



MINUTES of MONTHLY MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL
held at **7.00pm** on **Tuesday 27th September 2022** in the Council Chamber,
Town Hall, Market Place, Ripley.

In Attendance: Cllrs M Allwood, R Ashton, S Carter, L Cox, S Freeborn, Mrs J Gregory, T Holmes, M Jones, L Joyes, P Lobley, M Murray, T Spencer, N Weaving (Chair), S Williams and M Wilson.
Also: Three members of the public and one member of the Press, plus
Jayne Simpson - Town Clerk and Fiona Barrett – Admin Assistant.

At the beginning of the meeting Ripley Town Council members along with members of the Public observed a one-minute silence following the death of our late Queen Elizabeth II, and former Amber Valley Borough Councillor Valerie Thorpe.

AGENDA

270922/1. To Receive Apologies for Absence - Cllrs Emmas-Williams, I Fisher, T Harper, P Moss, D Williams and C Worth.

270922/2. Variation of Order of Business - None required.

270922/3. Declaration of Members Interests.

Councillor Ashton declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 19 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council. He remained in the meeting. He also declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 21 as a member of Derbyshire County Council. He remained in the meeting.

Councillor Carter declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 19 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council. He remained in the meeting.

Councillor Lobley declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 19 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council. He remained in the meeting.

Councillor Murray declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 19 and 24 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council. He remained in the meeting.

Councillor Spencer declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 19 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council. He remained in the meeting.

270922/4. Public Speaking

Cllr Ashton advised all present of the death of Cllr Valerie Thorpe who had been a long-standing member of Amber Valley Borough Council.

270922/5. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Full Council Meeting on July 26th 2022 (previously circulated electronically).

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

270922/6. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Heritage Committee Meeting on July 22nd 2022 (previously circulated electronically).

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

- 270922/7. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting on August 5th 2022 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 resolutions and recommendations therein.
- 270922/8. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee Meeting on 12th August 2022 and accept any recommendations and resolutions therein** (previously circulated electronically).
- RESOLVED** to confirm and agree to sign the minutes as a true and accurate record and accept the recommendations and resolutions therein.
- 270922/9. To confirm the Confidential Minutes of the Employment Committee Meeting on 16th August 2022 accept the recommendations and resolutions therein** (previously circulated electronically).
- RESOLVED** to confirm and agree to sign the minutes as a true and accurate record and accept the recommendations and resolutions therein.
- 270922/10. To confirm the Confidential Minutes of the Employment Committee Meeting on 26th August 2022 and accept the recommendations and resolutions therein** (previously circulated electronically).
- RESOLVED** to confirm and agree to sign the minutes as a true and accurate record and accept the recommendations and resolutions therein.
- 270922/11. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting on 30th August 2022 and accept the recommendations therein** (previously circulated electronically).
- RESOLVED** to confirm and agree to sign the minutes as a true and accurate record and accept the recommendations therein.
- 270922/12. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting on 30th August 2022 and accept the recommendations and resolutions therein** (previously circulated electronically).
- RESOLVED** to confirm and agree to sign the minutes as a true and accurate record and accept the recommendations and resolutions therein.
- 270922/13. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Certificate of Merit Working Party meeting on September 23rd 2022 and accept the recommendations therein** (previously circulated electronically).
- Resolved** to confirm and agree to sign the minutes as a true and accurate record and accept the recommendations therein.
- 270922/14. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee Meeting on September 23rd 2022 and accept the recommendations and resolutions therein** (previously circulated electronically).
- 270922/15. To determine which items if any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.** If the Council decides to exclude the public it will be necessary to pass a resolution in the following terms: - "In view of the confidential nature of item () 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." **None.**

270922/16. Mayor Announcements

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

7th August. We enjoyed live music played by Newhall Brass Band in Crossley Park.

21st August we were entertained by Derwent Wind Band also in Crossley Park.

3rd September, the Deputy Mayor and his wife attended a Macmillan Coffee Morning and presentation, whilst my wife and I attended the Marehay Village Show, opening the event to the sounds of the Seaforth Highlander Pipe band.

4th September, The Deputy Mayor and his wife attended a service to celebrate the joining of Marehay and Waingroves Methodist churches.

My activities were paused due to the death of the Queen, but I was invited to attend the Proclamation of Accession of King Charles 3rd. This was read by the Deputy Mayor of Amber Valley, from the terrace of Ripley Town Hall, on Sunday 11th at 2pm.

270922/17. Town Clerk announcements:

a) Due to insufficient nominations being received for the Certificate of Merit, this has been extended to the end of October and the Committee will meet again early November 2022.

b) The unfortunate cancellation of the Outdoor Cinema Event and the final band on Crossley Park was due to the death of our late Queen Elizabeth II.

c) Morris Homes Ltd have decided to keep the Land at Cromford View, Ripley and look after it themselves.

d) As the September Meeting of Full Council has been delayed by one week and the date of the October Meeting would have been brought forward due to Ripley Fair, leaving only two weeks between the meetings, it has been decided to cancel our October meeting, the next Meeting of Full Council will be Tuesday 15th November 2022.

e) The floral planters and hanging baskets around the township will be removed from 16th October 2022.

f) The report from the External Auditor has been received and is an excellent report with only one minor comment.

270922/18. Threat to Police Presence in Ripley Town Centre - Cllr Freeborn reported that he had just received confirmation that the Safer Neighbourhood Team of Ripley Police would be returning to the Town Hall Office at the end of October 2022. He would like to know the what the opening hours of the Office will be. He had also been advised that there will be an increased Police presence on weekend evenings to support the night-time economy, again he asked what the actual hours will be. Cllr Carter supported Cllr Freeborn's sentiments and again asked for clarity on the hours and commented on frequent illegal parking within the town. Cllr Allwood also contributed to the discussion, local knowledge on drug activity in the township was noted. Council was also advised that a very successful session of Cuppa with a Copper was held at the Town Council Office, and this is to become a regular occurrence.

270922/19. Amber Valley Local Plan Update.

The Town Council Planning Committee has now submitted their comments on the above, and the next set of documents are expected by the end of October 2022.

270922/20. Discuss the Cost-of-Living Crisis.

Cllr Freeborn reported that the four Food Banks within the Ripley Township are all needing support to deal with the levels of poverty being experienced locally. The Finance Committee has awarded Grants to all four Foodbanks (details in Committee Minutes) and would continue to do so where necessary. He also encouraged those who can, to also support this service where they can as there is evidence of a huge amount of poverty coming in our area over the winter. Cllr Gregory also supported all said by Cllr Freeborn.

270922/21. Devolution Deal for the East Midlands – Cllr Freeborn noted that the details of the devolution deal had been circulated to all, and that they are being worked on and more information will follow in the Autumn. This topic will be returned to in more detail in due course.

270922/22. To nominate the role of Administration Assistant to be part of the Local Government Pension Scheme – this was approved by all members present.

270922/23. Grant Recipient Thank You’s received.

Gratitude has been received from the following Ripley Township Groups: Waingroves Community Association and Woodies Wings.

270922/24. Planning Applications – no further applications received to those previously circulated.

270922/25. 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**

270922/26. Meeting Closed at 7.30pm.

Signed..... Date.....

Date for the Next Full Council Annual Meeting Tuesday 15th November 2022 at 7.00pm.

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