



Ripley Town Council

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MINUTES of the MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 3rd December 2024 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Market Place, Ripley.

In Attendance: Cllrs R Ashton, C Bailey, A Burslem, L Cox (Chair), R Emmas-Williams, S Freeborn, M Hawkins, T Holmes, P Lobley BEM, P Moss, A Nicholls, and M Wilson.

Plus: Jayne Simpson - Town Clerk, Hannah Curzon – Deputy Clerk, Fiona Barrett – Administrative Assistant and Bradd Farnsworth – Community Engagement Officer.

Plus: Two members of the public.

AGENDA

031224/1. To receive Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs. M Allwood, S Carter, M Jones, K Somers, K Smith, N Weaving and P Weaving.

031224/2. Variation of Order of Business

None.

031224/3. Declaration of Members Interests

Councillor Ashton declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 18 as a member of Derbyshire County Council. He remained in the meeting for the discussion.

Councillor Moss declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 18 as a member of Derbyshire County Council. He remained in the meeting for the discussion.

Councillor Freeborn declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 24 as a Trustee of Amber Valley CVS. He remained in the meeting for the discussion.

031224/4. Public Speaking

None.

031224/5. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Meeting on October 15th 2024.

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

031224/6. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting on October 18th 2024 and accept any recommendations therein.

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

031224/7. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Environment & Regeneration Committee Meeting on October 18th 2024 and accept any recommendations and resolutions therein.

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

031224/8. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Policy & Management Committee meeting on October 31st 2024 and accept the recommendations therein.

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

031224/9. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Allotment Committee Meeting on November 1st 2024 and accept the recommendations therein.

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

031224/10. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Planning Meeting on November 5th 2024 and accept the recommendations therein

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

031224/11. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Environment and Regeneration Committee Meeting on 7th November 2024 and accept the recommendations therein.

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

031224/12. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting on 7th November 2024 and accept the recommendations therein.

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

031224/13. To confirm the Non Confidential Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting on November 12th 2024 and accept the recommendations therein.

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

032424/14. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Policy and Management Committee Meeting on 26th November 2024 and accept the recommendations therein.

This meeting was postponed, therefore there was no minutes.

NOTED.

031224/15. To determine which items if any part of the agenda should be taken with the public excluded.

None

031224/16. Mayor's Announcements.

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

Tuesday 22nd October 2024 – Fair Dinner at The Excavator, Sawmills also attended by the Showman's Guild.

Wednesday 23rd October 2024 – Ripley Fair opening on the Market Place, Ripley.

Wednesday 24th October 2024 – Launch the RBL Poppy Appeal and buying the first poppy at Ripley Co-Op, Derby Rd, Ripley.

Thursday 31st October 2024 – Cheque presentation from the Showman's Guild and the Co-op, Derby Rd, Ripley.

Sunday 10th November 2024 – Remembrance Parade followed by service at All Saints Church, Ripley.

Monday 11th November 2024 – Armistice Day service at All Saints Church, Ripley.

Monday 11th November 2024 – Planting a tree at Cedar Ave Play Area, Ripley with the Ripley Wildflowers.

Sunday 16th November 2024 – Annual Christmas Bazaar at Ripley-Guides, Brownies and Rainbows HQ, Outram Street, Ripley.

Sunday 17th November 2024 – Ripley Town Council Civic Service at All Saints Church, Ripley.

Saturday 23rd November 2024 – Stapleford Salvation Army Band Concert at Salvation Army, Heath Road, Ripley.

Sunday 24th November 2024 – Brass ensemble at Salvation Army, Heath Road, Ripley.

Sunday 24th November 2024 – Ripley Christmas Market and Lights Switch On, Market Place, Ripley.

031224/17. Town Clerk announcements:

a) Staffing Update

The Town Clerk introduced Bradd Farnsworth as our Community Engagement Officer. Also confirmed staff changes with effect from 1st January 2025: as Jayne Simpson to be Responsible Finance Officer, Hannah Curzon promoted to Town Clerk and Fiona Barrett promoted to Deputy Clerk. The Responsible Finance Officer will attend Full Council meetings on a quarterly basis. The advert for the Grounds Maintenance Operative will go live at the end of this week, (w/e 6/12/24). Recruitment will start end of January/early February 2025. The National Pay Award has been implemented, and appraisals are ongoing.

Cllr. Freeborn thanked Jayne, welcomed Bradd to the Council and congratulated Hannah and Fiona on obtaining their qualifications.

NOTED

b) (Wellbeing) Welcome Wednesday Update

The Town Clerk explained that to help address social isolation this weekly event will start tomorrow at Greenwich Community Sports Hub and will run until 26 March 2025. Free hot drinks, biscuits, information and activities will be available. A funding application has been submitted to Derbyshire Volunteer Action Group.

NOTED

c) RTC Office closing arrangements

The Town Clerk reported that the office will be closed 24th December 2024 until 2nd January 2025. Full team back on Monday 6th January 2025.

NOTED

d) Dates for 2025 RTC events

The Town Clerk said the dates of our proposed event have been previously circulated to all members and are subject to approval from AVBC. They are as follows:

Sunday 18th May 2025 – Ripley Spring Market

Sunday 8th June 2025 – Ripley Outdoor Cinema

Sundays 22nd June, 6th July, 20th July, 3rd August, 17th August and 31st August – Music in Crossley Park.

Sunday 9th November 2025 – Remembrance

Sunday 23rd November 2025 – Ripley Christmas Market and Lights Switch on.

NOTED

031224/18. Discuss the damage to the bollards on Oxford Street, Ripley.

Cllr. Moss updated all present that Derbyshire County Council will be installing a more robust solution to the bollards. They plan to install the new bollards in early 2025.

RESOLVED Ripley Town Council to write to Derbyshire Police to request that they give authority to PCSO's to ticket vehicles parked on Oxford Street, or on pavements throughout the township.

031224/19. Discuss the Citizen's Advice Six Monthly Report April – September 2024

RESOLVED to email Citizen's Advice thanking them for their work.

031224/20. Discuss the draft budget for 2025/2026

Cllr Lobley advised that the 3rd draft had been circulated to Councillors for information. If any Councillor has any comments, please notify the Clerk before the Finance Meeting next week (10th December). Cllr Freeborn reminded everyone that any changes need to be made by end of January 2025 before going to AVBC.

NOTED

031224/21. Adopt the updated Financial Risk Assessment for Ripley Town Council.

RESOLVED that Ripley Town Council adopt the updated Financial Risk Assessment.

031224/22. Adopt the proposed Ripley Town Council Arts and Music Policy.

RESOLVED that Ripley Town Council adopt the Arts and Music Policy.

031224/23. Discuss the Great Grid Upgrade – Update on the plans for the route Chesterfield to Willington.

RESOLVED that Ripley Town Council seek the Support of Derbyshire Association of Local Councils (DALC) and the National Association of Local Councils (NALC), to ask National Grid that communities under the route, compensate them for the disruption. Also, ask them to consider making the design of the pylons more pleasant and appealing.

031224/24. Update on the request for financial support from Amber Valley CVS for befriending support and general CVS activity in 2025-2026.

The Clerk reported that some statistical information regarding services Amber Valley CVS provide to people in the township has been received and that the Chief Executive at Amber Valley CVS will write to parish councils asking them to contribute towards the funding, we are awaiting further feedback.

NOTED

031224/25. Planning applications

None

031224/26 Exclusion of Press and Public

None

031224/27 Meeting Closed at 19:42.

Date for the Next Full Council Meeting Tuesday 21st January 2025, at 7.00pm.

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