



**MINUTES of the MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL**  
held at 7.00pm on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 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, N Weaving, P Weaving, and M Wilson.

Plus: Jayne Simpson - Town Clerk and Hannah Curzon – Deputy Clerk. Fiona Barrett – Administrative Assistant

Plus: Two members of the public and one member of the press

## **AGENDA**

### **170924/1. To receive Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr A Ward

### **170924/2. Variation of Order of Business**

**RESOLVED** to move agenda item 18 to agenda item 23 due to members discussing financial matters relating to the offer to purchase land.

**RESOLVED** to withdraw agenda item 19.

### **170924/3. Declaration of Members Interests**

Councillor Ashton declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 21 as a member of Derbyshire County Council. He remained in the meeting for the discussion.

Councillor Moss declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 21 as a member of Derbyshire County Council. He remained in the meeting for the discussion.

### **170924/4. Public Speaking**

Cllr Hawkins thanked PCSO Jack Brown from the Ripley Safer Neighbourhood Team for his assistance regarding a recent incident at Peasehill with people using electric scooters.

### **170924/5. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Meeting on July 16th 2024.**

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

### **170924/6. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Policy & Management Committee Meeting on July 25<sup>th</sup> 2024 and accept any recommendations therein.**

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

### **170924/7. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting on August 9<sup>th</sup> 2024 and accept any recommendations and resolutions therein.**

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

### **170924/8. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2024 and accept the recommendations therein.**

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

**170924/9. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Policy & Management Committee Meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024 and accept the recommendations therein.**

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

**170924/10. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 and accept the recommendations therein**

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

**170924/11. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Heritage meeting from 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024.**

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

**170924/12. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting from 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024.**

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

**170924/13. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Employment Committee meeting from 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024.**

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

**170924/14. 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 item 18, 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.

**170924/15. Mayor's Announcements.**

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

18 July 2024 – Drawing raffle at the Ripley Junior School Summer Fair.

20 July 2024 – Best Garden and allotment judging – various locations

21<sup>st</sup> July 2024 – Bands on Crossley Park, Ripley – Pure Steel

10<sup>th</sup> August 2024 – Specsavers 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations, Oxford Street, Ripley

18<sup>th</sup> August 2024 – Bands on Crossley Park, Ripley – Amber Band

1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 – Bands on Crossley Park, Ripley – Newhall Band

7<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Opening Marehay Show, Marehay Recreation Ground

13<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Music event at The Thorn Tree, Waingroves, Ripley, for Waingroves Show.

14<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Starter for Water Wobble at Waingroves Show.

15<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Starter for Fun Run, as part of Waingroves Show.

**170924/16. Town Clerk announcements:**

**a) Ripley Town Council office move update.**

The Clerk reported that the Ripley Town Council office move from Grosvenor Road to the Town Hall completed on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The office will re-open to the public on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Cllr Lobley BEM thanked the office staff for their work involving the move.

**NOTED**

**b) Update on 2024 Garden and Allotment Competition winners.**

A presentation will take place on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 at Ripley Co-op where winners and runners up will be presented with a Co-op Voucher and certificate. Winners will be announced in the forthcoming RTC newsletter.

**NOTED**

**c) Update on the recruitment of a Community Engagement Officer.**

The Clerk reported that the interviews will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Cllr Wilson, Jayne Simpson (Town Clerk) and Hannah Curzon (Deputy Clerk) will be interviewing five candidates.

**NOTED**

**d) Update on the refurbishment of the skatepark at Greenwich Recreation Ground.**

The Clerk reported that the painting was completed on 16 September 2024 and that we were currently awaiting an update from Gravity Skateparks on handover and completion.

**NOTED**

**e) Fair dinner reminder (Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 at The Excavator, Ambergate) – Councillors to please return meal choices and payment by 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024.**

The Clerk reminded members that the Fair Dinner will be held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 at the Excavator, Sawmills. Councillors were asked to ensure food choices and payments be made by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

**NOTED**

**f) Update on the closure of HSBC Bank in Ripley**

The Clerk reported that she had emailed Councillors a letter from HSBC on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024 regarding the closure of the branch, saying the closure due on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024, has been paused.

**NOTED**

**170924/17. Grant Recipient Thank You's received.**

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

Friends of Ripley Greenway, Nether Heage Community News and Neighbourhood Watch and Ripley W.I.

**NOTED**

**170924/18. Discuss proposal to purchase woodland off Peasehill Road, Ripley**

**RESOLVED** that Ripley Town Council offer £23,000 to purchase the woodland on Peasehill Road, Ripley.

**170924/19. Discuss the state of Ripley Market Place**

**RESOLVED** that this agenda item is withdrawn from this meeting.

**170924/20. Discuss identifying the Care Needs/ Cost of Living Crisis in the Ripley Township**

**RESOLVED** that Ripley Town Council promote our Winter Wellbeing Fund in the Town Council newsletter to local groups so they can apply for funding to assist people in the township during the winter months.

**170924/21. Discuss the weight limit of vehicles travelling through Ripley Town Centre**

**RESOLVED** that Ripley Town Council write to Derbyshire Association of Local Councils to enquire if there are other councils in the county with similar concerns or if we can join their campaign. Ripley Town Council to highlight the issue with Linsey Farnsworth MP (Amber Valley).

**170924/22. Planning Applications**

None.

**170924/23. 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 18.

**170924/24. Meeting Closed at 19:40**

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

**Date for the Next Full Council Meeting October 15<sup>th</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.**