



Ripley Town Council

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Minutes of Tuesday 24th February 2026 at 5.00pm RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL POLICY & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Market Place, Ripley, Derbyshire, DE5 3BT.

In Attendance: Cllrs M Allwood, L Cox, R Emmas-Williams, and P Lobley BEM.
Also present: H Curzon - Town Clerk and F Barrett – Deputy Clerk.

RESOLVED To appoint Cllr Lobley as Chair of the meeting.

- 240226/1. To receive apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from Councillors Holmes and Wilson.
- 240226/2. Variation of Order of Business - None**
- 240226/3. Declarations of Members Interests - None**
- 240226/4. Public Speaking – None.**
- 240226/5. To determine which items if any part of the agenda should be taken with the public excluded**
None.
- 240226/6. Review of the Council’s Action Plan (Vision).**
The Committee discussed in detail, the Town Council’s Vision 2024-2027 document and all 20 objectives of the plan.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that:

1. The wording from Objective 15 changes from, ‘Seek and consider opportunities to purchase and/or manage woodland (and/or sites that can be designated as Public Open Space) on the basis it can be freely enjoyed by the local community’ to ‘Consider opportunities to support sites that can be designated as Public Open Space on the basis it can be freely enjoyed by the local community.
2. Look into moving the Citizen Advice sessions from Ripley Library into The Green Room in Ripley Town Hall.
3. Explore the possibility of Ripley and District Heritage Trust using The Green Room for an exhibition about the history of Ripley.
4. Contact Make/Shift to see if they have any schemes, they would like to use The Green Room for.
5. Approach Derbyshire Workers Union to see if they would like to hold drop-in sessions in The Green Room.

- 240226/7 Discuss Financial Forecasting associated with projects within The Vision.**
As the Responsible Finance Officer was unwell, this agenda item was deferred until the next Policy and Management Committee meeting on 24th March 2026.

NOTED

240226/8. Discuss a 'Chickens on Allotments' Policy

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that Ripley Town Council issue guidance to all Allotment Associations, based on the National Allotment Association best practice and the Allotment Act 1950, for keeping chickens on allotment plots.

240226/9. Discuss a proposal from Heage Parkside Allotments for a car park area.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that Ripley Town Council grant permission to Heage Parkside Allotment Association to turn an unused plot into a small car parking area, as per their proposal, and to ensure they use suitable foundations for doing this.

240226/10. To consider any matters requiring an urgent response.

There were no urgent matters to discuss.

NOTED

240226/11. Confirm date of next meeting – Tuesday 24th March 2026 at 5.00pm in the former TIC office.

240226/11. Meeting closed: 6.09pm.

The next Ripley Town Council Full Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th March 2026 at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber, Ripley Town Hall.

Signed.....

Date.....