



# Ripley Town Council

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## MINUTES OF OCTOBER 15<sup>th</sup> 2019 MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

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

Attendees; Cllr T. Holmes (Chair), and Cllrs R.P. Ashton, Mrs. P. A. Boles, A. Bridge, S. Carter, Ms L.D. Cox, C. Cutting, R. Emmas-Williams, I. Fisher, Mrs M. Gascoigne, Mrs J.H. Gregory, M. Jones, P. Lobley, P. Moss, C. Saunders, N. Weaving, D.A. Williams, M.C. Wilson and Mrs. C. Worth.  
Members of the Public – Two plus L. McCormick (Clerk) and H. Curzon (Deputy Town Clerk).

### Agenda

#### **151019/1 To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Freeborn and Mrs. C. Manterfield.

#### **151019/2 Variation of Order of Business**

None required

#### **151019/3 Declaration of Members Interests:**

Councillor Ashton declared a personal interest in Agenda items 14, 17, 18 and 21 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting.

Councillor Carter declared a personal interest in Agenda items 14, 18 and 21 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting.

Councillor Moss declared a personal interest in Agenda items 14, 18 and 21 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting.

Councillor Lobley declared a personal interest in Agenda items 14, 18 and 21 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting.

Councillor Holmes declared a personal interest in Agenda items 14, 15, 18 and 21 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting.

Councillor Wilson declared a personal interest in Agenda items 14, 15, 18 and 21 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting.

Councillor Williams declared a personal interest in Agenda item 20 as a member of Butterley Ironworks Trust and remained in the meeting.

#### **151019/4 Public speaking**

A member of the public spoke about Malt House Yard Car Park in Ripley with access being a problem through the small shared walkthrough from the car park to the High Street. A group of residents are trying to make it a Public Right of Way. So far 100 forms have been sent to Derbyshire County Council. One of the main concerns about the new car park is that three wide access disabled bays have been lost, leaving one remaining. This will limit the number of disabled people that will be able to park there now. Legislations states that 4% of a car park should be given to wide access spaces in a public car park. The managers of Ripley Fair found out about this change in the car park in January 2019, the general public didn't find out until three days before work started. The public are angry and this needs to be addressed.

Councillor Lobley spoke regarding Malt House Yard Car Park stating this is the only access for people living on Field Terrace wanting to walk to the High Street is through the walkway.

- 151019/5 To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council’s Monthly Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019.**  
**RESOLVED** to sign the minutes as a true and accurate record.
- 151019/6 To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Certificate of Merit Working Party held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019 and accept the recommendations therein.**  
**RESOLVED** that the minutes and recommendation that Mr. Alan Carter be awarded the 2019 Certificate of Merit, be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.
- 151019/7 To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Financial and Management Committee Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019 and accept the resolutions therein.**  
**NOTED** that this meeting had to be cancelled and has been rescheduled for Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 5.00pm in the RTC Office.
- 1510919/8 To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Heritage Committee Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019.**  
**NOTED** that this meeting had to be cancelled and has been rescheduled for Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 5.45pm in the RTC Office.
- 151019/9 To determine which items if any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.**  
None required
- 151019/10 Town Mayor’s Announcements**  
The Mayor and his Consort have attended the following events since the last meeting:  
18<sup>th</sup> September 2019 – Rethink charity at The Croft  
21<sup>st</sup> September 2019 – Midland Railway open weekend  
22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 – Ripley Harvest Market  
22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 – Amber Valley Mayor’s Civic Service  
27<sup>th</sup> September 2019 – Visited a lady from Heage celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday  
2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019 – Ripley Academy open evening  
5<sup>th</sup> October 2019 – Amber Gold’s Harvest Dinner and disco  
7<sup>th</sup> October 2019 – Guide Dog Charity blind dinner  
10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 – Church Farm Surgery coffee morning  
10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 – Ripley Academy Awards Evening  
13<sup>th</sup> October 2019 – High Sherriff of Derbyshire’s Civic Service
- 151019/11 Report of the Town Clerk**
- a) Harvest Festival Feedback**  
The Clerk reported that the weather wasn’t great on the day which may have put some people off attending. The cookery demonstrations were good. Cllr Gregory thanked everyone involved.  
**NOTED**
- b) PKF Littlejohn External Audit report received ‘no issues or concerns’**  
The Clerk reported that she was pleased to say that there were no issues or concerns in the external audit report.  
**NOTED** and the Council thanked and congratulated the Clerk

**c) Reminders – Fair Dinner October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019 and Fair Opening October 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019**

The Clerk reminded Councillors of these events and asked Councillors to let her know as soon as possible if they will be attending the Fair Dinner.

