



# Ripley Town Council

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## MINUTES of Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025 at 5.00pm 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, A Burslem, R Emmas-Williams, S Freeborn, M Hawkins, N Weaving, and P Weaving.  
Plus: Hannah Curzon (Town Clerk).

**231025/1. To receive apologies for absence – None received.**

**231025/2. Variation of Order of Business - None**

**231025/3. Declaration of Members Interests**

Cllr Emmas-Williams declared a personal interest in Agenda item 7 as he is acquainted with a resident on the Cromford View estate in Ripley. He remained in the meeting for the discussion.

**231025/4. Public speaking**

Cllr Hawkins queried that with the bus shelter at Elizabeth Mews being taken down, will it be replaced? Could Ripley Town Council consider replacing it and investigate costs and permissions for doing so?

**231025/5. Discuss Ripley Market.**

**RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** that the Town Clerk bring proposals and a business plan to the committee meeting in January 2026 to put to Amber Valley Borough Council in the Spring. To also arrange a meeting with the Market Town Officer at Amber Valley Borough Council and the Ripley Market Traders Association to look at working in partnership with them if the council are able to take on the licence for Ripley Market.

**231025/6. Update on the tree planting project in the Township.**

Cllr Freeborn explained that he had recently been around all the proposed sites for tree planting with the Admin Assistant and Peter Eley from the Ripley Wildflowerers. The information was sent to Derbyshire County Council (DCC). They confirmed that they will not be able to fund the planting of smaller sites, but the Heartwood Project could fund the larger scale planting. Cllr Freeborn and the Admin Assistant are going around the larger sites with DCC on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

**RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** that the Town Clerk sends the committee the tree spreadsheet, for information.

**231025/7. Discuss Thomas Hartland Land.**

The Town Clerk and Cllr Allwood said they had both tried to contact Morris Homes by telephone and email, with no success. The council would like to speak to them to see if they will reconsider giving this land at Cromford View in Ripley to Ripley Town Council for us to maintain going forward.

**RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** to ask the Cromford View resident who has initiated this conversation to contact Morris Homes on our behalf to see if they will enter discussions with us. This topic is to be an agenda item on the next Full Council agenda.

**231025/8. Discuss the pond at Greenwich.**

The Town Clerk reported that Derbyshire Wildlife Trust will be attending the pond in the next few weeks to continue the work on clearing it.

**NOTED**

**231025/9. Discuss the Local Area Energy Plan.**

The Clerk reported that the new Climate and Biodiversity Project Officer at Amber Valley Borough Council had emailed to ask if Ripley Town Council would like to feed into the Local Area Energy Plan – a strategic framework to support the regions transition to net zero.

**RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** that Ripley Town Council respond to Amber Valley Borough Council to say we would like to be involved and that we would like to be represented at the pre-engagement briefing to be held at a later date.

**231025/10. Discuss having an additional bin on the Peasehill entrance (DCC land) to Ripley Greenway.**

**RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** that the Town Clerk puts together the costs for a new bin at this location and it is discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting.

**231025/11. Discuss Ripley Greenway and the network extension.**

Councillor Hawkins reported he had met with Glynn Wilton from Amber Valley CVS and they have confirmed they have the backing of Sustrans, Linsey Farnsworth MP, Cycling UK and the Heritage Lottery Fund (Ripley to Langley Mill), to provide a link to route 54 of the National Cycling Network. Glynn is trying to convene a meeting of all interested parties.

**NOTED**

**231025/12. Grounds Maintenance Work update.**

The Town Clerk reported that Kev, the Grounds Maintenance Operative had recently completed the Allotment inspections, removed graffiti and sanded benches on Ripley Greenway, installed a cupboard in the Town Council office, along with the usual day-to-day tasks. Upcoming work includes undertaking training and painting the inside of Heage Public Toilets.

**NOTED**

**231025/13. Discuss Butterley Ironworks site.**

Cllr Allwood reported that Linsey Farnsworth MP had met with the agent of the owner of Butterley Ironworks site where she explained it is important that the work needs to be done on the site. It is a brownfield housing opportunity which the East Midlands Mayor is interested in. Amber Valley Borough Council and the agent will be meeting and are cooperating with one another, which is encouraging. A meeting is scheduled at the end of November 2025 with the MP, developer and agent.

**RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** that Cllr Freeborn shares the 'Tunnel Vision' document with the committee and MP.

**231025/14. Date and time of next meeting:**

**231025/15.** Meeting Closed at 18:07

**The next Monthly Full Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 7.00pm.**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_