



## MINUTES of MONTHLY MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 in the Council Chamber,  
Town Hall, Market Place, Ripley.

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

Also: 3 members of public and 1 representative from Derbyshire Constabulary

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

### AGENDA

#### **190923/1. To Receive Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Bailey and Cllr Nicholls.

#### **190923/2. Variation of Order of Business.**

None

#### **190923/3. Declaration of Members Interests.**

Cllr Emmas-Williams declared a personal interest in Agenda item 17 as a Donor to Butterley Ironworks Trust. He did not take part in the discussions but remained in the meeting.

Cllr Freeborn declared a personal interest in Agenda item 17 as Chair of Butterley Ironworks Trust. He did not take part in the discussions but remained in the meeting.

Cllr Williams declared a personal interest in Agenda item 17 as a member of Butterley Ironworks Trust. He did not take part in the discussions but remained in the meeting.

#### **190923/4. Public Speaking**

PCSO WORRALL from Belper Safer Neighbourhood Team who cover the Ambergate and Sawmills areas of the Ripley Township, gave a report. He noted there had been 18 crimes during the summer period in this area, the types being neighbour disputes, theft from cars, road rage, domestic violence and assault.

#### **190923/5. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Monthly Meeting on July 18<sup>th</sup> 2023.**

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

#### **190923/6. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Finance and Management Meeting on August 11<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.

**190923/7. To confirm the Confidential Minutes of the Employment Committee Meeting on August 25<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.

**190923/8. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Environment and Regeneration Committee Meeting on August 25<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.

**190923/9. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting on September 1<sup>st</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.

**190923/10. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting on September 8<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.

**190923/11. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Finance and Management Meeting on September 15<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.

**190923/12. To determine which items if any part of the agenda should be taken with the public excluded.**

None

**190923/13. Mayor's Announcements.**

**a. Public Engagements:**

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2023 – Judging Best Kept Allotment and Garden Competition around the township  
6<sup>th</sup> August 2023 – Band on Crossley Park – performance by Derwent Valley Wind Band  
20<sup>th</sup> August 2023 – Band on Crossley Park – performance by LickSquid  
2<sup>nd</sup> September 2023 – Officially opened the Marehay Show  
3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023 – MacMillan Coffee morning at Heage Parkside Allotments  
9<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Waingroves Show Horticultural Show  
10<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Waingroves Show Open Air Church Service  
Band on Crossley Park – performance by Newstead Brass

**b. Garden and Allotment Competition winner announcement**

The presentations will take place at the Coop in Ripley Town Centre on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 5.30pm.

**Best Community Garden**

Winners: Ripley Wildflowerers

Runners up: Grow Outside CIC

**Best School Garden**

Joint winners: Ripley St. John's Primary School and Lons Infant School

**Best Large Garden**

Winner: Jill and Ray Sellars

Runner up: Carole Taylor-Cockayne

**Best Small Garden**

Winner: Nigel Wooler

Runner up: Anne and Brian Caulton-Jones

**Best Allotment**

Winner: Sharon Martin

Runner up: Emma Booth

**190923/14. Town Clerk announcements:****a) Thank you to members who attended the Planning training on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**

**NOTED**

**b) Floral planters and hanging baskets**

The Clerk reported that we have received several comments from members of the public, complementing us on this year's floral arrangements. We don't have a date for them to come down yet this year, but it's usually when the colder weather sets in.

**NOTED**

**c) External Auditors Report**

The Clerk reported that the report has been received with a comment regarding it being best practice on the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the movement of money from the reserves to the current account, to be recorded as an internal transfer and not as a receipt. This is noted for next year's audit.

**NOTED**

**d) Reminder about the Fair Dinner – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 7pm at The Excavator, Buckland Hollow.**

The Clerk reminded Councillors that the invitations to this dinner had been emailed to them earlier today and if they wish to attend, to send their meals choices and payment to the Admin Assistant.

**NOTED**

**e) Wool Bombing display update**

The Clerk reported that around 20 trees have been 'wool bombed' by local groups, individuals and businesses and they look eye-catching on Ripley Market Place and in Crossley Park. ITV saw the promotion we have been doing about them on social media so came along two weeks ago to film a couple of the participants, showing their presenter how to knit. They also filmed the wool bombs in Crossley Park and at All Saint's Church. The piece was aired as part of the competition segments on TV programmes 'This Morning' and 'Loose Women'. The wool bombs will be in situ until 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023. She thanked all the local groups and individuals for their participation.

**NOTED**

**f) Civic Service date reminder – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 3pm at All Saint's Church, Ripley.**

**NOTED**

**190923/15. Grant recipient Thank You's received**

Gratitude has been received from the following Ripley Township Groups:

Ambergate Carnival, Friends of Carr Wood and Hammersmith Meadows, and Ripley Women's Institute.

**NOTED**

**190923/16. Discuss the Cost-of-Living Crisis – Warm Wednesdays**

Councillor Somers said that it is a sad economic state we are still in. We will be reintroducing 'Warm Wednesdays' this winter and that we hope to get additional external funding to enable to provide a hot lunch for the attendees. She urged members to share the promotion of the scheme when it appears on social media so we can engage with members of the community who will benefit from attending. She also urged members to donate to local food banks if they can.

The Town Clerk responded saying that a further grant application has been submitted to the National Lottery's Awards for All fund. If we're successful, this additional £3000 would go towards Warm Wednesdays, meaning that the scheme wouldn't cost anything for Ripley Town Council, as we wouldn't need to use the budget allocated to it, meaning that can be spent on something else.

**NOTED**

**190923/17. Discuss Butterley Ironworks Trust developing schemes and partnership working with Ripley Town Council.**

Cllr Hawkins updated members with plans from Butterley Ironworks Trust (BIT). He reported that they would like to develop a footpath with information boards and QR codes giving additional information to walkers and locals interested in the history of the site. This all depends on finances and the possibility of BIT receiving funding from the Lottery Heritage Fund.

Cllr Wilson said it's all about respecting and understanding the industrial past of the site and the importance for tourism and the good reasons for visiting Ripley. A Tourism Strategy needs to be developed, liaising with schools, Derbyshire County Council, Amber Valley Borough Council, Ripley Town Council and all others who have a stake in the history of the site. He wishes everyone involved, good luck.

**NOTED**

**190923/18. Discuss vermin on Oxford Street, Ripley**

**RESOLVED** that Ripley Town Council write to Amber Valley Borough Council stating our concern regarding pigeons and rats on Oxford Street in Ripley. We are to ask them to clean the highway of the pigeon faeces and explore humane options of removing the vermin, thus hopefully addressing this issue.

**190923/19. Planning Applications - None**

**190923/20. Exclusion of the Press and Public - None**

**190923/21. Meeting Closed at 19:36**

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

**Date for the Next Full Council Meeting October 17<sup>th</sup> 2023, 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.**  
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