



Ripley Town Council

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MINUTES of the MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 17th February 2026 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Market Place, Ripley.

In Attendance: M Allwood, R Ashton, C Bailey (Chair), A Burslem, L Cox, R Emmas-Williams, M Hawkins, P Lobley BEM, K Somers, N Weaving, P Weaving, and D Williams.

Plus: Hannah Curzon - Town Clerk and Fiona Barrett – Deputy Clerk

Plus: Six members of the public and two representatives from the Ripley Safer Neighbourhood Team.

AGENDA

170226/1. To receive Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Holmes, Jones, Moss, Nicholls, Smith, Ward, Wilson and Cllr M Chambers (DCC).

170226/2. Variation of Order of Business

None

170226/3. Declaration of Members Interests

None

170226/4. Public Speaking

Cllr Wilson (DCC) Ripley East gave an update on the roads in the township and reported that residential road resurfacing would commence in March 2026 on Upper Marehay Road, Fletcher Street, Alfred Street, Pear Tree Avenue, Highfield Way, Woodside, and Brook Lane to Warmwells Lane in Ripley. DCC have 34 teams out working on the roads currently which is the most there has ever been.

The issue with bollards on Oxford Street, Ripley continues to be problematic. After consultation it has been decided that due to a lot of the shop owners on Oxford Street leaving the bollards down, or opening them for shoppers, a more robust, vandal proof gate or barrier should be installed. Currently, there is no time frame agreed for this. Cllr Wilson extended an invitation to Ripley Town Council to attend any meetings held to discuss Oxford Street. The police will continue to monitor and ticket vehicles in the meantime.

Cllr Allwood requested that Cllr Wilson ask Cllr Chambers (DCC) to advise the Town Clerk which roads in the township he has nominated to be repaired in relation to the ongoing problems with potholes and thanked Cllr Wilson for his update.

PC Sadler reported that there were no significant problems in Ripley currently. PCSO Fellows has started in with Ripley SNT on a full-time basis.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) has dropped a little (possibly due to the weather) and ASB Officers are in town for 45 minutes each day at different locations.

Oxford Street continues to be a big problem for the police, and they are continuing to ticket vehicles who are not abiding by the restrictions in place.

Cllr Somers gave positive feedback reporting that she has seen members of the public stopping to talk with the police on patrol.

Cllr Hawkins reported that there had been a reduction in electric scooters spotted in the town.

Cllr Williams expressed his thanks on behalf of Waingroves Community for the Community Catch Up events the Ripley SNT hold.

Cllr Allwood thanked PC Sadler and PCSO Shaw for attending the Full Council meeting again.

170226/5. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Meeting on 20th January 2026 and accept the resolutions therein.

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

170226/6. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Policy and Management Committee Meeting on 27th January 2026 and accept the recommendations therein.

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

170226/7. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee meeting on 29th January 2026 and accept the recommendations therein.

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

170226/8. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting on 10th February 2026 and accept the recommendations therein.

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

170226/9. To determine which items if any part of the agenda should be taken with the public excluded.

None

170226/10. Mayor's Announcements.

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

27.01.26 Cheque presentation to Salvation Army Foodbank.

31.01.26 Ripley Morris Annual Ale Feast.

170226/11. Town Clerk announcements:

a) Update of the Councillor Vacancy in the Butterley Ward

The Clerk reported, due to the recent resignation of Steve Freeborn, the vacancy in the Butterley Ward or Ripley was advertised. Ten electorates have requested an election. The By-election for the Butterley Ward will take place on Thursday 23rd April 2026, subject to Amber Valley Borough Council being able to book both polling stations.

NOTED

b) Former TIC Office Update

The Clerk reported that the works have now been completed. The ground floor room will be called The Green Room (as Ripley Market Place used to be called 'The Green') and the mezzanine room will be called The Gallery Room. All committee meetings will be held in The Gallery Room from now on. Over the coming months, The Gallery Room will be developed to display artwork, tourism and historical information so that the community can come and learn more about the area.

NOTED

c) Mayor's Charity Fundraising Evening – Friday 27th March 2026, Greenwich Community Sports Hub

The Clerk reported that tickets for this event are on sale until 2nd March 2026 and are available to purchase after meeting.

NOTED

d) Civic Dinner – Thursday 16th April 2026 at The Village Inn, Marehay

The Clerk reported that invitations for this event will go out week commencing 23rd February 2026.

NOTED

170226/12. Discuss the situation with the bollards on Oxford Street.

RESOLVED that Ripley Town Council write to the Cabinet Member responsible for highways at Derbyshire County Council, Cllr Charlotte Hill and Ripley Cllr Tony Wilson raising safety concerns regarding the bollards on Oxford Street, Ripley.

170226/13. Discuss the highways, including potholes and parking issues in the Ripley Township

RESOLVED that Ripley Town Council write to the Cabinet Member for potholes at Derbyshire County Council, Cllr Charlotte Hill and Ripley Cllr Tony Wilson raising safety concerns regarding the potholes in the Ripley Township.

170226/14. Discuss the Town of Culture Competition

RESOLVED that Ripley Town Council work with Alfreton Town Council and Heanor and Loscoe Town Council on submitting a joint Expression of Interest for this competition. The winning town will receive £3 million to spend on events in 2028 and three runners up will each receive £250k. The competition is a great opportunity for Ripley Town Council to put a joint bid forward with the other town councils whose heritage is all linked.

170226/15. Approve the RTC Parental Leave Policy, considering new legislation.

RESOLVED to approve the amended RTC Parental Leave Policy, in line with new Employment Law legislation.

170226/16. Discuss RTC Committees

RESOLVED to temporarily incorporate the work of the Planning Committee into Full Council meeting agenda items.

170226/17. Discuss the Ripley Neighbourhood Plan

RESOLVED for Ripley Town Council to pause the work on the Ripley Neighbourhood Plan. In the meantime, Amber Valley Borough Council are bringing forward their Local Plan, and the forthcoming Local Government Reorganisation may affect the Ripley Neighbourhood Plan.

170226/18. Planning Applications

NONE

170226/19. Exclusion of Press and Public

NONE

170226/20. Meeting Closed at 19.43

Date for the Next Full Council Meeting Tuesday 17th March 2026, at 7.00pm.

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Date:.....