

## MINUTES of the April 15<sup>th</sup> 2014 MONTHLY MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

In Attendance: Cllrs: R P Ashton, A Bridge (in the Chair), L D Cox, C Cutting, S M Daley, S D Freeborn, R Emmas-Williams, D Farrelly, M J Godfrey, Mrs J H Gregory, T Holmes, M J Missett, A Tester, Mrs A S Ward, D T Ward, D A Williams, and M Wilson  
2 members of the public, 1 member of the Police and the Clerk  
Meeting closed at 20.05

### AGENDA

**6814. To receive apologies for absence.** Cllrs Mrs I Harry, M G Jones, Mrs C Worth

**6815. Variation of Order of Business – None Required**

**6816.** Declaration of Members Interests

Cllr T Holmes declared a personal interest in the following items as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and would remain in the meeting – 8 d) Heage Toilets, 8 g) Neighbourhood Plan, and 8 m) Friends of Ripley Greenway

Cllr Ms L Cox declared a personal interest in the following items as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and would remain in the meeting – 8 d) Heage Toilets, 8 g) Neighbourhood Plan, and 8 m) Friends of Ripley Greenway

Cllr A Bridge declared a personal interest in item 8m) as Friends of Ripley Greenway and would remain in the meeting

Cllr R Emmas-Williams declared a personal interest in item 8m) as Friends of Ripley Greenway and would remain in the meeting

Cllr S Freeborn declared a personal interest in item 8m) as Friends of Ripley Greenway and would remain in the meeting

Cllr D Williams declared a personal interest in the following items as a member of Derbyshire County Council and would remain in the meeting – 8c) Bus Shelters, 8f) Butterley Brick Works Football Pitch, 8m) Dog Fouling on the Greenway, 8n) Heage Parkside Allotments

Cllr Mrs A Ward Cox declared a personal interest in the following items as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and would remain in the meeting – 8 d) Heage Toilets, 8 g) Neighbourhood Plan

**6816. Public speaking –**

The Police informed the meeting that a new Sergeant had been appointed yesterday, also that many parents had been visited regarding youths/children that may cause a nuisance in the town centre and victims were also visited by the Police. The Police have written a column in this week's Ripley & Heanor News.

Cllr S Freeborn thanked the Police for their report and stated that it was very useful for the police to visit people who are victims of crime

**6817. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Meeting March 18th 2014 and Events committee meeting April 4th 2014 (circulated)**

**RESOLVED** to sign both sets of minutes as a true and accurate record

**6818. To determine which items if any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded. - None Required**

**6819. Town Mayor's Announcements –** Cllr A Bridge reported he had attended the following:-

March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2014 – Civic Dinner at Lumb Farm which was well attended, the raffle realised £60 towards the Mayors Charity fund for Ripley Hospital

April 6<sup>th</sup> 2014 – Ripley under twenty ones won the Derbyshire Senior Challenge Trophy, first cup won in 11 years by the team

April 14<sup>th</sup> 2014 – Attended fund raiser meal at the Saffron Restaurant and raised £250 towards the Mayors Charity fund for Ripley Hospital

**6820. Report of the Town Clerk on: -**

- a) **Resignation of Cllr M Gent – notice of vacancy posted** – Cllr Gent has worked for the community for 41 years, being a member of Ripley Town Council for 34 years, deputy leader for 14 years, mayor for 3 years, and was also a parliamentary candidate, magistrate and chairman of union, receiving the Freedom of the Borough in 2000. He has had to retire due to ill health and would not be able to fulfil his commitments to the best of his ability, he is a remarkable example. Members expressed their sadness that Cllr Gent had decided to retire and it was agreed he be awarded a Special Merit Award.
- b) **Porterhouse Road Play Area Fencing** across to separate the children's play equipment – the Clerk reported that the new fence and gate to be installed next week and would chase AVBC to cut the grass prior to the fence being installed
- c) **Bus Shelters** – update – **Heage Road and Bowler Street installed RESOLVED** for signage to state that Ripley Town Council in partnership with Derbyshire County Council have installed the bus shelters and with a telephone number to ring if any problems
- d) **Heage Toilets** – information received from AVBC (circulated) **as email circulated RESOLVED** Clerk to write to AVBC to ask what the current situation is
- e) **New Website** – update – as circulated email – not all Bio's received as yet and Cllrs were asked any Cllrs who have not submitted a Bio please do so immediately
- f) **Butterley Brick Works Football Pitch** – update – a meeting had taken place with various groups, which appears to support multi use, funding meeting arranged with Derbyshire Sports Foundation and Derbyshire Football Association next week. It was agreed that RTC's role would be for enabling and not running the site, which is for the clubs themselves to run. The land belongs to Hanson's and talks are on-going with their representatives.
- g) **Neighbourhood Plan** – update AVBC are getting towards the end of the 6 week period for their Core Strategy and RTC have received various responses from other consultees regarding the Draft Ripley Neighbourhood Plan. When completed the Plan will need amending, changes made then go to steering group for formal adoption and then on to the Inspector. The Clerk reported that she had secured a grant of £7000.00 towards the cost of the Neighbourhood Plan – Councillors thanked the Clerk for obtaining the grant
- h) **Carnival Working Group to meet and report back to Council** – meeting to be arranged
- i) **Hanging Basket and planters** – update –  
**RESOLVED** to agree the 3 lighting columns on Nottingham Road not to be used in 2014 and in 2015 will agree to have new sites in town
- j) **AMT (Action for Market Towns – membership renewal £250.00 + vat**  
**RESOLVED** not to subscribe to AMT membership
- k) **Council Banking** – update –  
**RESOLVED** the Clerk is to arrange a meeting of the Finance Committee regarding bank accounts
- l) **Nationwide account require signatories** to sign a mandate form and to recommend closure of this account and transfer monies £3139.26 to the RTC NSI Account  
**RESOLVED** to close the account and raise a cheque to be paid into the NSI account
- m) **Dog Fouling** - (on the Greenway Cllr R Ashton) – this has become a serious problem, people need to be educated and Cllrs reported that this anti-social behaviour took place almost everywhere; the Clerk is to write to AVBC to ask for assistance with penalising offenders

