



Ripley Town Council

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MINUTES of Thursday 19th February 2026 at 5.00pm RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL HERITAGE, ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE MEETING held in The Gallery Room, Town Hall, Market Place, Ripley, DE5 3BT.

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

Plus: Hannah Curzon (Town Clerk).

Plus: Two representatives from the Ripley Wild Flowerers.

190226/1. To receive apologies for absence – None received.

190226/2. Variation of Order of Business - None

190226/3. 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.

190226/4. Public speaking

None

190226/5. Discuss the Ripley Wild Flowerer proposal for a meadow at Greenwich Recreation Ground.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that the Ripley Wild Flowerers start work on the Greenwich Meadows, as per their proposal, in Spring 2026.

190226/6. Update on the tree planting project in the Township.

The Town Clerk reported that herself and the Admin Assistant had recently met with Matt Smith from Derbyshire County Council Heartwood Project. The planting areas have been identified and mapped out and utility checks have been done. We are trying to identify and write to landowners. Planting will take place in November 2026 onwards. DCC will maintain the trees for the first 3 years, after which time, maintenance will be the responsibility of Ripley Town Council. Over the coming months, we will start consultation in the newsletter regarding the plans.

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190226/7. Discuss Thomas Hartland Land.

The Town Clerk reported there is currently no update regarding a response from Morris Homes.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL for the Town Clerk to try to set up a face-to-face meeting with Marcus Thompson at Morris Homes to discuss our proposal asking Morris Homes to transfer the land free of charge to Ripley Town Council, along with funds of £25,000 as a one-off payment for the council to maintain the land as public open space.

190226/8. Discuss the footpath at Malthouse Yard from High Street to Field Terrace, Ripley – deadline 27th February 2026.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that Ripley Town Council agree that this footpath should be formalised as it is important for residents of Field Terrace and car park users to be able to access the High Street.

190226/9. Discuss Ripley Greenway and the cycle network extension.

Cllr Hawkins reported that he has been liaising with Members of Parliament for Amber Valley and Erewash, Derbyshire County Council and representatives from the East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA). Cllr Hawkins recently met with two representatives from EMCCA on Ripley Greenway regarding the possibility of extending it. However, he was told there is no money to carry out this project.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL for Ripley Town Council to liaise with Derbyshire County Council and link in with them on their plans for the Ripley Township regarding extending the cycling network.

190226/10. Discuss the Ripley Town of Culture Expression of Interest.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that Cllr Holmes as Chair of the Community Engagement Committee is asked to attend meetings regarding the Town of Culture Expression of Interest submission, along with the Town Clerk, Cllr Matt Allwood and representatives from Alfreton Town Council and Heanor and Loscoe Town Council.

190226/11. Discuss proposal for Ripley Town Council applying for the licence to manage Ripley Market.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that Ripley Town Council apply to Amber Valley Borough Council to obtain the licence for Ripley Market to enable us to develop and grow the market and increase footfall into Ripley Town Centre.

190226/14. Date and time of next meeting: Thursday 2nd April 2026 at 5pm in The Gallery Room, Ripley Town Hall.

190226/15. Meeting Closed at 17:56

The next Monthly Full Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 17TH March 2026 at 7.00pm.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____