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MINUTES of November 16th 2021 MONTHLY MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

of the Meeting of Ripley Town Council to be held at **7.00pm** on
November 26th 2021 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Market Place, Ripley.

In Attendance: Cllrs: M Allwood, R Ashton, Ms. L Cox, R Emmas-Williams (Chair), I Fisher, S Freeborn, Mrs J Gregory, T Harper, T Holmes, L Joyes, P Lobley, P Moss, M Murray, T Spencer, D Williams, S Williams, M Wilson and C Worth.

Also: L McCormick (Town Clerk), H Curzon (Deputy Clerk), four members of the public, two representatives from Derbyshire Police and one member of the Press

AGENDA

161121/1. To Receive Apologies for Absence – Cllrs: S Carter, M Jones and N Weaving.

161121/2. Variation of Order of Business

RESOLVED the following:

- a. To include an emergency Agenda Item (14a) – the closure of the Butterley Ward at Ripley Hospital.**
- b. Forward Agenda Item 11 (Discuss Anti-Social Behaviour in Ripley Town Centre) to Item 4d on the agenda.**
- c. Defer Agenda Item 13 (Discuss the bus route between Ripley and Ambergate) to the January 2022 meeting of Ripley Town Council.**

161121/3. Declaration of Members Interests

Councillor D Williams declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 14 as a Member and Trustee of the Butterley Ironworks Trust and would remain in the meeting.

Councillor P Lobley declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 12 as a Member of Amber Valley Borough Council and would remain in the meeting.

Councillor T Harper declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 12 as a Member of Amber Valley Borough Council and would remain in the meeting.

Councillor P Moss declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 12 as a Member of Amber Valley Borough Council and would remain in the meeting.

Councillor R Emmas-Williams declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 12 as a volunteer at Greenwich Park Sports Partnership and Agenda Item 14 as a donor to Butterley Ironworks Trust and would remain in the meeting.

161121/4. Public Speaking

- a) A verbal presentation was given by two representatives from the Butterley Ironworks Trust about their fundraising and match funding strategy for now and in the future.

A representative from the Ripley Hospital League of Friends (RHLoF) spoke regarding the temporary closure of the Butterley Ward, thus moving beds to Ilkeston Community Hospital. There was no consideration given from the NHS to inform RHLoF of this decision. They now feel that their reputation and credibility is compromised and future fundraising for Ripley Hospital may be jeopardised. They are seeking the support of Ripley Town Council in this matter.

- b) PCSO Howe from the Ripley Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) introduced his new colleague, PCSO Middleton to Ripley Town Council. They gave a report on Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in Ripley Town Centre, mentioning street drinkers are an issue and they are working hard with the new initiative 'Operation New Beginnings' to try to solve this issue.

Cllr Freeborn asked for reports on the levels of crime in the Ripley Township and what are the specific ASB issues. Ripley Town Council would like to work more closely with the Ripley SNT team and to have regular meetings to receive reports on the Ripley SNT initiatives.

PCSO Middleton suggested that communications in paramount between the Ripley SNT team and Ripley Town Council and asked that Ripley Town Council feed any crime intelligence we receive, to the Ripley SNT team.

161121/5. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Monthly Meeting on October 26th 2021 (previously circulated electronically)

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

1611021/6. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting on November 5th 2021 and accept any recommendations therein (previously circulated electronically)

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

161121/7. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Finance & Management Committee Meeting November 12th 2021 and accept any resolutions and recommendations therein (previously circulated electronically).

RESOLVED to confirm and agree to sign the minutes as a true and accurate record and accept the recommendations.

161121/8. To determine which items if any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded. None required

161121/9. Mayor Announcements:

The Mayor and his Consort have attended the following events since the last meeting:

- 31st October 2021 – Derbyshire Archery Club demonstration shoot
Service of Light at All Saints' Church, Ripley
- 11th November 2021 – Armistice Day service at the Cenotaph at All Saints' Church, Ripley
- 14th November 2021 – Remembrance Sunday parade and service at All Saints' Church, Ripley

The Mayor gave a reminder to the Councillors that the Christmas Light Switch On will be on Friday 26th November at 6pm, followed by the Christmas Market on Sunday 5th December at 10am.

161121/10. Town Clerk announcements:

a) Volunteer reminder for Christmas events in Ripley Town Centre

The Clerk reminded Councillors that volunteers are required for these events and to contact members of staff for a fleece and T-Shirt.

NOTED

b) Councillors address in the public domain

The Clerk asked Councillors to let her know by Friday 19th November 2021, if they do not wish their private address to be public on the Ripley Town Council website.

NOTED

c) Congratulations to Sheds Ground Maintenance (RTC Contractors for the Play areas) winning the Small Business of the Year at the Enterprising Women Awards

The Clerk reported that Ripley Town Council are pleased and proud of Sheds Grounds Maintenance for winning this award.

NOTED

d) Proposed dates for Ripley Town Council events in 2022

Spring Market - Sunday 15th May 2022

Well Dressing - Sunday 15th May 2022

Wool Bombing - Sunday 15th May – 12th June 2022

Queen's Jubilee Celebrations – Sunday 5th June 2022

Big Day Out - TBC

Bands on Crossley Park – Sundays, 26th June, 10th July, 24th July, 7th August, 21st August and 11th September 2022.

Outdoor Cinema - Friday 9th September 2022

Remembrance – Sunday 13th November 2022

Christmas Lights Switch On - Friday 25th November 2022

Christmas Market Sunday – Sunday 4th December 2022

NOTED

161121/11. Discuss Anti-Social Behaviour in Ripley Town Centre

RESOLVED in Agenda Item 161121/2b to discuss this item in Agenda Item 4d.

161121/12. Greenwich Update

Cllr Fisher reported that the searches of the land are currently ongoing and that we are hoping to complete in the next 3-4 weeks.

NOTED

161121/13. Discuss the bus route between Ripley and Ambergate

RESOLVED in Agenda Item 161121/2a to defer this agenda item until the January full Council meeting.

161121/14a. Discuss the Temporary Closure of the Butterley Ward at Ripley Hospital

RESOLVED Ripley Town Council make urgent contact with the relevant authorities to seek clarification on the Butterley Ward which was funded by money raised by the Ripley Hospital League of Friends. Ripley Town Council to express concern that no prior consultation was given in respect of what has happened, and that the community are worried. Ripley Town Council seek assurances that the Butterley Ward will reopen.

161121/14. Discuss Grant Request from Butterley Ironworks Trust for £10,000 towards the cost of a Feasibility Study

RESOLVED Ripley Town Council commits to contributing £10,000 to the cost of a feasibility study for the provision of a Heritage Centre at the site of the Butterley Ironworks. This is conditional on the Butterley Ironworks Trust attracting sufficient other funding for the study to go ahead.

161121/15. Discuss Precept Setting and Proposed Budget for 2022 / 2023

RESOLVED Ripley Town Council propose no increase in the Ripley Town Council precept for 2022-2023 (£342,000). We also propose no increase in the budget in 2023-2024. The proposed budget for 2024-2025 will see an increase in the annual precept of £0.10 per week, based on an average Council Tax Band D property.

161121/16. Planning Applications – None to discuss

161121/17. Exclusion of the Press and Public – Not required

161121/18. Meeting Closed at 8.04pm

Date for the Next Full Council Monthly Meeting January 18th 2022 at 7.00 pm.

RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

**BHIB AWARD WINNER FOR DERBYSHIRE COUNCIL OF THE YEAR 2020
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