



# Ripley Town Council

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**MINUTES of the MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL**  
held at 7.00pm on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025** in the Council Chamber,  
Town Hall, Market Place, Ripley.

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

Plus: Hannah Curzon - Town Clerk & Jayne Simpson – Responsible Finance Officer.

Plus: Two members of the public, Two representatives from the Ripley Safer Neighbourhood Team, Councillor Wilson (Derbyshire County Council) and Councillor Chambers (Derbyshire County Council).

## **AGENDA**

### **170625/1. To receive Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Jones and Somers.

### **170625/2. Variation of Order of Business**

None

### **170625/3. Declaration of Members Interests**

Councillor Allwood declared a personal interest in Agendas Item 14 and 16 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council. He remained in the meeting for the discussion.

Councillor Burslem declared a personal interest in Agendas Item 14 and 16 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council. She remained in the meeting for the discussion.

Councillor Cox declared a personal interest in Agendas Item 14 and 16 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council. She remained in the meeting for the discussion.

Councillor Holmes declared a personal interest in Agendas Item 14 and 16 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council. He remained in the meeting for the discussion.

Councillor Lobley declared a personal interest in Agendas Item 14 and 16 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council. He remained in the meeting for the discussion.

Councillor Williams declared a personal interest in Agendas Item 14 and 16 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council. He remained in the meeting for the discussion.

Councillor Wilson declared a personal interest in Agendas Item 14 and 16 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council. He remained in the meeting for the discussion.

### **170625/4. Public Speaking**

Derbyshire County Councillor Wilson (Ripley East) reported he is the Armed Forces Champion for Derbyshire. He went on to say that he will work for the community and offers a hand of friendship. He is disgusted in the way that Derbyshire is not supporting the Armed Forces including Derbyshire Police. There is a lack of joined up work going through all levels of councils and he needs help putting a structure together needs Armed Forces Champions to stand up.

Councillor Freeborn welcomed Cllr Tony Wilson to the meeting. He said he understands that he's on a learning curve as he is not experienced in local government. Cllr Freeborn explained there are many liaisons between the different levels of councils working with the Armed Forces and the Police. Ripley Town Council has a proud record of supporting both and now we work extensively

with the Ripley Branch of the Royal British Legion on the annual Remembrance parade and service and looking after war memorials. He explained that Ripley Town Council paid rent for the Police in Ripley Town Hall for many years and we hold monthly Community Catch up events with them in our Town Council office. Cllr Freeborn went on to say that the council are pleased to work with Councillor Tony Wilson and Councillor Mark Chambers.

PC Bentley gave a report on the Ripley Safer Neighbourhood Teams priorities which are, drug dealing in the Steam Mill Lane and Waingroves areas of the town, off road bikes throughout the town and Anti-Social Behaviour in the town centre. PC Bentley said that an arrest was made the previous day in the town centre for drug dealing and a machete was found on the person. He said that the Police will always act on good leads from members of the public. They also seized a modified e-bike in Ripley.

Cllr Hawkins said a drug den had been reported to him from a member of the public and he was pleased that the police had acted.

Cllr Freeborn said Anti-Social Behaviour always comes up and people will always complain about it, but in his view, it is the most important kind of policing.

19:15 Councillor Ashton left the meeting.

19:17 Councillor Ashton returned to the meeting.

**170625/5. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Annual Meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup> 2025.**

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

**170625/6. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee Meeting on May 27<sup>th</sup> 2025 and accept any recommendations therein.**

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

**170625/7. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Policy & Management Committee Meeting on May 27<sup>th</sup> 2025 and accept any recommendations therein.**

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

**170625/8. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2025 and accept the recommendations and resolutions therein.**

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

**170625/9. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup> 2025 and accept the recommendations therein.**

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

**170625/10. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Grants Committee Meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup> 2025 and accept the recommendations therein.**

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

**170625/11. To determine which items if any part of the agenda should be taken with the public excluded.**

NONE

**170625/12. Mayor's Announcements.**

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

21<sup>st</sup> May 2025 – Ripley Junior School

31<sup>st</sup> May 2025 – Ripley Hospital League of Friends coffee morning at All Saints Church, Ripley.  
1<sup>st</sup> June 2025 – Butterley United Cricket Club Disabled Cricket Festival.  
8<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – Ripley Outdoor Cinema in Crossley Park.  
15<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – Gave out medals and trophies at the Ripley 10k.

