



## MINUTES of MONTHLY MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

held at 7.00pm on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023** in the Council Chamber,  
Town Hall, Market Place, Ripley.

In Attendance: Cllrs M Allwood, R Ashton, C Bailey, Mrs A Burslem, Miss L Cox, R Emmas-Williams, S Freeborn, M Hawkins, T Holmes, P Lobley BEM (Chair), P Moss, A Nicholls, Mrs K Somers, K Smith, A Ward, N Weaving, Mrs P Weaving, D Williams, and M Wilson.

Also: 2 members of public

Plus: Jayne Simpson - Town Clerk and Hannah Curzon – Deputy Clerk

### AGENDA

#### **141123/1. To Receive Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Carter.

#### **141123/2. Variation of Order of Business.**

None

#### **141123/3. Declaration of Members Interests.**

Cllr Ashton declared a personal interest in Agenda item 17 as a Member of Derbyshire County Council. He remained in the meeting for the discussion but did not vote.

Cllr Moss declared a personal interest in Agenda item 17 as a Member of Derbyshire County Council. He remained in the meeting for the discussion but did not vote.

#### **141123/4. Public Speaking**

Cllr Hawkins reported that he was disappointed to hear that the last NHS dentist in Ripley becomes private on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023. This is creating many problems for residents as treatments are going to be expensive and possibly unaffordable for many residents.

Cllr Somers said there is a current crisis regarding dentistry in the UK, which is mainly affecting children. With austerity and quality of food available, it is having a dramatic and long-lasting effect.

#### **141123/5. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Monthly Meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup> 2023.**

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

#### **141123/6. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup> 2023 and accept any recommendations and resolutions therein.**

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

**141123/7. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee Meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup> 2023 and accept any recommendations and resolutions therein.**

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

**141123/8. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Certificate of Merit Working Party meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup> 2023 and accept any recommendations and resolutions therein.**

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

**141123/9. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup> 2023 and accept any recommendations and resolutions therein.**

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

**141123/10. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Allotment Committee Meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup> 2023 and accept any recommendations therein.**

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

**141123/11. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee Meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup> 2023 and accept any recommendations and resolutions therein.**

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

**141123/12. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Environment and Regeneration Committee Meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup> 2023 and accept any recommendations and resolutions therein.**

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

**141123/13. To determine which items if any part of the agenda should be taken with the public excluded.**

None

**141123/14. Mayor's Announcements.**

**Public Engagements:**

- 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Ripley Coop for the Garden and Allotment Competition presentations.
- 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Ripley Car Boot
- 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023 – Ripley Hospital League of Friends Coffee Morning.
- 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – The Excavator of the Ripley Fair Dinner with members of The Showman's Guild.
- 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Officially opened Ripley Fair.
- 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 – Attended the first Warm Wednesday at Greenwich Community Sports Hub.
- 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Ripley Remembrance Parade and Service.

The Mayor thanked Ripley Town Council staff and the Ripley Branch of the Royal British Legion for organising such a successful community event.

**141123/15. Town Clerk announcements:**

**a) Response from Amber Valley Borough Council regarding vermin on Oxford Street, Ripley (*Minute 190923/18*)**

The Clerk reported that she had received a reply from Dave Shaw at Amber Valley Borough Council regarding this issue, saying that Oxford Street is cleaned and swept daily. His colleague, Melanie Goodier also replied, reassuring that work is ongoing regarding the vermin and that a new lease has been agreed with the Brown Bear Coffee Shop to refurbish the former Shoe Zone shop, which will hopefully lead to the removal of the pigeons.

**NOTED**

**b) Warm Wednesday update**

The Clerk reported that the first session saw 36 people in attendance and the second week, 47. She thanked Councillors Bailey and Hawkins for volunteering at the sessions and advised the other Councillors that if they would like to volunteer, to contact the Admin Assistant at RTC. She added that, funding for £1950 has been approved by Amber Valley CVS and that there are two grant applications outstanding with Derbyshire County Council and Rotary Amber Valley.

**NOTED**

**c) Draft Budget update**

The Clerk reported that the Leadership Team and the Finance and Management Committee are currently looking at the draft budget. If any other Councillors have anything to be considered for inclusion, to let the Clerk know as soon as possible.

**NOTED**

**141123/16. Discuss the 6-month (April – September 2023) Impact Report from Citizen's Advice.**

Cllr Freeborn spoke about the importance to note the content of the report. It looks like there are many problems regarding housing in both the public and private sectors and that many residents are going through hardship. He is proud that Ripley Town Council sponsors this service, but we need to note the desperate needs of residents are not being met.

Cllr Burselm gave her heartfelt thanks to Citizens Advice for their work and knowledge, which is both accessible and having a positive impact.

Cllr Somers said that the majority of people need to reapply for benefits, which they may not be aware of.

**NOTED**

**141123/17. Discuss Oxford Street, Ripley Car Parking and Access Control.**

**RESOLVED** that Ripley Town Council put pressure on Derbyshire County Council to seek a review and the amendment of the traffic order on Oxford Street, Ripley so that vehicles cannot be parked there between 10am and 4pm and to get the barrier repaired as soon as possible.

**141112/18. Discuss New Projects for the Ripley Township.**

**RESOLVED** Ripley Town Council to consider the following items as part of the overall Ripley Town Council vision:

- Consider purchasing woodland in the township, for the community to use.
- Ripley Town Council to work in partnership with Amber Valley Borough Council to provide a youth facility in Nether Heage.
- Replace the worn-out stake park at Greenwich Community Sports Hub with a new one.

- Work with Ripley Town Football Club, and the Football Association to build a 3G pitch at Greenwich Community Sports Hub.
- Ripley Town Council to be more involved with the Butterley Ironworks Trust in the restoration of the Butterley site.
- Ripley Town Council to develop a relationship with the Derwent Connections Scheme, generating electricity from the River Derwent for Heage and Ambergate.

Members to come forward with ideas so we can prioritise ideas and include them in a Corporate Plan, to deliver for citizens of the township. Please send suggestions to the Town Clerk.

**141123/19. Planning Applications – None**

**141123/20. Exclusion of the Press and Public - None**

**141123/21. Meeting Closed at 19:37**

**Signed..... Date.....**

**Date for the Next Full Council Meeting January 16<sup>th</sup> 2024, at 7.00pm.**

**RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

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

**BHIB AWARD WINNER FOR DERBYSHIRE COUNCIL OF THE YEAR 2018**

**BHIB HIGHLY COMMENDED WINNER FOR DERBYSHIRE COUNCIL OF THE YEAR 2019, 2022 & 2023.**

