



# Ripley Town Council

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## MINUTES of Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 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), R Emmas-Williams, M Hawkins, N Weaving, P Weaving, and D Williams.

Plus: Hannah Curzon (Town Clerk).

**020426/1. To receive apologies for absence – Cllr Burslem**

**020426/2. Variation of Order of Business - None**

**020426/3. Declaration of Members Interests**

Cllr Emmas-Williams declared a personal interest in Agenda item 9 as he is acquainted with a resident on the Cromford View estate in Ripley. He remained in the meeting for the discussion.

**020426/4. Public speaking**

Councillor Hawkins expressed his thanks for the Grounds Maintenance Operative for making and installing the new noticeboard on Church Farm Estate in Ripley.

**020426/5. Discuss exploring the possibilities of Ripley Town Council providing Community Transport for our residents.**

Cllr Allwood explained his idea for Ripley Town Council to provide free community transport for residents in the outlying villages of the Township, into Ripley Town Centre. This would be a looped circuit, potentially on a Friday when the Market is on in Ripley.

The Town Clerk reported that the Deputy Clerk has been doing some research into this and has met with Belper Community Transport to see how their model works.

**RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** that the Deputy Clerk continues researching two or three models for Community Transport, including minibus and car options, costs and if there is any financial support available to councils, and report back to the next committee meeting

**020426/6. Discuss the National Grid Upgrade and compensation for local communities.**

Councillors have received expressions of concern from residents regarding pylons being erected in our area, specifically in Lower Hartshay. In time, compensation will be available to communities. It is estimated that Amber Valley will receive around £4 million.

**RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** that members talk to residents and suggest ideas of what the compensation can be used on for the community.

**020426/7. Discuss the Bus Stop at Elizabeth Mews, Marehay.**

**RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** that the Clerk writes to Derbyshire County Council asking them what their plans are to restore the bus shelter at the bus stop as we would like it to be replaced for our residents to use whilst waiting for a bus.

**020426/8. Discuss new information boards and plaques for buildings / areas of historical significance in the Ripley Township.**

**RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** for the Deputy Clerk to investigate costs of plaques and information boards and relevant permissions needed.

**020426/9. Discuss Thomas Hartland Land.**

The Clerk reported she still hasn't received a response from Morris Homes regarding this land, despite emailing and calling them. She will keep trying.

**NOTED**

**020426/10. Discuss Ripley Greenway and the cycle network extension.**

Cllr Hawkins reported that he recently attended a Derbyshire County Council Countryside Department exhibition in Little Eaton. He explained that they will be constructing a link from Denby Bank to the Greenway in Marehay, hoping to complete it in 2027. They then hope to link Ripley to Hammersmith, then to Ambergate. In future, DCC hope to create a route from Ripley to Langley Mill. This is all to be funded by the East Midlands Combined County Authority.

**NOTED**

**020426/11. Date and time of next meeting:** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026 at 5pm in The Gallery Room, Ripley Town Hall.

**020426/12.** Meeting Closed at 17:39

**The next Monthly Full Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026 at 7.00pm.**

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