



Ripley Town Council

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MINUTES of the MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL
held at 7.00pm on **Tuesday 19th March 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, R Emmas-Williams, M Hawkins, T Holmes, M Jones, P Lobley BEM (Chair), P Moss, A Ward, 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

190324/1. To Receive Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Freeborn, Nicholls, Somers and Smith.

190324/2. Variation of Order of Business - None

190324/3. Declaration of Members Interests

Councillor Ashton declared a personal interest in Agenda Items 12 and 15 as a member of Derbyshire County Council. He remained in the meeting.

Councillor Cox declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 13 as Treasurer of Ripley Music Festival. She remained in the meeting.

Councillor Hawkins declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 13 as a member of Ripley Music Festival. He remained in the meeting.

Councillor Holmes declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 13 as a member of Ripley Music Festival. He remained in the meeting.

Councillor Moss declared a personal interest in Agenda Items 12 and 15 as a member of Derbyshire County Council. He remained in the meeting.

Councillor Williams declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 13 as a donor to Ripley Music Festival. He remained in the meeting.

190324/4. Public Speaking

None.

190324/5. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Meeting on February 20th 2024.

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

190324/6. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Heritage Committee Meeting on February 23rd 2024 and accept any recommendations therein.

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

190324/7. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting on February 29th 2024 and accept any recommendations and resolutions therein.

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

190324/8. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee meeting on March 8th 2024 and accept the recommendations and resolutions therein.

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

190324/9. To determine which items if any part of the agenda should be taken with the public excluded.

NONE

190324/10. Mayor's Announcements.

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

- 24th February 2024 – Meadow Road Neighbourhood Watch art project at Infusion Tearooms in Ripley.
- 28th February 2024 – Mayor's Charity Fundraising evening at Greenwich Community Sports Hub in Ripley. Almost £1000 was raised for the Befriending Service at Amber Valley CVS.

190324/11. Town Clerk announcements:

a) Warm Wednesday update

The Clerk reported that the final session was held on 6th March 2024 and there were 59 attendees. We have averaged 48 people per week over the duration of the sessions. We have received thank you cards from grateful members of the public who have attended. From the feedback forms that people completed, it has become more apparent that one of the main reasons they attended was to have the company of others and take part in activities, rather than having a free hot meal. The amount of external funding we received totalled £6950. The total spend was £7163.98. Ripley Town Council contributed £213.98.

NOTED

b) Speed Indicator Devices update

The Clerk reported that the Object in the Highway Licence has now been received from Derbyshire County Council. The funding from the Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner fund has been received today. We will be moving the SID from Sawmills to Waingroves imminently. We will order a second set of SIDs and when we receive them, they will go up in Sawmills until the relevant licences have been obtained to enable us to put the SID up on Hartshay Hill, Ripley.

NOTED

c) Greenwich Skatepark update

The Clerk reported that the fitting of the new skatepark will commence on 6th May 2024 and be completed by 31st May 2024.

NOTED

d) Civic Dinner booked at The Excavator on Wednesday 1st May 2024.

The Clerk reminded Councillors of the date of the dinner and that their invitation was sent to them yesterday

NOTED

190324/12. Discuss County Boundary Changes

RESOLVED that Ripley Town Council write to the Boundary Commission in support of this piece of work as it will lead to better community cohesion.

190324/13. Discuss Ripley Music Festival

Cllr Wilson reported that over the last several years, Ripley Music Festival has grown and developed and is a shining beacon of what the community can do. Since 2020 when Covid hit and the bad weather over the festival weekend in 2023, the festival has been struggling financially. He thanked the Ripley Town Council Finance and Management Committee for their recommendation to support the youth element of the festival in 2024.

He reminded members that there is a Go Fund Me page available for members of the public to give online donations to and the Jam Night at the Holly Bush in Marehay each Sunday.

Cllr Ashton responded to say his fully supports the Ripley Music Festival and that Ripley Town Council should support it where we can.

Cllr Williams said it's expensive to put this event on. It's beneficial for the town to happen as it brings people into the area.

NOTED

190324/14. Discuss the Cost-of-Living Crisis

Cllr Holmes reported that the Ripley Salvation Army Foodbank have recently advertised that they are currently depleted with goods, reaching out to the public for more food donations. He reminded members the Ripley Town Council will be donating £1000 to them to purchase more food for the foodbank.

NOTED

190324/15. Discuss highways in the Ripley Township.

Cllr Emmas-Williams reported serious concerns at the dreadful state of our roads in the Ripley Township and across the whole of Derbyshire. Everyday, as you drive along, you encounter more and more potholes. He has reported the potholes at the top of Crossley Street for the second time and counted ten potholes from the entrance to Amber Valley Borough Council's car park and High Street. He also reported three sets of potholes outside the entrance to Lidl car park for a second time. The roads are the worst he has experienced in 55 years of driving a car. It's time Derbyshire County Council got a grip of this very serious problem when it was promised in the last Conservative manifesto.

Cllr Hawkins reported he is an avid cyclist and is also appalled at the state of the roads and the terrible lack of maintenance by Derbyshire County Council.

NOTED

190324/16. Planning Applications – None

190324/17. Exclusion of the Press and Public – None

190324/18. Meeting Closed at 19:24

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

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

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