



MINUTES of the MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL
held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 16th July 2024 in the Council Chamber,
Town Hall, Market Place, Ripley.

In Attendance: Cllrs R Ashton, C Bailey, L Cox (Chair), R Emmas-Williams, S Freeborn, M Hawkins, T Holmes, M Jones, P Lobley BEM, P Moss, A Nicholls, A Ward, N Weaving, P Weaving, and M Wilson.
Plus: Jayne Simpson - Town Clerk and Hannah Curzon – Deputy Clerk
Plus: Three members of the public.

AGENDA

160724/1. To Receive Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Allwood, Cllr Burselm, Cllr Carter, Cllr Somers, Cllr Smith and Cllr Williams.

160724/2. Variation of Order of Business

RESOLVED to remove item 18 from the exclusion of the press and public part of the agenda and to defer item 15 to a later meeting.

160724/3. Declaration of Members Interests

Cllr Cox declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 16a and 16b as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council. She remained in the meeting for the discussion.

Cllr Holmes declared a personal interest in Agenda items 16a, 16b and 16c as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council. He left the meeting whilst this discussion took place.

Cllr Jones declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 16a and 16b as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council. She remained in the meeting for the discussion.

Cllr Lobley BEM declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 16a and 16b as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council. She remained in the meeting for the discussion.

Cllr Wilson declared a personal interest in Agenda items 16a, 16b and 16c as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council. He left the meeting whilst this discussion took place.

160724/4. Public Speaking

A member of the public thanked everyone who was involved in organising community events recently. They also thanked the council for the beautiful flower arrangements.

PCSO Brown spoke about the current priorities of the Ripley Safer Neighbourhood team, namely Anti-Social Behaviour in Carr Wood, Ripley Greenway and Crossley Park, where there have been some incidents on the splash pad recently. One hot spot is the former social services site on Cemetery Lane in Ripley. The Police are in contact with the landowners to ensure the site is secure.

Cllr Freeborn responded to say that he has noticed a breach of regulations with people drinking alcohol on benches on Ripley Market Place.

Cllr Wilson asked PCSO Brown whether the recent Euro's Tournament had led to more Anti-Social Behaviour in Ripley Town Centre. PCSO Brown responded saying that there weren't many issues during this time and that the Police conducted dedicated patrols before and after the matches.

160724/5. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Meeting on June 18th 2024.

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

160724/6. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting on July 2nd 2024 and accept any recommendations therein.

This meeting did not go ahead as it wasn't quorate therefore, there were no minutes to approve.

NOTED

160724/7. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting on July 9th 2024 and accept any recommendations and resolutions therein.

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

160724/8. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Events Committee meeting on July 9th 2024 and accept the recommendations therein.

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

160724/9. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Environment and Regeneration Committee Meeting on July 11th 2024 and accept the recommendations therein.

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

160724/10. To determine which items if any part of the agenda should be taken with the public excluded.

NONE

160724/11. Mayor's Announcements.

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

21st June 2024 – Outside / inside space at The Croft in Ripley.

23rd June 2024 – Newstead Brass performance in Crossley Park, Ripley.

2nd July 2024 – Lons Infant School 50th Birthday celebration.

7th July 2024 – 101st pilgrimage in Crich.

13th July 2024 – The Spanker in Nether Heage.

14th July 2024 – Performance from Ilkeston Brass at The Thorn Tree in Waingroves.

15th July 2024 – Judging the school garden competition.

160724/12. Town Clerk announcements:

a) Reminder to all Councillors to regularly check their Ripley Town Council emails as meeting summons' and requests are being missed.

The Clerk reminded Councillors to access and read emails as information is being missed.

NOTED

b) Reminder about the importance of sending apologies in writing to meetings members are unable to attend.

The Clerk reminded Councillors to send apologies in writing as many meetings recently have not been quorate, meaning they can't happen, wasting the time of staff and other councillors who have attended.

NOTED

c) Ripley Town Council office move update.

The Clerk updated members about the impending office move saying that the renovations are progressing well and we are on track to move in August 2024.

