Ripley Town Council

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Derbyshire Council of the Year 2020 & 2018
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MINUTES of the POLICY & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at 5.00pm on Tuesday 22nd September 2026 in The Galley Room, Town Hall, Market Place, Ripley.

IN ATTENDANCE:
Councillors: L Cox, R Emmas-Williams, T Holmes, P Lobley BEM, M Wilson, and N Weaving (Chair).

ALSO PRESENT:
One member of the public
Hannah Curzon - Town Clerk
Fiona Barrett – Deputy Town Clerk

AGENDA

220926/1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies were received from Cllr Allwood. No apologies were received from Councillor Ashton.

220926/2. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS
NONE

220926/3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS
NONE

220926/4. PUBLIC SPEAKING
NONE

220926/5. TO DETERMINE WHICH ITEMS IF ANY PART OF THE AGENDA SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED.
NONE

220926/6. REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S ACTION PLAN (VISION)
The Committee discussed in detail, the Town Council's Vision 2024-2027 document and all 17 objectives of the plan.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL:

- For the Community Engagement Officer to follow the progress of the two, local young people representing England at the Under 15 Cricket tournament in South Africa and report it on social media and in the newsletter.
- For the Community Engagement Officer to continue engaging with Ripley Town Centre businesses for their commitment for taking part in a late-night Christmas shopping event on Friday 11th December 2026.
- For the Finance Committee to discuss further financial support to Infinite Wellbeing to continue their weekly, termtime sessions at Greenwich Community Sport Hub.
- For the Grounds Maintenance Operative to clean the carpets at Greenwich Community Sports Hub between Christmas and New Year when the facility isn't being used.
- For the Town Clerk to ascertain why Ripley Town Football Club haven't applied for a financial grant from the Council this year, despite several reminders being sent to them.

- For the Ripley Recreation Ground Charity to discuss the complaint received from a resident on Nottingham Road, Ripley regarding cricket balls being hit over the boundary fence, recently breaking a window. Residents would like to see a section of the fencing made higher to prevent damage to local properties and potential accidents with vehicles driving along Nottingham Road when cricket matches are being played.
- For the Town Clerk to develop the agenda for the upcoming Traders meeting on 22nd October 2026.
- For the Community Engagement Officer to devise a Halloween Colouring competition for October Half term.
- For the Town Clerk to liaise with The Ripley Academy regarding a competition to design the Christmas Cover image for the Town Council's Facebook page.
- For Ripley Town Council to host the Police Community Catch up meeting on Monday 12th October 2026, 1-2pm.
- For the Finance Committee to look at extending the Service Level Agreement between Ripley Town Council and The Old Farm Bus from 22nd October 2026.

220926/7. REVIEW THE FOLLOWING RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL POLICIES TO APPROVE AT FULL COUNCIL ON 20th OCTOBER 2026 (PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED).

a. WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY (RTC POLICY 57)

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that this new policy is adopted by Ripley Town Council.

b. BULLYING AND HARRASSMENT POLICY (RTC POLICY 56)

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that this new policy is adopted by Ripley Town Council.

220926/8. DISCUSS TOWN MAYOR ENGAGEMENTS

The Committee discussed the Mayor's upcoming engagements for the following month which includes:

25th September 2026 Unveiling of Pentrich and South Wingfield Revolution Group information board at Greenwich

28th September 2026 Ripley Hospital League of Friends Fish and Chip fundraising evening.

30th September 2026 Rotary Amber Valley meeting.

220926/9.TO DISCUSS ANY MATTERS REQUIRING AN URGENT RESPONSE.

RECOMMED TO FULL COUNCIL that a new permanent agenda item is included on each Full Council agenda – 'To discuss any urgent matters previously submitted to the Town Clerk or from the Town Clerk'. This is to enable approval by the council for urgent matters such as quotations, when there isn't a finance committee in the near future.

220926/10. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 27th October 2026 at 5pm in The Gallery Room, Town Hall, Market Place, Ripley.

220926/10. MEETING CLOSED AT 17:49

Date for the Next Full Council Meeting Tuesday 20th October 2026, at 7.00pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____