



Ripley Town Council

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Minutes of Thursday 22nd August 2024 at 5.00pm RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL POLICY & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held in the Ripley Town Council office, 6, Grosvenor Road, Ripley, DE5 3JF.

In Attendance: R Emmas-Williams, S Freeborn (Chair), P Lobley BEM, M Wilson.

Also present: J Simpson - Town Clerk and H Curzon - Deputy Town Clerk.

- 220824/1. To receive apologies for absence** – Cllr Allwood, Cllr Ashton and Cllr Holmes.
- 220824/2. Variation of Order of Business** – None.
- 220824/3. Declarations of Members Interests** – None.
- 220824/4. Public Speaking** – None.
- 220824/5. To determine which items if any part of the agenda should be taken with the public excluded**
None.
- 220824/6. Review of the Council's Action Plan (Vision).**

The Committee reviewed the Town Council's Vision 2024-2027 document.

Recommend to Full Council that Ripley Town Council:

1. Make an offer for the woodland on Peasehill Road, Ripley before it goes on the open market. Before doing so, the Town Clerk is to obtain a woodland and forestry valuation of the land prior to making an offer.
2. Do not run Warm Wednesdays this year. This is due to the lack of discretionary funding available to apply for this year. Instead, Ripley Town Council can look to provide existing local groups with the opportunity to apply for Winter Wellbeing Funding so they can build upon their offering of activities and friendship groups to the local community over the winter period. The Town Clerk will prepare a report for the Finance Committee to discuss the amount of funding available and the criteria for the applications.

- 220824/7. Review of developments regarding the Full Council's approved recommendations from April 2023 to July 2024.**

There was nothing to report as there wasn't a full council meeting in August 2024.

NOTED

- 220824/8. To consider any matters requiring an urgent response.**

Recommend to Full Council that the Deputy Clerk contact Derbyshire Community Transport regarding the Environment Committee meeting they attended in August 2023 where they agreed they would make a formal proposition to Ripley Town Council for a transport assessment for the Ripley Township, at an anticipated cost of £3,000.

220824/9. Greenhillocks Allotments – discuss the issues relating to the extension of the Car Park.

The Greenhillocks Allotment Association have approached Ripley Town Council as the landowners of the allotment site, asking retrospectively to extend the car parking area, taking up an allotment plot. The Allotment Association had already organised for hardcore to be delivered to the land, however the council deemed the materials to be used (broken urinals and tiles, glass, bricks) to be unsuitable for the land.

Recommend to Full Council that Ripley Town Council write to the Greenhillocks Allotment Association declaring our disappointment that as the landowners, we hadn't been consulted about this prior to the work starting. We are to ask them to remove the inappropriate hardcore that has been left on the site by the end of September 2024. After this time, the council will look at their proposal to extend the car park site, on the assurance that proper hardcore is to be used.

220824/10. Greenwich – update on what we've learnt – Travellers breaking onto the site.

The Town Clerk and Deputy Clerk reported that travellers broke onto Greenwich Recreation Ground around 1pm on Monday 12th August 2024. The incident was reported to the Police and the relevant people associated with the ground and building were notified (caretaker, councillors, customers, Ripley Town Football Club, Butterley United Cricket Club and grounds maintenance company). Members of public were alerted via the council's social media platforms. Amber Valley Borough Council were extremely helpful with their advice. The council liaised regularly with Derbyshire Police regarding the matter. The travellers departed the land on Wednesday 14th August 2024, leaving a mess to clean up. This was done and the grounds and building were secured and reopened on Monday 19th August 2024. The council now has a protocol in place, should this happen again in future.

NOTED

220824/11. Office move – Update on the signing of the lease and moving date.

The Town Clerk reported that there was no update at present, however our solicitor is pursuing Amber Valley's solicitor to move this forward as quickly as possible.

220824/12. Confirm date of next meeting – Thursday 26th September 2024 at 5.30pm.

NOTED

220824/13. Meeting closed: 5.41pm.

The next Ripley Town Council Full Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th September 2024 at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber, Ripley Town Hall.

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