



Ripley Town Council

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MINUTES of Tuesday 1st July 2025 at 5.30pm RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE MEETING held at Ripley Town Council Office, Town Hall, Market Place, Ripley, DE5 3BT.

In Attendance: Cllrs: M Allwood (Chair), A Burslem, R Emma-Williams, S Freeborn, N Weaving, P Weaving and D Williams.

Plus: Hannah Curzon (Town Clerk).

010725/1. To receive apologies for absence – Cllr Hawkins.

010725/2. Variation of Order of Business - None

010725/3. Declaration of Members Interests – None received.

010725/4. Public speaking – None.

010725/5. Discuss the tree planting public consultation.

The Town Clerk reported that a consultation is in progress via the Town Council newsletter and social media with residents for them to identify locations for trees to be planted. To date, we have received 15 suggested locations.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL for Ripley Town Council to look at the number of trees needed and ask Heartwood Community Project for costs for trees and protection around them and planting of the trees and include a maintenance plan. Seek the landowners of where tree location has been identified and ask their permission to plant a tree. Look into estate developments where small trees can be planted.

010725/6. Discuss Peasehill Woodland.

The Town Clerk reported that the owners of the woodland had recently been in contact to say they are progressing with establishing the woodland as a charity or charitable trust. The Clerk has suggested to them that they contact Amber Valley CVS for advice on setting this up.

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010725/7. Discuss Thomas Hartland Land.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that Ripley Town Council contact Morris Homes to see if their position has changed since last year regarding them wanting to continue maintaining the Thomas Hartland Land, as Ripley Town Council would like to explore the possibility of taking responsibility of for the land.

010725/8. Discuss the pond at Sainsburys.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that Ripley Town Council develop a strategy for preserving the four ponds (Greenwich, Sainsburys, Carr Wood and Butterley) and meet with all interested parties with a view for the ponds to be in the correct condition they should be. The Clerk is to contact Sainsburys in Ripley and organise a meeting with them to discuss this matter.

010725/9. Discuss Ripley Greenway and the network extension.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that the Clerk writes to Derbyshire County Council and the Mayor of the East Midlands to find out what schemes / routes are planned in the Ripley area, if any.

010725/10. Grounds Maintenance Work update.

The Town Clerk gave a report on the works carried out by the Grounds Maintenance Operative since the last meeting.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that thanks be given to the Grounds Maintenance Operative for the work he can completed.

010725/11. Update on suggested locations of new Information Boards.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that information boards / plaques are erected initially in the following locations:

1. Former Heage Firs (former Prisoner of War camp)
2. Canal Inn, Bullbridge
3. Former Marehay Railway Crossing
4. Greenwich (Sainsbury's gate post location)
5. Former Marshalls Zoo (Oxford Street)
6. Former Waingroves Windmill (top of Waingroves Road)

010725/12. Discuss Butterley Ironworks site.

Cllr Allwood advised that Linsey Farnsworth MP is writing to Tim Godkin, Aquarius (landowner) and their Agent to arrange a meeting to discuss the future of the site.

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010725/13. Date and time of next meeting – Tuesday 5th August 2025 at 5.30pm

010725/14. Meeting Closed at 17:58.

The next Monthly Full Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th July 2025 at 7.00pm.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____