NOTED

d) Thank you from Ripley Junior School.

The Clerk read a thank you email from Ripley Junior School for the recent donation of a £50.00 Coop voucher for their summer raffle, which the Mayor of Ripley will be drawing at the school's summer fayre.

160724/13. Grant Recipient thank you's received.

Gratitude has been received from the following groups for their recent financial grant from Ripley Town Council:

1st Heage Scouts, 1st Ripley Scouts, AIM Excelsum, Amber Valley Movie Makers, Amber Sound FM, Ambergate Carnival, Ambergate Cricket Club, Butterley Ironworks Trust, Friends of Heage Community, Friends of Ripley Nursery School, Greenhillocks Allotment Association, Greenhillocks Fellowship Club, Heage Primary School PTFA, Nuttalls Park Allotment Association, Ripley OAP Association, Ripley Wildflowerers, Ripley Women's Institute, Sawmills over 60's Club, Sawmills Village Hall, The Village Hall at Heage, Waingroves Community Association, Waingroves Drama Group, Waingroves Show, Waingroves Well Dressing, Woodies Wings and Yellow Daisies Stay and Play.

NOTED

160724/14. To replace Councillor Somers from the Environment Committee and appoint Councillor N Weaving in her place.

RESOLVED to appoint Cllr N Weaving to the Environment and Regeneration Committee.

160724/15. For Ripley Town Council to adopt page 7 of the amended Standing Order 4d(v) in relation to allowing substitute members to committees, and to confirm those substitute members.

RESOLVED to defer this agenda item to a future meeting.

19:18 COUNCILLOR HOMES AND COUNCILLOR WILSON LEFT THE MEETING

160724/16. Planning Applications

AVA/2024/0434

Proposal: Full planning permission for the erection of a freestanding Automated Telling Machine (ATM) and associated advertisements.

Location: Amber Valley Borough Council, Ripley Market Place, Ripley, DE5 3HA

RESOLVED that Ripley Town Council **OBJECT** to this planning application on the basis that the banking pod would be completely out of keeping with the surroundings, particularly locating it at the side of the Old Town Hall. It would also set a precedent for other banks. We believe it is a terrible idea and design for this location. A more appropriate plan would be to have a Banking Hub at another location in the Town.

AVA/2024/0435

Proposal: Advert consent for 4 fascia signs associated with the applicant HSBC, incorporated into the ATM's design.

Location: Amber Valley Borough Council, Ripley Market Place, Ripley, DE5 3HA.

RESOLVED that Ripley Town Council **OBJECT** to this planning application on the basis that the banking pod would be completely out of keeping with the surroundings, particularly locating it at the side of the Old Town Hall. It would also set a precedent for other banks. We believe it is a terrible idea and design for this location. A more appropriate plan would be to have a Banking Hub at another location in the Town.

PDR/2024/0035

Proposal: Application to determine if prior approval is required for proposed conversion of offices to create 33 dwellings houses/bungalows.

Location: Amber Valley Borough Council, Ripley Market Place, Ripley, DE5 3HA.

RESOLVED that Ripley Town Council **SUPPORT** this proposal in principle but feel that it does

need full planning application. The buildings are currently empty and attracting anti-social behaviour, therefore, to reuse the majority of the existing site and replace with purpose-built houses and bungalows is a positive plan. There would need to be effective management/allocation of parking spaces on this site to avoid any further problems being created on Cemetery Lane. Emergency vehicles and refuse lorries already struggle getting down this land.

19:29 COUNCILLOR HOLMES AND COUNCILLOR WILSON RETURNED TO THE MEETING.

160724/17. 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 in agenda item 12d.

160724/18. To update members on work carried out in preparing a job description and job sizing exercise for the Grounds and General Services Operative and agree the hourly rate, hours per week, and next steps and timeline for recruitment.

RESOLVED that Ripley Town Council support the principle of this post being created. Future discussions should be had by the Employment Committee as soon as possible for the process of recruitment of this role to begin.

160724/19. Meeting Closed at 19:32

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

Date for the Next Full Council Meeting September 17th 2024, at 7.00pm.

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