Ripley Town Council

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MONTHLY MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 15th September 2026 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Market Place, Ripley.

IN ATTENDANCE:
Councillors; M Allwood, R Ashton, C Bailey, A Burslem, S D Carter, L Cox, R Emmas-Williams, M Hawkins, T Holmes, P Lobley BEM, P Moss, A Nicholls, K Smith, K Somers, T Spencer, A Ward, N Weaving (Chair), P Weaving, and D Williams, and M Wilson.

ALSO PRESENT:
Hannah Curzon - Town Clerk, Fiona Barrett – Deputy Clerk.

Plus, three members of the public.

AGENDA

150926/1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies were received from Cllr M Jones.

150926/2. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS
NONE.

150926/3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS
NONE RECEIVED.

150926/4. PUBLIC SPEAKING
A member of the public commented that they had been following the progress of the mural created by local artist, Amy Vallance and pupils from St John's Primary School to celebrate Ripley's lost zoo. The mural is now finished, and they wanted to say thank you for doing such a good job as it looks wonderful.

Cllr Williams thanked all the volunteers, visitors and anyone involved in the recent Waingroves Show for making it such a great success.

Cllr Hawkins reported the work is almost complete on the Little Eaton Greenway and that all involved have done a great job. It is planned for the Little Eaton Greenway to link to the Ripley Greenway in the future. Cllr Somers reported positive feedback from a family walking along the Greenway.

150926/5. TO DETERMINE WHICH ITEMS IF ANY PART OF THE AGENDA SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED.
NONE.

150926/6. TO CONFIRM THE NON-CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL'S MONTHLY MEETING ON 21st JULY 2026.

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

150926/7. TO CONFIRM THE NON-CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING ON 11TH AUGUST 2026 AND ACCEPT ANY RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN. (Previously circulated electronically)

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

150926/8. TO CONFIRM THE NON-CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY FULL COUNCIL MEETING ON 11th AUGUST 2026 AND ACCEPT ANY RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN. (Previously circulated electronically)

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

150926/9. TO CONFIRM THE NON-CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE POLICY & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ON 25TH AUGUST 2026 AND ACCEPT ANY RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN. (Previously circulated electronically)

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

150926/10. TO CONFIRM THE NON-CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON 8TH SEPTEMBER 2026 AND ACCEPT ANY RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN. (Previously circulated electronically)

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

150926/11. TO CONFIRM THE NON-CONFIDENTIAL MINUITES OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE ON 8TH SEPTEMBER 2026 AND ACCEPT ANY RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN. (Previously circulated electronically)

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

150926/12. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

25.07.26 Judging of Garden and Allotments with independent judges
02.08.26 Music on Crossley Park with Amber Band
16.08.26 Music on Crossley Park with Molly and the Grey Notes
05.09.26 Attended Marehay Show
06.09.26 Attended the Disability Festival at Greenwich
06.09.26 Attended the re-scheduled performance by Lick Squid on Crossley Park
10.09.26 Presentation Event for Winners of Garden & Allotment Competition at Ripley Co-Op
11.09.26 Attended Waingroves Show
12.09.26 Attended Waingroves Show
13.09.26 Started the Fun Run at Waingroves Show
13.09.26 Music on Crossley Park with The Sugar Tree

150926/13. TOWN CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) **RIPLEY FAIR DINNER INVITATION – TUESDAY 13th OCTOBER 2026 AT THE VILLAGE INN, MAREHAY FOR MEMBERS, STAFF AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SHOWMENS GUILD. RSVP DEADLINE IS 2nd OCTOBER 2026.**
NOTED.

b) **THE 775th RIPLEY CHARTER FAIR STARTS ON WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2026 AT 5PM ON RIPLEY MARKET PLACE AND IN THE COOP CAR PARK, AND ENDS ON MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2026.**
NOTED.

c) **HERITAGE OPEN DAY SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2026 IN THE GREEN ROOM IN RIPLEY TOWN HALL, ORGANISED BY THE RIPLEY AND DISTRICT HERITAGE TRUST.**
NOTED.

d) **HEAGE HISTORY DAY, FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2026, 2.30-8.30PM.**
NOTED

e) **RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL HAS REGISTERED AS A SAFE SPACE WITH DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL AND AS A BREASTFEEDING FRIENDLY VENUE.**
Cllr Allwood thanked officers for supporting the community.
NOTED.

150926/14. DISCUSS RESPONSE RECEIVED FROM DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL REGARDING OUTSTANDING TOWN CENTRE ISSUES.

Cllr Allwood reported that despite numerous letters to Derbyshire County Council regarding various issues in and around the township that remain unresolved, we have had no response from them. The new gate had been installed on Oxford Street and appeared to be working well. It was also encouraging that vehicles parked on Oxford Street when the barrier was closed, had been ticketed.

Cllr Williams also reported an issue on Fletcher Street where a tree is overgrowing/hanging into the pathway restricting pedestrian access that has also been reported to Derbyshire County Council.

RESOLVED Ripley Town Council update residents on this via social media with images of the areas where there were still issues around the township.

150926/15. DISCUSS LATE NIGHT SHOPPING IN RIPLEY THIS CHRISTMAS

As reported in the Community Engagement Committee minutes, Ripley Town Council would like to bring back late-night shopping in Ripley this Christmas. With the engagement of local traders and Ripley Town Council providing free rides it promises to be a great asset to the town and increase footfall. Suggested date, Friday 11th December 2026.
NOTED.

150926/16 TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING AMENDED/NEW RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL POLICIES (previously Circulated)

a) **Dependants and Carers Policy (RTC11)**

b) Staff Annual Leave Policy (RTC53) New

c) Bereavement Leave Policy (RTC54) New

RESOLVED that the abovementioned policies are adopted by full council.

150926/17 DISCUSS PLANNING APPLICATIONS (if any).

NONE TO DISCUSS.

150926/18 MEETING CLOSED: 19.22

DATE OF NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING: TUESDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2026 AT 7.00PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, RIPLEY, DE5 3BT.