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MINUTES OF JANUARY 15TH 2019 MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

held at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Ripley.

Attendees; M. Missett (Chair) and Cllrs R. Ashton, A. Bridge, Ms. L. Cox, C. Cutting, R. Emmas-Williams, Mrs S. Emmas-Williams, D. Farrelly, I. Fisher, S. Freeborn, Mrs. J. Gregory, P. Moss, N. Weaving, D. Williams, M. Wilson and Mrs. C. Worth.

Members of the Public – 22 in attendance

Also L. McCormick (Town Clerk) and H. Curzon (Deputy Town Clerk)

AGENDA

150119/1 To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P. Lobley, M. Jones and T. Holmes.

150119/2 Variation of Order of Business – None required

150119/3 Declaration of Members Interests - None declared.

150119/4 Public Speaking

Cllr Wilson spoke about the issue of the Greenbelt review. It has been advised in the review that Marehay has its Greenbelt status taken away. He acknowledged that most of the members of public at the meeting are Marehay residents who are extremely concerned about this. The land between Marehay and Street Lane is in the plan and if Marehay loses its status, there will be major concerns for the village and surrounding land. Cllr Wilson mentioned that there is a working group meeting about this issue on Thursday 16th January 2019, to which he would be attending and hopes that Cllr Ashton will campaign with him regarding this matter.

Cllr Fisher spoke about his disgust at the recent Coppice Farm application in Ripley being agreed by Amber Valley Borough Council. He called the Amber Valley Planning Committee 'faceless' and questioned Cllr Ashton's judgement as it was him that put forward the motion at the Amber Valley Borough Council Planning meeting.

Cllr Ashton responded to Cllr Fisher's comments by saying he put forward the motion to the floor as a matter of procedure otherwise it could not have been discussed at the meeting. He said that there was no point in deferring the matter at the Borough Council meeting and another site visit wasn't needed. A site visit wasn't needed as they had already started infrastructure on the site.

A member of the public who owns land in Marehay spoke stating that wildlife is coming back to the village and a housing development would disturb the land. He wants the land to remain as Greenbelt.

Cllr Freeborn reported that the Greenbelt proposals are now to be finalised and on 30th January 2019, Amber Valley Borough Council are allocating sites with the number of

houses proposed. After the decision has been made it will go out to consultation for six weeks. He urged the members of public to write to Amber Valley Borough Council to state their objections.

Cllr Ashton stated that he doesn't support the Greenbelt development and will support Marehay residents on this issue. He invited members of the public to attend the Amber Valley Borough Council meeting on 30th January 2019.

A member of the public asked Cllr Ashton how he was planning on voting at the next Amber Valley Borough Council meeting, however as a matter of procedure, Cllr Ashton could not predetermine his vote

Cllr Wilson voiced his concern about the Amber Valley Borough Council meeting on 30th January 2019 and that Inspectors didn't allocate enough housing into the project. He suggested that Amber Valley Borough Council should vote on each site individually and asked that Cllr Ashton should suggest they do that at the 30th January 2019 meeting.

150119/5 To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Meeting on 20th November 2018.

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

150119/6 To confirm the Minutes of the Event Committee Meeting held on 23rd November 2018 and accept the recommendations therein.

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

150119/7 To confirm the Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on 30th November 2018 and accept the recommendations therein.

RESOLVED that the minutes and recommendations be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

150119/8 To confirm the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 7th December 2018 and accept the Resolutions therein.

RESOLVED that the minutes and resolutions be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

150119/9 To confirm the Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee held on 14th December 2018 and accept the Resolutions therein.

RESOLVED that the minutes and resolutions be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record

150119/10 To confirm the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 11th January 2019 and accept the Resolutions therein.

RESOLVED that the minutes and resolutions be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

150119/11 To confirm the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 11th January 2019 and accept the resolutions therein.

RESOLVED that the minutes and resolutions be agreed and signed as a true and accurate

record

150119/12 To determine which additional items on any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded. - None required

150119/13 Town Mayors Announcements

In the absence of the Town Mayor, Cllr Lobley being unable to attend this meeting, Deputy Mayor, Cllr Missett gave an update on the Mayors engagements since the last meeting:

30th November 2018 – Officially switched on Ripley Christmas Lights

1st December 2018 – Nether Heage Christmas Fair at The Spanker pub

2nd December 2018 – Ripley Christmas Market

7th December 2018 – Somercote's Carol Service at St. Thomas Parish Church

10th December 2018 – Derby Cathedral for the Derbyshire Carers Association service
Swanwick Civic & Village Carol Service

13th December 2018 – Crooked Spire, Chesterfield for Derbyshire Carers Association service

16th December 2018 – Carol services at Ambergate and Belper

19th December 2018 – Carol service at All Saint's Church, Ripley.

150119/14 Report of the Town Clerk

Nothing to report

150119/15 Town Centre Regeneration

RESOLVED to write to Amber Valley Borough Council asking for free car parking as in Heanor, and to seek assurances that the annual clean up of the A610 is carried out before Easter. Traders in Ripley to be contacted and their views sought about how we can work together to try to attract more shoppers to the town. A bi-annual meeting between traders and some RTC members also to be sought.

150119/16 Discuss cleaning of street signs in the township

RESOLVED Town Clerk to undertake a tendering exercise for price of cleaning street signs on an annual basis.

150119/17 Discuss a Pelican crossing at Ambergate

RESOLVED Ripley Town Council support the petition to have a pelican crossing at Ambergate and will write to DCC expressing our support.

150119/18 The River Starts Here – a new environmental initiative in partnership with the Trent Rivers Trust and the Greggs Foundation

RESOLVED Ripley Town Council wish to commit to support The River Starts Here project with £5,000 each year for 3 years.

150119/19 Discuss and set Precept for 2019/2020

RESOLVED to accept the proposed budget figures and there to be no increase in the Town Council precept for 2019 / 2020.

150119/20 Thank you letters received from:

Derbyshire Carers Association for their £500.00 donation by the Mayor towards their Young Carers Project.

The Princess Royal Class Locomotive Trust for their £250.00 grant from RTC which went towards the refurbishment of their refreshment area.

Ripley and Alfreton Tennis Club for their £500.00 grant which went towards the cost of security gates.

Waingroves Community Association for the Christmas lights in the village.
Waingroves Community Woodland Trust for a £150.00 environmental grant.

NOTED that these letters of thanks were received.

150119/21 Planning applications
None to discuss

150119/22 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. - **None required**

150119/23 Items for Information in the Information folder
Countryside Voice (CPRE), Amber Valley CVS Community News, Clerks & Councils Direct magazine.

150119/24 Meeting Closed at 7.44pm

Date of Next Council Meeting – February 19th 2019 at 7.00pm.

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