### **170625/13. Town Clerk announcements:**

**a) Ripley Outdoor Cinema**

The Clerk reported this event took place on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025 and the films 'Wicked' and 'Twisters' were shown. Due to the wet weather, we didn't have as many people as expected in attendance. She thanked staff and volunteers for coming along to help out at the event.

**NOTED**

**b) Hanging Baskets and Floral Planters to be put in place on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025.**

The Clerk reported that the hanging baskets are up, earlier than expected and they look stunning. Our contractors, Plantscape has asked that we trial three of their UK native flower planters, free of charge. The planters will have a plaque along with a QR code which explains the benefits of this kind of planting scheme. These are situated outside the Coop, at Greenwich and near the wildflower patch on Nottingham Road.

**NOTED**

**c) Band in Crossley Park – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025**

The Clerk reported that it's the first music in Crossley Park event this Sunday. The Mayor will be welcoming Pure Steel.

**NOTED**

**d) 2025 Garden and Allotment Competition deadline 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

The Clerk reported the competition is supported by the Coop who provide the prizes, which are Coop vouchers. We are grateful for their continued support. We have received 10 applications so far. The Mayor will be accompanied by our new independent judge, Richard Windsor. Richard retired from being Pride in Erewash manager at Erewash Borough Council a couple of years ago and has over thirty years' experience in horticulture and garden judging.

**NOTED**

**e) Ripley Music Festival – 5<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

The Clerk reported there will be several events on throughout the town and the programme for the event can be found on the Ripley Music Festival Facebook page and will be in the Town Council newsletter which will be delivered to households from next week. Local school children will be performing in Crossley Park the afternoon of Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July then in the evening, the young people from The Old Farm Bus will be performing. Thanks to funding from Ripley Town Council, children have been learning to play an instrument, write songs and poetry, so they can perform for our community. Ripley Town Council gave a grant of £5000 towards the festival, which is organised by volunteers.

**NOTED**

**f) Thank you from Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre**

The Clerk reported this organisation offers disadvantaged children from Derbyshire life enhancing seaside breaks to create memories and lasting impact. We have received a letter from them thanking the council for our generous donation.

We have also received a letter of thanks from Waingroves Methodist Church for the donation of £750 the council gave them for their foodbank.

**NOTED**

**g) Waingroves Quarry / Forterra Liaison Group meeting**

The Clerk reported that back in January, herself, Councillor Freeborn and Cllr Williams met with representatives from Forterra – the organisation behind Waingroves Quarry, and the owners of Waingroves Hall. Discussions were around the challenges, consequences and concerns regarding the environment in and around Strelly Wood near the quarry. The Council would like to ensure that the wood will be available for the public to use. Forterra confirmed they have approximately 20 years left of extraction from the quarry. We have organised this meeting so

Forterra can communicate their plans to community groups in Waingroves.  
**NOTED**

**170625/14. Discuss the Licencing Act 2003 – Consultation on the statement of Licencing Policy from Amber Valley Borough Council.**

**RESOLVED** Ripley Town Council to ask Amber Valley Borough Council to consider:

- imposing a limit of 0200hrs for all licences in the Ripley Township.
- Including all community groups in their list of partners for the Community Safety Partnership.

**170625/15. Discuss maintenance issues with the woodland planting at Pit Top, Ripley.**

**RESOLVED** Ripley Town Council write to Derbyshire County Council and the Heartwood Community Forest asking them to not spray chemicals on the whips again.

**170625/16. Discuss parking issues in the Township.**

**RESOLVED** that Ripley Town Council:

1. Ask the Police, Civil Enforcement and Derbyshire County Council to try to stop people from parking illegally by fining them.
2. Put an article in the newsletter asking people to park more considerably.
3. Write to Amber Valley Borough Council encouraging them to restore the car park on Church Street, Ripley so it can be used by the public.
4. Ask Amber Valley Borough Council to install signage directing people to park in the smaller car parks throughout Ripley Town Centre.

**170625/17. Planning applications**  
**NONE**

**170625/18. Exclusion of Press and Public**  
**NONE**

**170625/19. Meeting Closed at 19:44**

**Date for the Next Full Council Meeting Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025, at 7.00pm.**

**Signed..... Date.....**