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MINUTES of February 15th 2022 MONTHLY MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

of the Meeting of Ripley Town Council to be held at **7.00pm** on
February 15th 2022 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Market Place, Ripley.

In Attendance: Cllrs: M Allwood, R Ashton, S Carter, Ms. L Cox, R Emmas-Williams (Chair), I Fisher, S Freeborn, Mrs J Gregory, T Holmes, M Jones, P Lobley, P Moss, M Murray, T Spencer, N Weaving, D Williams, and S Williams.

Also: L McCormick (Town Clerk), H Curzon (Deputy Clerk), one member of the Press and four members of the public.

AGENDA

150222/1. To Receive Apologies for Absence – Cllrs Harper, Wilson, Worth and Moss.

150222/2. Variation of Order of Business - None

150222/3. Declaration of Members Interests

Councillor Spencer declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 16 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting.

Councillor Murray declared a personal interest in Agenda Items 16, 18 and 19 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting.

Councillor Carter declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 16 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting.

Councillor Lobley declared a personal interest in Agenda Items 16 and 18 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting.

Councillor Ashton declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 14 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and Agenda Item 16 as a member of Derbyshire County Council and remained in the meeting for both discussions.

Councillor Emmas-Williams declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 12 as a volunteer with Greenwich Park Sports Partnership and remained in the meeting.

150222/4. Public Speaking

A member of the public spoke in support of the discussion regarding the Waingroves footpath (Agenda item 14). They are concerned about the closure of footpaths 55 and 57). They also spoke about the Natural England Badger cull in Derbyshire and alerted the Council to how Ripley may be affected with up to 2000 badgers being killed each year for around 5 years. He is particularly worried about guns and protestors diverting Police attention from what they should be doing.

A member of the public spoke regarding his satisfaction with the proposal for a new pathway route in Waingroves / Ripley Greenway. It's encouraging that the landowner is taking responsibility and welcomes Ripley Town Council's input to push forward this initiative and reinstate links to walk between the two communities.

150222/5. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Monthly Meeting on January 18th 2022 (previously circulated electronically)

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

150222/6. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting on January 21st 2022 and accept recommendations therein. (previously circulated electronically).

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

150222/7. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting on February 4th 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 recommendations.

150222/8. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Finance & Management Committee Meeting February 11th 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 recommendations. Cllr Fisher asked to remove Item 7 for further consideration, however as the resolution had been passed at the Finance and Management Committee meeting, this was withdrawn, and the minutes were signed.

150222/9. To determine which items if any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.
NONE

150222/10. Mayor Announcements:

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

- 21st January 2022 – Cheque presentation at the Amber Valley Stroke Club
- 4th February 2022 – Cheque presentation to the Ripley Hospital League of Friends, being a 50% donation from the collection at the Mayor's Civic Service.

The Mayor reminded the Council that he will be holding his Charity Fundraiser for this year's chosen charities, Butterley Ironwork Trust and the Midland Railway Trust. Tickets are on sale, as well as raffle tickets which can be purchased from the Deputy Clerk.

150222/11. Town Clerk announcements:

a) Reminder to All Councillors to use the .gov email for all RTC business

The Clerk reminded all Councillors to use their dedicated .gov email address for council business.

NOTED

b) Reminder to All Councillors to RTC 24 Grit Bin Policy Adopted by RTC

The Clerk reminded the Council to note the policy that we do not purchase grit bins or salt.

NOTED

c) Update regarding the Butterley Ward at Ripley Hospital

The Clerk reported that we haven't received any comments from Nigel Mills MP or the Ripley Hospital League of Friends. We have heard unofficially that the Butterley Ward has reopened.

RESOLVED for Ripley Town Council to write to the Derbyshire NHS Trust and Nigel Mills MP for further clarification that the long-term future of the hospital is assured.

150222/12. Greenwich Park Update

Cllr Freeborn reported that the Management Trustees will be meeting on Thursday.

NOTED

150222/13. Discuss the Summer planting and maintenance of all planters and hanging baskets in the Township

The Clerk reported that she will pursue quotations to go forward for the summer and winter planters for this year.

NOTED

150222/14. Discuss Public Rights of Way Consultation X4298 Waingroves Quarry off Whitely Road, Ripley

RESOLVED Ripley Town Council to respond to the consultation to the DCC Footpath section regarding the concerns about the delivery of this footpath in terms of timelines and standards.

150222/15. Discuss the closure of the Nottingham to Matlock rail link

RESOLVED Ripley Town Council write to East Midlands Rail for assurances that the closure of the Nottingham to Matlock rail link will not be permanent.

150222/16. Discuss the final recommendations for future electoral arrangements for Amber Valley Borough Council

Cllr Freeborn reported that the review of electoral arrangements will have a knock-on effect for Ripley Town Council. A new ward is being established for AVBC at Langley Mill and Codnor, but the Electoral Commission cannot change the town councils' overall boundaries per se. But the number of councillors can be varied and two wards are losing a seat each (Ripley East and Ripley Elms), whilst Ambergate is gaining a seat and a new Peasehill Ward with one seat will be created. These changes will take effect at the 2023 elections.

NOTED

150222/17. Area of Reflection update

Cllr Freeborn reported that Amber Valley Borough Council does not require planning permission for the Area of Reflection. He said that responses to the public consultation must be received by 1st April 2022.

NOTED

150222/18. Neighbourhood Plan review update

The Clerk reported that the Ripley Neighbourhood Plan will be going out to public consultation before the May 2023 election.

NOTED

150222/19. Planning Applications – None to discuss

150222/20. 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.

150222/21. Meeting Closed at 7.35pm

Date for the Next Full Council Monthly Meeting March 15th 2022 at 7.00 pm.

RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL
BHIB AWARD WINNER FOR DERBYSHIRE COUNCIL OF THE YEAR 2020 & 2018
BHIB HIGHLY COMMENDED WINNER FOR DERBYSHIRE COUNCIL OF THE YEAR 2019

