



**MINUTES of the MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL**  
held at 7.00pm on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024** in the Council Chamber,  
Town Hall, Market Place, Ripley.

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

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

Plus: Two members of the public.

## **AGENDA**

### **160424/1. To Receive Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Ward.

### **160424/2. Variation of Order of Business - None**

### **160424/3. Declaration of Members Interests**

Councillor Moss declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 16 as a member of Derbyshire County Council. He remained in the meeting.

### **160424/4. Public Speaking**

Cllr Freeborn reported that Ripley Music Festival are still £2,500 short of funding to enable the full event to take place this year. They are optimistic that they will achieve it and Ripley Town Council has been amazing with their support. He would like to urge Councillors to support it financially if they are able to.

Cllr Moss responded to say that as he is a Derbyshire County Councillor, he has a Community Leadership Fund and would happily donate some money to support Ripley Music Festival. He will also ask Cllr Ashton to do the same.

### **160424/5. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Meeting on March 19th 2024.**

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

### **160424/6. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting on March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024 and accept any recommendations therein.**

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

### **160424/7. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Environment and Regeneration Meeting on March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024 and accept any recommendations therein.**

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

**160424/8. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Employment Committee meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup> 2024 and accept the recommendations therein.**

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

**160424/9. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup> 2024 and accept the recommendations and resolutions therein.**

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

**160402/10. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup> 2024 and accept the recommendations and resolutions therein.**

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

**160424/11. To determine which items if any part of the agenda should be taken with the public excluded.**

**NONE**

**160424/12. Mayor's Announcements.**

The Mayor attended the following engagements since the last Town Council monthly meeting:

26<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Cheque presentation to Amber Valley CVS Befriending scheme.

5<sup>th</sup> April 2024 - Making of Amber Valley event

12<sup>th</sup> April 2024 - Salvation Army Foodbank cheque presentation

13<sup>th</sup> April 2024 - Official opening of Heage Windmill

14<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Reverend Wigram Farewell Service at All Saint's Church

**160424/13. Town Clerk announcements:**

**a) Speed Indicator Devices update**

The Clerk reported that the Speed Indicator Device (SID) from Sawmills has now moved to Waingroves Road, Waingroves. We have received the second grant, and an order has been placed for an additional SID with a data card. Testing and permissions for putting a SID on Hartshay Hill, Ripley have started.

Cllr Williams reported that the SIDS are going well in Waingroves.

**NOTED**

**b) Civic Dinner reminder – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024 at The Excavator, Ambergate**

The Clerk reminded Councillors of this function and to respond to their invitation by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

**NOTED**

**c) Salvation Army Foodbank donation request**

The Clerk reported that the Ripley Salvation Army are still appealing for donations of non-perishable goods, and they can be dropped off Tuesdays, 2-4pm and Fridays 10-2pm.

Cllr Freeborn said he was saddened that the need for foodbank donations is still there. He is proud of what Ripley Town Council do to support foodbanks in the area. We will continue to post about the foodbanks and appeals for donations on our social media platforms.

**NOTED**

**160424/14. Discuss the recent Citizens Advice 6 month report up to September 2023.**

Cllr Freeborn reported that housing and health have been devastated by austerity. Ripley Town Council have supported Citizen's Advice for over a decade, and they have helped many poor people. He wanted to thank Citizen's advice for providing this service and long may Ripley Town Council support it.

**NOTED**

**160424/15. Discuss the availability of medication for Ripley Township residents.**

**RESOLVED** that Ripley Town Council write to Nigel Mills MP with our concerns that residents cannot get the medication they need at our local chemists and asking what the government are able to do to help.

**160424/16. Discuss heavy goods vehicles on the Ripley Township highways.**

**RESOLVED** that Ripley Town Council write to the Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner and Derbyshire County Council regarding heavy goods vehicles entering Ripley from the industrial estate in Denby and not using the A38 and investigate with a view to enforcing the routes they are supposed to use.

**190324/17. Planning Applications – None**

**190324/18. Exclusion of the Press and Public – None**

**190324/19. Meeting Closed at 19:23**

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

**Date for the Next Full Council Meeting May 21<sup>st</sup> 2024, at 7.00pm.**

**RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

**BHIB AWARD WINNER FOR DERBYSHIRE COUNCIL OF THE YEAR 2018 & 2020**

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