



Ripley Town Council

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MINUTES of the MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL
held at 7.00pm on **Tuesday 18th June 2024** in the Council Chamber,
Town Hall, Market Place, Ripley.

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

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

Plus: Five members of the public.

AGENDA

180624/1. To Receive Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Freeborn, Cllr Jones, Cllr Ward and Cllr Wilson.

180624/2. Variation of Order of Business

RESOLVED to discuss item 12d to agenda item 16 due to the confidential matter of the item.

180624/3. Declaration of Members Interests

None

180624/4. Public Speaking

Melanie Mallinson, Internal Operations Manager at Citizen's Advice (CA) gave a short presentation regarding the yearly report for their service that Ripley Town Council fund for our community in Ripley Library. She reported that for every £1, they bring £22 back to each resident they see through missed benefits. Melanie said that the energy crisis has hit some residents hard, especially people on pre-payment meters. CA are now working with Cadent, targeting over 65's. She asked members to signpost residents to CA if they think they would benefit from their service.

PC Bentley from the Ripley Safer Neighbourhood Team gave a report which included a recent drugs raid in Ripley where three people were arrested at a property on Greenaway Avenue. Work is ongoing regarding further drug dealing in Ripley and the exploitation of women. He said that knife crime in Ripley is low. When asked about recent burglaries in Ripley Town Centre, PC Bentley said that burglars are difficult to catch but they have had two good convictions recently, one through forensic work. He said he is personally invested in this as he would like a good outcome for Ripley businesses.

Cllr Ashton asked why it's an offense to have knuckle dusters in your home, yet they are being sold in shops? PC Bentley responded by saying that test purchases are being carried out to see if shops are selling knives to underage people. Amber Valley Borough Council are investigating.

Cllr Somers said that more local businesses are leaving cash on the premises due to the closure of banks where they can deposit their money. She reminded members to support having a banking hub in Ripley.

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180624/5. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Annual Meeting on May 21st 2024.

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

180624/6. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting on June 4th 2024 and accept any recommendations therein.

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

180624/7. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Grants Committee Meeting on June 6th 2024 and accept any recommendations therein.

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

180624/8. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting on June 11th 2024 and accept the recommendations therein.

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

180624/9. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Environment and Regeneration Committee Meeting on June 11th 2024 and accept the recommendations therein.

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

180624/10. 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 12d 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.

180624/11. Mayor's Announcements.

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

2nd June 2024 – Mayor of Newark Sunday Service

9th June 2024 – Officially opened the Ripley Outdoor Cinema on Crossley Park

180624/12. Town Clerk announcements:

a) Ripley Outdoor Cinema update

The Clerk reported that the attendance for the cinema was good, despite the inclement weather and that having food vendors at the event were a great addition.

NOTED

b) Reminder to all Councillors to complete the Declaration of Members Interest Form and send it to the Monitoring Officer at Amber Valley Borough Council.

NOTED

c) Hanging baskets and planters' installation update

The Clerk reported that they will be put up on 28th June 2024.

NOTED

d) Update on RTC office move to Ripley Town Hall

The Heads of Terms has been signed and is currently with our solicitor. Staff have started preparing for the impending move. The Clerk informed members that the Ripley Town Council office will be closed at 1pm each Wednesday afternoon so staff can start packing.

RESOLVED that Ripley Town Council appoint PJ Lilley at the cost of £3,208 +VAT to carry out the necessary works in the former cash office in Ripley Town Hall, prior to Ripley Town Council moving there.

180624/13. Approve the updated Financial Regulations and Standing Orders for Ripley Town Council.

RESOLVED for Ripley Town Council to accept the updated Financial Regulations and Standing Orders.

180624/14. To appoint additional members from the non-controlling group to Ripley Town Council.

RESOLVED to appoint the following members to these committees:

- Allotment – Cllr Carter
- Certificate of Merit – Cllr Carter
- Employment – Cllr Ashton
- Environment and Regeneration – Cllr Ashton
- Events – Cllr Moss
- Finance – Cllr Moss
- Financial Grants – Cllr Ashton
- Heritage – Cllr Ashton
- Planning – Cllr Ashton
- Policy & Management – Cllr Ashton

180624/15. Planning Applications – None

Councillor Holmes left the meeting at 19:31 and returned at 19:32

180624/16. 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.

Councillor Holmes left the meeting during this agenda item at 19:34 and did not return to the meeting.

180624/17. Meeting Closed at 19:37

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

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

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