**NOTED**

**d) Councillor's updated information for the RTC website as per email from Deputy Clerk on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019 – deadline was 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019. Please send the outstanding information to the Deputy Clerk by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 – the following Cllrs have still not sent the information required – Cllrs Ashton, Mrs P Bowles, Mrs M Gascoigne, M. Jones, Mrs C Manterfield, P. Moss and Mrs C Worth. Cllrs were elected in May 2019 and their updated information is required for the Town Council website as all old information has been removed from previous Cllrs and new Cllrs have no information.**

The Clerk reported that she is concerned that Cllrs Ashton, Jones, Manterfield and Worth have still not completed their forms since this agenda was issued and after several reminders.

Cllr Fisher said Councillor information should be made available to the public. Ripley Town Council are looking to work towards a Local Council Gold Award and empty biographies will not be acceptable as the information will not be on the website.

**NOTED**

**151019/12 Discuss Proposed Telephone Box Closure, Jessop Street, Waingroves**

**RESOLVED** Ripley Town Council do not take a view on all telephone boxes but allow local members to make representations for telephone boxes in their area to British Telecom.

**151019/13 Discuss Quarterly Finance Report**

**NOTED**

**151019/14 Discuss Amber Valley Borough Council Corporate Plan 2020**

**RESOLVED** To welcome the Amber Valley Borough Council Corporate Plan 2020 and for Amber Valley Borough Councillors to fight for the Ripley Township.

**151019/15 Discuss Heage Parkside Allotments access issues and queried regarding responsibilities**

**RESOLVED** Solicitors to act on behalf of Ripley Town Council on this matter and for Ripley Town Council to authorise expenditure to a maximum of £2000.

**151019/16 Waingroves Play Area / SuDS - update**

**RESOLVED** Ripley Town Council to come to an arrangement with the Developer about the play area so it can be opened as soon as possible.

**151019/17 Discuss Local Bus Service Disruption**

Cllr Gregory reported that the bus service has been severely disrupted over the past few weeks with Your Bus going into administration. The 147 route through The Elms Estate in Ripley is a lifeline for some people. She had spoken to Derbyshire County Council who were very helpful who informed her that another company will be taking this route on.

Cllr Ashton as a DCC Cllr replied to say he will personally look into route 147 with Derbyshire County Council.

**NOTED**

**151019/18 Discuss Amber Valley Borough Council Tree Planting Scheme**  
Cllr Fisher reported that we welcome this scheme. We need to clarify with AVBC if they are planning on planting UK species of trees, which we hope they will be and how the whips/ saplings planted will be protected until more established.

Cllr Weaving that the tree planting scheme is on the next Environment Committee agenda to be discussed.

**RESOLVED** Ripley Town Council to work with Amber Valley Borough Council to plant more trees in the township.

**151019/19 Discuss Climate Change Emergency**  
Cllr Saunders commended the member of the public for speaking about Climate Change at the previous meeting. He said we need to be realistic about what we as a council can do, for example charging points for cars and solar panels. We need to look at behaviours like being a peat free borough. He is happy to volunteer his own time to educate local people about changing their behaviours.

Cllr Fisher said this is not a party issue, but a whole council one. We need to raise public interest. He is pleased with the way that AVBC is tackling the issue and Ripley Town Council will support it and should be at the forefront of messages to the public. Ripley Town Council should think about what can be included in our Environment Action Plan.

**NOTED**

**151019/20 Butterley Ironworks – update and adoption of statement**

**RESOLVED** Ripley Town Council adopt the vision of Butterley Ironworks as a tourist hub.

**151019/21 Discuss AVBC proposed Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2020/21**

**RESOLVED** Ripley Town Council to respond to AVBC agreeing to the scheme going ahead.

**151019/22 Planning Applications**

None to discuss

**151019/23 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**

**170919/21 Items for the Information Folder**

None

**170919/23 Meeting closed at 7.41pm**

**Date for the next monthly meeting November 19<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 7.00pm**

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