



## Ripley Town Council

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### **MINUTES of TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021 VIRTUAL MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

Held under the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

In Attendance: Cllrs: R Ashton, S Carter, R Emmas-Williams, I Fisher, S Freeborn, Mrs J Gregory, T Holmes (Chair), P Lobley, P Moss, N Weaving, D Williams and M Wilson.

Also: L McCormick (Town Clerk), Hannah Curzon (Deputy Clerk) and a member of the press.

### **AGENDA**

Before the meeting formally commenced, the Mayor led the Council in observing a one minutes silence for former Councillor, Mrs. Christine Manterfield who passed away in January 2021.

**160321/1. To Receive Apologies for Absence –** Cllr Miss L Cox, Cllr Jones and Cllr Worth - Noted

**160321/2. Variation of Order of Business -** None required

**160321/3. Declaration of Members Interests**

Cllr R Emmas Williams declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 15 as a donor to Butterley Ironworks Trust. He also declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 16 as a member of Midland Railway Trust. He remained in the meeting for both agenda items.

Cllr S Freeborn declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 15 as Chair of the Butterley Ironworks Trust and remained in the meeting.

Cllr R Ashton declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 14 as a Member of Derbyshire County Council and remained in the meeting.

Cllr D Williams declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 15 as a member of Butterley Ironworks Trust and remained in the meeting.

**160321/4. Public Speaking – (10 Minutes)**

Cllr Freeborn spoke regarding the Butterley Ironworks Trust Crowdfunding initiative. He said it was underway to raise money to appoint two consultants, one with tourism expertise and another to help develop the vision of the virtual reality project, in conjunction with the University of Derby. He also mentioned that there is currently an informational display in the Ripley Town Council office window on Grosvenor Road.

Cllr Ashton reported that the Oxford Street bollards were put in place last Friday. The keys will be with Amber Valley Borough Council and they will be lifting them until the end of June 2021 then other arrangements will be put in place.

**160321/5. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Monthly Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021.** (As previously circulated)

**RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes as a true and accurate record.

**160321/6. To confirm the minutes of the Heritage Committee meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021 and accept any recommendations therein.** (As previously circulated)

**RESOLVED** to accept the recommendations and sign the minutes as a true and accurate record.

**160321/7. To confirm the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021 and accept any recommendations therein.** (As previously circulated)

**RESOLVED** to accept the recommendations and sign the minutes as a true and accurate record.

**160321/8. To confirm the minutes of the Events Committee meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021 and accept any recommendations therein.** (As previously circulated)

**RESOLVED** to accept the recommendations and sign the minutes as a true and accurate record.

**160321/9. To confirm the minutes of the Finance & Management Committee meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and accept any resolutions and recommendations therein.** (As previously circulated)

**RESOLVED** to accept the recommendations and sign the minutes as a true and accurate record.

**160321/10. To determine which additional items on any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.** None required

**160321/11. Town Mayors Announcements**

Cllr Holmes spoke of the privilege he recently had presenting the Freedom of the Town Certificate and medal to former Councillor, Charles Cutting who had served on Ripley Town Council for 39 years.

**160321/12. Report of the Town Clerk**

**a) Mrs. Christine Manterfield**

The Clerk reported that the death of former Councillor, Mrs. Christine Manterfield was reported to her last week. Mrs. Manterfield passed away in January 2021.

**NOTED**

**b) Ripley Market Place Toilets**

Cllr Ashton reported that the female toilet was left in a disgusting state the previous week and that the male toilet has been closed for the past year due to vandalism. The Clerk will investigate changing the opening times of the toilets and look into a 'pay as you go' operating system.

**NOTED**

**160321/13. Councillor Vacancy**

Cllr Freeborn reported the resignation of Charles Cutting from the Council, due to ill health.

The Clerk reported that this vacancy will be advertised from tomorrow and after 14 days if 10 electorates write to Amber Valley Borough Council, this vacancy will go to election.

**160321/14. Oxford Street Barrier update**

Cllr Freeborn reported that Ripley Town Council received an email from Amber Valley Borough Council advising that the bollards will be raised from 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021 by themselves during restricted times. This is good news for the town and will enable a safer environment for the community to shop in.

**160321/15. Discuss Grant Award to Butterley Ironworks Trust**

**RESOLVED** that Ripley Town Council award a grant of £1000 to Butterley Ironworks Trust.

**160321/16. Discuss Grant Award to Midland Railway**

**RESOLVED** that Ripley Town Council award a grant of £1000 to Midland Railway.

**160321/17. Planning Applications – None to discuss**

**160321/18. Exclusion of the Press and Public** Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the Meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted at this point.

**None**

**160321/19. Meeting Closed at 7.20pm**

**Next Meeting Full Town Council Meeting April 20<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 7.00pm**

**RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

**BHIB AWARD WINNER FOR DERBYSHIRE COUNCIL OF THE YEAR 2020**

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**BHIB HIGHLY COMMENDED WINNER FOR DERBYSHIRE COUNCIL OF THE YEAR 2019**