- n) **Heage Parkside Allotments** – Asking the Cllrs if they have any objections to installation of a new metal fence at the Allotment site (information circulated)

**RESOLVED** the Clerk is to inform the Allotment Association that the Town Council have no objections to the proposed new fencing as long as no mature hedgerows or trees are affected

- 6821. Accounts for payment/Income** cheques to be approved and signed – **RESOLVED** to agree and sign the cheques and for information the Clerk reported that she had spoken to AVBC regarding the reimbursement of legal costs incurred by RTC of £6655.00 during negotiations for the lease of the Town Hall which AVBC retracted their offer of leasing the Town Hall to RTC and the Clerk was told the cheque would be sent by the end of the month

Cheque No	Payee	£	VAT	Total
503772	Ripley Branch of RBL Grant WW1 commemoration	£2500.00		£2500.00
503773	Ripley Mayor (monies paid to RTC for Civic Dinner)	£91.80		£91.80
503774	L McCormick salary & reimbursements 503775 HMRC PAYE	£1403.96		£1403.96
503776	AVBC copying and envelopes	£15.57	£3.11	£18.68
503777	Staples stationery	£166.83	£33.37	£200.20
503778	Amber Valley CVS	£25.00		£25.00
503779	E-on Christmas Lights Electricity	£302.91	£15.15	£318.06
503780	Village Hall Heage Neighbourhood Plan consultation room hire	£24.00		£24.00
503781	AVBC Office Rent	£300.00	£60.00	£360.00
503782	Shelter Maintenance Company	£5.75	£1.15	£6.90
503783	Derbyshire Probation Trust litter pick on Greenway 01/12 to 28/02	£187.50	£37.50	£225.00
503784	R Deans Media Communications	£1352.00		£1352.00
503785	Mh-p website uploading and links	£140.00	£28.00	£168.00
503786	Mh-p updating N Plan and information	£370.00	£74.00	£444.00
503787	1 <sup>st</sup> Ripley Scouts – Electricity costs for light on Hill Street	£30.00		£30.00
503788	AVBC – Postage February March 2014	£101.10		£101.10
503789	Planning Design Sustainability additional works	£668.75	£133.75	£802.50
		<b>£7685.17</b>	<b>£386.03</b>	<b>£8071.20</b>
<b>Income</b>	R Emmas-Williams & T Tester Civic Dinner			£91.80
	<b>Total</b>			<b>£91.80</b>

- 6822. Butterley Works** – deterioration of Listed Buildings –  
**RESOLVED** the Clerk to write to AVBC and ask this property be put on the listed building list as a building at risk

- 6823. Planning Applications** – Planning Committee meeting to arrange and review applications:  
**AVA/2014/0270** Derbyshire Constabulary Force Headquarters Butterley Hall Coach Road Butterley Park Ripley Derbyshire DE5 3RS Joint Derbyshire Police and Fire Headquarters Building and  
**AVA/2014/0271** Derbyshire Constabulary Force Headquarters Butterley Hall Coach Road Butterley Park Ripley Derbyshire DE5 3RS Listed Building Consent - Alter/Extend - Joint Derbyshire Police and Fire Headquarters Building

- 6824. Professional services - RESOLVED** to agree expenditure for the services when required and only after approval at the Town Council meetings

- 6825. Items for Information in the Information Folder:**

- 6826. Employment matters – meeting to be arranged after Easter**

- 6827. Date for the next meeting May 27<sup>th</sup> 2014 Annual Assembly at 6.45pm and Annual General Meeting at 7.00pm**