



# Ripley Town Council

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## MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 19<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. Emma-Williams, Mrs S. Emma-Williams, D. Farrelly, I. Fisher, S. Freeborn, Mrs. J. Gregory, T. Holmes, M. Jones, M. Missett, N. Weaving, D. Williams, and Mrs. C. Worth.

Members of the Public – 4 members of the public.

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

### AGENDA

**190219/1 To Receive Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M. Wilson.

**190219/2 Variation of Order of Business**

**RESOLVED** that Agenda Item 8 move to item 16.

**190219/3 Declaration of Members Interests - None declared.**

**190219/4 Public Speaking**

Cllr R. Emma-Williams gave an update on Greenwich Park. It is now complete and has been handed over to Amber Valley Borough Council. Cllrs and staff were invited to have a look around the new facility the previous week. The official opening will be on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 12.00pm. Cllr R Emma-Williams passed on his gratitude to Ripley Town Council for their financial support and assistance in helping Greenwich Park Sports Partnership achieve their goals for the local community.

Cllr Freeborn mentioned that the deadline for the Amber Valley consultation in regards of their Asset Management is the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019. He pointed out that the Council Chamber looks much better having been redecorated but the desks have been put back too tightly as there is no longer room to walk up and down the desks. He suggested it would be better if the desks were moveable so better use of the space in the chamber could be utilised.

Cllr Freeborn spoke about two whole floors in the Amber Valley Borough Council office not being used. It is expensive to maintain and could be let to other parties. Ripley Town Council (RTC) asked for more space last year in the Town Hall and were told that no space was available to use, hence RTC moving offices to Grosvenor Road. Cllr Freeborn went on to ask what are the Borough Council going to do in respect of the Town Hall? RTC would still seriously consider taking on the Town Hall in the future. Cllr Freeborn would like these minutes to be sent to Amber Valley Borough Council, for their information.

Cllr Fisher spoke about the Williams Almshouses in Ripley have a vacancy on Nottingham Road and would welcome anyone from the Ripley Township to apply to live there.

Cllr Ashton welcomed the Mayor of Ripley, Councillor Paul Lobley back after his recent

illness.

The Ripley Safer Neighbourhood Team (Derbyshire Police) read a report about some incidents the team have been involved with:

- Car nuisance at the Co-op/ Sainsburys – patrols and advice was given and also working when possible with Road Traffic Police.
- Motorbikes on the Greenway due to the mild weather/ lighter evenings – will be patrolling to again enforce any offences.
- HRH Princess Royal visit to the town – no policing issues, children and public all well behaved.
- Derbyshire Alert – messaging service relaunched and being promoted.
- Shoplifting patrols – positive results
- Car thefts – leaflet drops and use of social media to remind residents to lock their vehicles and remove all valuables.
- Community stalls at Ripley Library, Ripley Hospital and Nationwide last month.

Cllr Freeborn asked if the motorbikes on the Greenway are a result of Derbyshire County Council removing some 'A' frames along the paths? He noted that the Police didn't mention the violent crime on Alfred Street in Ripley that was committed where a gentleman was mugged, leaving him very distressed and unable to leave his home alone. The Police responded saying that this specific case is being dealt with by the CID.

Cllr Ashton responded to Cllr Freeborn's comment that the 'A' frames were removed along the Greenway to allow access for people with mobility scooters onto the area. He added, should we stop horses as well as motorcyclists can get onto the Greenway at these entrances.

Cllr Jones reported that there was a house burglary in Ripley a few weeks ago on Derby Road. The Police responded saying that they didn't have an update about this and it is currently under investigation.

Cllr Farrelly said the Town Clerk has usefully circulated crime figures recently and assault with injury was quite high. He wanted to know if there are any hotspots for assaults and are the lack of CCTV cameras playing a part? The Police responded to say that assaults tend to take place on Friday and Saturday nights. They patrol between 10pm and 3am on Fridays and on Saturdays if they are available. They were unable to comment regarding CCTV cameras.

**190219/5 To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019.**

**RESOLVED** to sign the minutes with an addition, as a true and accurate record.

**190219/6 To confirm the Minutes of the Event Committee Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019 and accept the recommendations therein.**

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

**190219/7 To confirm the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019 and accept the recommendations therein.**

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

**190219/8 To confirm the Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019 and consider the Resolutions therein.**

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

**190219/9 To determine which additional items on any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.**

**RESOLVED** move Agenda Item 17 into Agenda Item 16, in view of the confidential nature of item 17 to consider a resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1, in order to discuss the item.

**190219/10 Town Mayors Announcements**

The Mayor thanked all members and Officers for their well wishes since his heart attack. He thanked the Deputy Mayor for attending engagements in his absence.

10<sup>th</sup> February 2019 - Codnor Civic Service

14<sup>th</sup> February 2019 - Ivy Grove Surgery Coffee Morning

**190219/11 Report of the Town Clerk**

**a. Citizens Advice Quarter 3 Report October – December 2018**

The Town Clerk reported that all Councillors have received the Amber Valley and the Ripley report from Citizens Advice.

Cllr Freeborn noted the report and the good work of Citizens Advice.

**190219/12 Ripley Neighbourhood Plan review – information**

**RESOLVED** to appoint a Consultant to undertake the Ripley Neighbourhood Plan review, with the first task being to organise several public consultation meetings and to set out a programme of activity. Contracts to be discussed in the confidential session.

**190219/13 Discuss RTC Representative for Amber Valley Access Group**

**RESOLVED** to be considered at the May Town Council Annual Meeting.

**190219/14 Planning applications**

None to discuss

**190219/15 Items for Information in the Information folder**

The Clerk Magazine

**190219/16 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.

**Agenda items 8 and 17 to be discussed with the exclusion of the Press and Public.**

**190219/17 Discuss Contract Information and costs regarding Ripley Neighbourhood Plan Review**

**RESOLVED** to accept the quotation from 'Planning Design' (Contractor 'C') to undertake the Ripley Neighbourhood Plan review.

**190219/18 Meeting Closed at 7.26pm**

**Date of Next Council Meeting – March 19<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 7.00pm.**

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