



Ripley Town Council

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MINUTES of Tuesday 5th August 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: A Burslem, R Emmas-Williams, S Freeborn, M Hawkins, N Weaving, P Weaving and D Williams.

Plus: Hannah Curzon (Town Clerk).

RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Emmas-Williams as Chair of the meeting.

050825/1. To receive apologies for absence – Cllr Allwood.

050825/2. Variation of Order of Business - None

050825/3. Declaration of Members Interests

Cllr Emmas-Williams declared a personal interest in Agenda item 6 as he is acquainted with a resident on the Cromford View estate in Ripley. He remained in the meeting for the discussion.

050825/4. Public speaking – None.

050825/5. 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 16 suggested locations.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL for Ripley Town Council to look at the number of trees needed and investigate local groups and companies to liaise with regarding planting the trees. The Town Clerk is to devise a schedule of work for the tree planting, with the hope to plant them in October/November or December 025 or by the Spring of 2026.

050825/6. Discuss Thomas Hartland Land.

The Clerk reported that several emails have been sent, and telephone messages left for 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 for the land. However, no reply has been received, to date.

NOTED

050825/7. Discuss the pond at Sainsburys.

The Clerk reported that Cllr Allwood has recently visited Sainsburys. They are welcome to supporting the pond work. The store manager had little knowledge of the pond until recently and the significance of it, so she's exploring what they can do from a facilities maintenance point of view. Cllr Allwood explained the petrol run-off from the petrol court and the filters not working as they should and the impact that is having on the local environment. The manager was unaware of this, and she will contact their facilities department and will update in due course.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that the Town Clerk writes to Amber Valley Borough Council, Sainsburys and Premier Inn to jointly provide regular litter picks in Carr Wood as there is a significant amount of litter in the area and trolleys in the pond.

050825/8. Discuss Ripley Greenway and the network extension.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that the Clerk writes to the Accessible Transport Champion in the office of the East Midlands Mayor regarding what schemes are planning in the Ripley Township area.

050825/9. Discuss Ripley Market

The Town Clerk reported that after discussions with Amber Valley Borough Council, it has come to light that the current licence for the weekly Ripley Market expires imminently.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that Ripley Town Council explores the feasibility of applying for the licence to run Ripley Market.

050825/10. 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 the Grounds Maintenance Operative conducts a litter pick and weeding on the footpath between Bishop's Close and Peasehill in Ripley.

050825/11. Update on suggested locations of new Information Boards.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that the Town Clerk asks Peter Smith from the Ripley and District Heritage Trust to assist with suggesting the areas where information boards and plaques are to be located. This will be a rolling programmes of installations over the coming years. The Town Council to write to the owner of The Hippodrome on High Street, Ripley asking what his intentions are with the building and if he has any plans to visually enhance the front of the building.

050825/12. Discuss Butterley Ironworks site.

Cllr Allwood advised that Linsey Farnsworth MP has written to Tim Godkin, Aquarius (landowner) and their Agent, using convening powers, to arrange a meeting to discuss the future of the site. Cllr Allwood will update in due course.

NOTED

050825/13. Date and time of next meeting – To be confirmed.

050825/14. Meeting Closed at 18:21

The next Monthly Full Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th September 2025 at 7.00pm.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____