



Ripley Town Council

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MINUTES of the MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 21st April 2026 in
the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Market Place, Ripley.

In Attendance: M Allwood, R Ashton, C Bailey (Chair), A Burslem, S Carter, L Cox, R Emmas-Williams, M Hawkins, T Holmes, P Lobley BEM, P Moss, N Weaving, P Weaving, A Ward, D Williams and M Wilson.
Plus: Hannah Curzon - Town Clerk and Jayne Simpson – Responsible Finance Officer
Plus: Five members of the public.

AGENDA

210426/1. To receive Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Nicholls, Smith, Somers and T Wilson (DCC).

210426/2. Variation of Order of Business

NONE

210426/3. Declaration of Members Interests

NONE RECEIVED

210426/4. Public Speaking

Cllr Emmas-Williams provided an update on the Twinning arrangements between Ripley and Chateau-Renault in France. The Association will be visiting Ripley during May to celebrate its 30th Anniversary and a programme of events has been planned for their stay. Sadly, during the visit, the possibility of the 'proposed dissolution of the Twinning Arrangement' by the Association in Chateau-Renault will be discussed. Cllr Emmas-Williams will provide an update after their visit and discussions.

PC Bentley reported that there had been a high number of drug deals/arrests on the Greenway and Borker Park. This has been due to intel and accurate descriptions from members of the public. Long custodial sentences are expected. Earlier this year (January-March), the focus was on the Elms Estate (Ripley), but this has now moved to Ripley Greenway.

PCSO Grey reported ASB priorities have been around youths targeting local business (Sainsburys, McDonalds, Chinese takeaway and S&G Convenience). As a consequence, curfews have been placed; two individuals have received warning letters and a further two are under investigation.

Increased patrols by PC's and PCSO's have been introduced in the area to address increasing incidents and engagement with groups such as Blend and a local boxing gym in Heanor are being encouraged.

Parking patrols have been introduced to tackle parking issues around schools, and the town centre to include Oxford Street.

210426/5. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Meeting on 17th March 2026 and accept the resolutions therein.

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

210426/6. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee Meeting on 19th March 2026 and accept the recommendations therein.

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

210426/7. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Policy and Management Committee meeting on 24th March 2026 and accept the recommendations therein.

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

210426/8. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Heritage, Environment and Regeneration Committee meeting on 2nd April 2026 and accept the recommendations therein.

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

210426/9. To confirm the Confidential Minutes of the Finance committee meeting on 14th April 2026 and accept the recommendations therein.

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

210426/10. To determine which items if any part of the agenda should be taken with the public excluded.

NONE

210426/11. Mayor's Announcements.

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

22/03/26	Attendance at Belper Civic Service.
27/03/26	Mayors Charity Night at Greenwich Community Sports Hub - £693 was raised.
15/04/26	Re-opening of Childrens Society Shop previously damaged by vandalism.
19/04/26	Aim Excelsum Concert at All Saints Church, Ripley.

210426/12. Town Clerk announcements:

- a) Mayor's Charity Fundraising evening on 27th March 2026 raised £693 from the sale of tickets for the event and raffle tickets. The money raised will be split equally between Ripley Hospital League of Friends and Aim Excelsum.
- b) Citizens Advice Update – The weekly Monday session has now moved from the Library to the Town Hall. Feedback from the Advisor was that the new room/location is perfect. The next CAB 'drop in' is at Waingroves Methodist church on Friday 24th April 2026 from 10am until 12pm.
- c) Ripley Spring Market – Sunday 17th May 2026. We are asking for volunteers to help with this event. Members were sent an email on 8th April asking if they could spare an hour or so to help on the day and represent the Council at the Spring Market.
- d) Cash Access UK – Opening on Oxford Street. The facility opened last week and reports on social media are that it has been busy with lots of people using the service, whether just for everyday cash withdrawals to deposits and getting advice from staff. The official opening is on Friday 24th April, which will be attended by the Mayor.

210426/13. Discuss incomplete repairs to damaged streetlights, beacons and street furniture in Ripley Town Centre.

RESOLVED for Ripley Town Council to write to DCC making them aware of the areas where maintenance and/or repairs are still necessary and publish the letter on social media.

210426/14. Discuss responses to recent correspondence to DCC regarding potholes, weight limit through Ripley town centre and speeding vehicles on Chesterfield Road, Heage.

Cllr Burslem gave an update regarding Chesterfield Road, Heage, reporting that new village signage has a job request submitted to DCC to reduce the speed restriction from 40mph to 30mph. This was at 'decision stage' as of 30 March 2026 and we are awaiting an update.

RESOLVED for Ripley Town Council republish the letter written to Derbyshire County Council regarding potholes on social media, noting this has not been acknowledged by DCC.

**210426/15. Planning Applications
NONE**

210426/16. Exclusion of Press and Public

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public are to be excluded from the Meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted in Agenda item 21.

210426/17. Meeting Closed at 19:28

Date for the Next Full Council Meeting Tuesday 19th May 2026, at 7.00pm.

Signed.....

Date:.....