He asked what can be done if we see people that aren't actually committing a crime, but look like they have or will. The Police responded saying people should ring 101 with information.

Cllr Cutting thanked the Police for communicating more with the public through the Derbyshire Alert System.

- 201118/5 To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Meeting on 16th October 2018.**
RESOLVED to sign the minutes as a true and accurate record.
- 201118/6 To confirm the Minutes of the Allotment Committee Meeting held on 19th October 2018**
RESOLVED to sign the minutes as a true and accurate record.
- 201118/7 To confirm the Minutes of the Event Committee Meeting held on 26th October 2018 and accept the recommendations therein.**
RESOLVED that the minutes and recommendations be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.
- 201118/8 To confirm the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 2nd November 2018 and accept the Resolutions therein.**
RESOLVED that the minutes and resolutions be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.
- 201118/9 To confirm the Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee held on 16th November 2018 and accept the Resolutions therein.**
RESOLVED that the minutes and resolutions be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record
- 201118/10 To determine which additional items on any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded. - None required**
- 201118/11 Communication between Derbyshire Police and Ripley Town Council**
Cllr Mrs. S. Emmas-Williams reported that some Ripley Town Councillors recently attended the Neighbourhood Watch AGM where it was reported that Police community engagement had reduced. The Derbyshire Alert System was relaunched, and she encouraged everyone to register for the alerts also giving her appreciation to the Police for attending this meeting and proposed that RTC write to Derbyshire Police asking them to continue attending Council meetings.
RESOLVED: Ripley Town Council write to thank the Chief Constable of Derbyshire Police for the new initiatives which are welcomed, however, there is concern that the Police attendance at Ripley Town Council meetings is irregular. Also to state it would be beneficial to all to see more Police Officers in the Derbyshire Constabulary.

201118/12 Ripley Town Council draft budget 2019/20

Cllr Freeborn proposed that there be no increase in the Ripley Town Council section of Council Tax in 2019-2020. The Christmas Lights are a significant cost and residents should be delighted with this proposed budget. Ripley Town Council have given more money to local groups and the Environment Committee now has a budget of its own to identify needs and results within the Township. RTC are also making significant contributions back into the reserves. The draft budget is subject to consultation with the public and we ask for comments by 4th January 2019.

Cllr Fisher seconded the proposal of the draft budget. He reported that Ripley Town Council also fund the Citizens Advice Bureau weekly advice sessions, and has plans to expand the provision for young people in 2019. Further the Town Council put on several events throughout the year for residents to enjoy including the Christmas Lights switch on, Christmas Market, Spring and Harvest festivals plus the Big Day Out.

RESOLVED: Ripley Town Council unanimously accepted the proposal and there will be no increase to the Ripley Town Council part of Council Tax for 2019-2020.

201118/13 Town Mayors Announcements

Ripley Town Mayor, Cllr Lobley gave an update on his Mayoral engagements since the last meeting:

- 17th October – BBC Radio Derby interview about Ripley
- 18th October – 766th Ilkeston Charter Fair
- 23rd October – Ripley Fair Dinner at the Village Inn, Marehay.
- 24th October – Opened the 767th Ripley Charter Fair
- 28th October – Civic Service at St. Luke's Church, Heage
- 1st November – Belper Fair
- 8th November – Long Song performances at All Saint's Church, Ripley
- 10th November – Ripley Guides, Brownies and Rainbows Bazaar
- 11th November – Remembrance services at Heage and Ambergate churches.
- 14th November – Greenhillocks Fellowship group commemoration of WW1
- 15th November – Ripley Library for the launch of a new book 'The History of Ripley'
- 17th November – Heage Methodist Bazaar
- 19th November – BBC Radio Derby interview for 'Mayor on Monday' feature.

Cllr Lobley asked Councillors if they could be available to volunteer at the Christmas Light Switch on and/or the Christmas Market.

201118/14 Reports of the Town Clerk.

a) Citizens Advice Bureau Ripley Library Outreach Impact Data Report April – September 2018

The Town Clerk reported that all Councillors have received the reports from the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) about their work in Ripley.

RESOLVED: Ripley Town Council write a letter of thanks to CAB for assisting the residents of Ripley.

b) Citizens Advice Bureau Amber Valley Outreach Impact Data Report April – September 2018 – The report be noted

c) Derbyshire Law Centre Report 01/08/2017 to 31/07/2018 and becoming an organisational member

Cllr Freeborn proposed that Ripley Town Council become an organisational member of the Derbyshire Law Centre as it will give us a right to attend their AGM and vote,

and also proposed that the Grants Committee discuss giving a grant to Derbyshire Law Centre.

RESOLVED: Ripley Town Council become an organisational member of the Derbyshire Law Centre and that the Grants Committee determine the level of grant to award.

201118/15 Planning Applications - None for discussion

201118/16 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the Meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. - **None required**

201118/17 Items for Information in the Information folder

DALC Newsletter, Waingroves Community Woodland Trust 2019 Calendar.

201118/18 Meeting Closed at 7.42pm

Date of Next Council Meeting – January 15th 2019 at 7.00pm

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