



MINUTES of the EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL
held at 7.00pm on **Tuesday 12th December 2023** in the Council Chamber,
Town Hall, Market Place, Ripley.

In Attendance: Cllrs M Allwood, R Ashton, C Bailey, S Carter, S Freeborn, M Hawkins, P Lobley BEM (Chair), A Nicholls, A Ward, N Weaving, Mrs P Weaving, D Williams, and M Wilson.
Plus: Jayne Simpson - Town Clerk and Hannah Curzon – Deputy Clerk

AGENDA

121223/1. To Receive Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Burslem, Cox, Emmas-Williams, Holmes, Moss, Somers and Smith.

121223/2. Variation of Order of Business.

RESOLVED to discuss Agenda Item 11 after Agenda Item 13, due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

121223/3. Declaration of Members Interests.

The Town Clerk granted a dispensation under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011, to the following Councillors who, as well as being Town Councillors are also elected Amber Valley Borough Councillors; Cllr M Allwood, Cllr M Jones, Cllr P Lobley, Cllr D Williams, Cllr M Wilson, and Councillors A Burslem, L Cox and T Holmes, who have sent their apologies for this meeting, but will be present at future meetings. The dispensation is to enable them to take part in discussions and vote on matters relating to future agenda items relating to potentially moving the Ripley Town Council office to the former Cash Office in Ripley Town Hall. This dispensation is valid for one year from today's date.

Councillor Ashton declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 10b, as a member of Derbyshire County Council, but remained in the meeting for the discussion.

121223/4. Public Speaking - None

121223/5. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Monthly Meeting on November 14th 2023.

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

121223/6. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting on November 17th 2023 and accept any recommendations therein.

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

121223/7. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Employment Committee Meeting on November 17th 2023 and accept any recommendations therein.

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

121223/8. To determine which items if any part of the agenda should be taken with the public excluded.

RESOLVED in view of the confidential nature of Agenda Item 11, 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.

121223/9. Mayor's Announcements.

Public Engagements:

- 18th November 2023 – Ripley Guides Christmas Bazaar
- 19th November 2023 – Ripley Town Council Civic Service
- 26th November 2023 – Ripley Christmas Market and Lights Switch on
- 2nd December 2023 – Christmas Fayre at The Spanker in Nether Heage
- 5th December 2023 – Ripley Salvation Army Christmas present wrapping
- 7th December 2023 – Derbyshire Carer's Celebration in Chesterfield
- 10th December 2023 – Amber Valley Borough Council Civic Service

121223/10. Town Clerk announcements:

a) Ripley Christmas Market and Lights Switch on.

The Clerk reported that the event was very well attended and that we have received a lot of positive comments on social media. Feedback from the stallholders was that they had a great day trading.

NOTED

b) Oxford Street, Ripley car parking and access control update

The Clerk reported that as per minute 141123/17, she had received the response below from Derbyshire County Council regarding this issue, which has been circulated to all Councillors:

i. Oxford Street be completely pedestrianised.

This is a complex process, as to make a change to the current Traffic Regulation Order on Oxford Street such as making it full pedestrianisation requires DCC to promote a new TRO which as it prohibits access between 10am and 4pm for all highway motorised users, should we receive any objection to such a proposal would send the authority to a Public Enquiry, which effectively extends the scheme and the costs involved, which would be in the region of £25,000 to promote and address.

ii. The temporary plastic barriers are removed, and the bollards are repaired.

We have ordered another set of replacement bollards to be installed once they have been delivered to Derbyshire County Council. Since AVBC handed the management responsibility for this scheme back to Derbyshire County Council, this will be the 3rd set of bollards that have had to be replaced at a significant cost to the authority.

iii. No vehicles can be parked on Oxford Street at any time.

This is the same principle as the issues raised in bullet point (i) above. To prevent the use of the street at any time, would generate further significant issues around property maintenance, security and bullion deliveries and emergency access if you prevent all vehicles on a 24/7 basis, outside of the public enquiry/objection process.

iv. Efforts are made to prevent cars parking in a manner that prevents the bollards being used.

This matter was raised with the Police (20th October 2023) in relation to speaking with the offending vehicle owners who leave their vehicles parked in a manner which obstructs the raising and lowering of the bollards, particularly at the Wellington Street end.

NOTED

c. RTC Office Christmas closing arrangements

The Clerk reported that the RTC office will close at 2pm on Friday 22nd December 2023 and reopen at 10am on Tuesday 2nd January 2024.

NOTED

d. Warm Wednesday funding update

The Clerk reported that we have received a total of £7000 in external funding. She will produce a report in March 2024 for this initiative.

NOTED

e. Cuppa with a Copper – RTC office Tuesday 19th December 2023, 2-4pm

NOTED

121223/11. Discuss Ripley Town Council moving from 6, Grosvenor Road, Ripley to the former Cash Office in the Town Hall, Market Place, Ripley.

RESOLVED that Ripley Town Council approves, in principle, with further investigation into the draft lease, the relocation of the Ripley Town Council office from 6, Grosvenor Road, Ripley to the former Cash Office at Ripley Town Hall.

121223/12. Discuss Planning Application AVA/2023/0853 Land at Butterley Hill, Ripley – Erection for 14 Dwellings.

RESOLVED that Ripley Town Council support this planning application and write to the Planning Office at Amber Valley Borough Council asking that they ensure the boundary with Ripley Greenway is not breached and to note that if the planning is passed, consideration is given to the businesses who currently operate from the site.

121223/13. Meeting Closed at 19:27

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

Date for the Next Full Council Meeting January 16th 2024, at 7.00pm.

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