



## Ripley Town Council

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### **MINUTES OF APRIL 16<sup>th</sup> 2019 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. Carter, Ms. L. Cox, C. Cutting, R. Emmas-Williams, Mrs S. Emmas-Williams, I. Fisher, S. Freeborn, Mrs. J. Gregory, T. Holmes, Mrs. L. Joyes, M. Missett, P. Moss, D. Williams, M. Wilson and Mrs. C. Worth.

Members of the Public – 7 members of the public

Also L. McCormick (Town Clerk) and H. Curzon (Deputy Town Clerk)

#### **AGENDA**

**160419/1 To Receive Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M. Jones

**160419/2 Variation of Order of Business**

None

**160419/3 Declaration of Members Interests**

Councillor Ashton declared a personal interest in Agenda Items 13 and 14 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting.

Councillor Carter declared a personal interest in Agenda Items 13 and 14 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting.

Councillor Moss declared a personal interest in Agenda Items 13 and 14 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting.

Councillor Holmes declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 14 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting.

Councillor Wilson declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 14 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting.

**160419/4 Public Speaking**

A member of the public asked if the wool used in the Ripley Community Wool Bombing will be washed and dried after the event, for future use? The Town Clerk responded saying that the pieces of wool will be washed, dried and made into blankets to give to the homeless.

A member of the public directed his comment to Cllr Ashton and asked, considering he has voted against building on Green Belt land, has he had any other thoughts about changing the minds of his Conservative colleagues at Amber Valley Borough Council?

Cllr Ashton responded saying he had voted against building on Green Belt land and will continue to speak against it. 150 Brownfield sites have been allocated for building on and he will speak to the Inspector when the times comes.

A member of the public wanted members to pay attention to the Green Belt (Protection) Bill which is currently on its second reading in the House of Commons. The Bill is to establish a national register of green belt land in England; to restrict the ability of local authorities to de-designate green belt land; to make provision about future development of de-designated green

belt land; and for connected purposes. No authority should be able to de-designate Green Belt land unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Cllr Williams asked why there was a traffic jam in Waingroves this evening. Cars were being directed through the village due to a problem on Nottingham Road.

Cllr Holmes passed on apologies on behalf of the Police who where due to attend this meeting but were called to an emergency.

**160419/5 To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019.**

**RESOLVED** to sign the minutes as a true and accurate record.

**160419/6 To confirm the Minutes of the Events Committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019 and accept the recommendations therein.**

**RESOLVED** to sign the minutes and recommendations be agreed as a true and accurate record.

**160419/7 To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019 and accept the resolutions therein.**

**RESOLVED** to sign the minutes and recommendations be agreed as a true and accurate record.

**160419/8 TO confirm the Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019 and accept the resolutions therein.**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes and resolutions be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

**160419/9 To determine which additional items on any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.**

None

**160419/10 Town Mayors Announcements**

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019 officially opened the new community facility at Greenwich Park

24<sup>th</sup> March 2019 attended Matlock Civic Service

5<sup>th</sup> April 2019 attended the Ripley Civic Dinner at Lumb Farm

7<sup>th</sup> April 2019 attended the Alfreton Civic Service

11<sup>th</sup> April 2019 attended the coffee morning at Ivy Grove Surgery in Ripley

12<sup>th</sup> April 2019 went to the Seafish Restaurant in Ripley to have a photograph taken with the owners.

The Mayor conveyed his thanks to all members of the Council for supporting him during his term as Mayor of Ripley.

**160419/11 Report of the Town Clerk**

Nothing to report.

**160419/12 Ripley Town Council to become a 'Paperless Council' and supply all Cllrs with Electronic Tablets for RTC emails and information**

**RESOLVED** for Ripley Town Council to purchase 22 electronic tablets for Councillors to use for RTC emails, documents and information. The tablets are to be the sole means by which Councillors are to receive agendas and minutes from the Clerk.

**160419/13 Report progress regarding the Ripley Neighbourhood Plan Review**

Cllr Freeborn reported that himself, the Town Clerk and Cllr Fisher have met with the Consultants from Planning Design. We will be intending to go out to public consultation from the middle of May for a 6-8-week period. He stressed that we are not looking for additional sites in Ripley for housing and to develop policies by additions, deletions and amendments as appropriate.

**160419/14 Green Belt Consultation – Town Council Response**

**RESOLVED** Ripley Town Council believes the Amber Valley Borough Council proposals to amend the Green Belt are neither 'sound', 'justified', 'effective' nor 'consistent with the NPPF'. The Draft Local Plan should not be adopted, and Amber Valley Borough Council should develop a new Draft Local Plan based upon a revised Spatial Policy that places most of the housing – where it is needed – adjacent to the boundary with Derby. Further, the Leader of Ripley Town Council be authorised to finalise the Ripley Town Council response to the Draft Local Plan, to be considered by the Ripley Town Council Planning Committee on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019 and make comments.

**160419/15 All Councillors to attend training on May 21<sup>st</sup> 2019 at 6.00pm**

**NOTED** Councillors to attend Councillor Training in the Council Chamber on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019, 6-6.45pm.

**160419/16 Staff Appraisals**

Cllr Fisher thanked the Town Clerk for her professionalism and commitment and the Deputy Clerk for being a great asset to Ripley Town Council, especially in regard to marketing. Both the Town Clerk and Deputy Clerk's appraisals have been completed.

**RESOLVED** for Ripley Town Council staff to progress to the next point on the NALC National Salary Scale.

**160419/17 Planning Applications**

None to discuss

**160419/18 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**

**160419/19 Items for the Information Folder**

Amber Valley CVS newsletter, Trent Barton National Bus Survey.

**160419/20 Meeting Closed at 7.50pm**

**Date of Next Council Meeting – Annual Town Council Meeting – May 21<sup>st</sup> 2019 at 7.00pm  
Annual Assembly – May 21<sup>st</sup> 2019 at 6.45pm**

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