

## MINUTES of JANUARY 20<sup>th</sup> 2014 MONTHLY MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Attendees Cllrs: R P Ashton, A Bridge, L D Cox, C Cutting, S D Freeborn, R Emmas-Williams (in the Chair), D Farrelly, M J Godfrey, Mrs J H Gregory, Mrs I Harry, T Holmes, A Johnston, M Jones, M Missett, A Tester, D A Williams, and Mrs C Worth  
One member of the public, the Police and the Clerk

### AGENDA

**6945. To receive apologies for absence** – Cllrs: S M Daley, Mrs A S Ward, D T Ward, M Wilson

**6946. Variation of Order of Business** - None required

**6947. Declaration of Members Interests**

Cllr R Emmas-Williams declared a personal interest in the following items as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and would remain in the meeting – 8 a) Neighbourhood Plan and AV Core Strategy 8 c) Heage Toilets – to be opened shortly and 8 n) Discuss AVBC new Independent Remuneration Panel to review allowances paid to Borough Councillors and Parish Councillors

Cllr Ms L D Cox declared a personal interest in the following items as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and would remain in the meeting – 8 a) Neighbourhood Plan and AV Core Strategy, 8 m) Discuss AVBC Street Trading Policy and Guidance and 8 n) Discuss AVBC new Independent Remuneration Panel to review allowances paid to Borough Councillors and Parish Councillors

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 a) Neighbourhood Plan and AV Core Strategy, 8 m) Discuss AVBC Street Trading Policy and Guidance and 8 n) Discuss AVBC new Independent Remuneration Panel to review allowances paid to Borough Councillors and Parish Councillors

Cllr D Farrelly declared a personal interest in the following items as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and would remain in the meeting – 8 a) Neighbourhood Plan and AV Core Strategy, 8 c) Heage Toilets – to be opened shortly 8 l) AVBC correspondence regarding Code of Conduct complaints, 8 m) Discuss AVBC Street Trading Policy and Guidance and 8 n) Discuss AVBC new Independent Remuneration Panel to review allowances paid to Borough Councillors and Parish Councillors, 8 r) Request from AVBC for Members interest form to be completed

Cllr I Harry declared a personal interest in the following items as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and would remain in the meeting – 8 a) Neighbourhood Plan and AV Core Strategy, 8 c) Heage Toilets – to be opened shortly 8 l) AVBC correspondence regarding Code of Conduct complaints, 8 m) Discuss AVBC Street Trading Policy and Guidance and 8 n) Discuss AVBC new Independent Remuneration Panel to review allowances paid to Borough Councillors and Parish Councillors, 8 r) Request from AVBC for Members interest form to be completed

Cllr D Williams declared a personal interest in the following items as a member of Derbyshire County Council and would remain in the meeting – 8 b) Bus Shelters

**6948. Public speaking**

Cllr D Williams spoke of thanks and praise to Future Homescapes for resurfacing the car park at Mulberry Mews Ripley also DCC for work undertaken at Bowling Alley Heage and AVBC for the lights repaired; one by the CVS office Market Place and one on Church Street Ripley near to the rear of the Factory Shop

PCSO Sarah Dufton reported that there is a new Inspector for Ripley Inspector Pat Howitt – over the Christmas period operation Antler reduced shop lifting by 15% in Ripley – also starting to look at planning for events 2015

Cllr Freeborn stated that the Council would look forward to seeing the new Inspector at a Town Council meeting

- 6949. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Monthly Meeting November 18<sup>th</sup> 2014 and the Minutes of the Allotment Committee Meeting November 24<sup>th</sup> 2015 (circulated)**  
**RESOLVED** to sign both minutes as a true and accurate record
- 6950. To determine which items if any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – None required**
- 6951. Town Mayor's Announcements – See Appendix A\***
- 6952. Report of the Town Clerk on: -**
- a) Neighbourhood Plan and AVBC Core Strategy –** Cllr S Freeborn spoke of the Core Strategy and no update at present – regarding the Ripley Neighbourhood Plan the Inspector has commented that there are a few tweaks and amendments to be made but the N Plan should go to referendum.  
**RESOLVED** for Cllr Freeborn and the Clerk to look at the amendments and meet with the Ripley Neighbourhood Plan Forum to discuss the amendments, and consult with Amber Valley borough Council asking that they think hard regarding when the referendum should be held
  - b) Bus Shelters –** update email received from DCC- **the Clerk gave a report regarding the various bus shelters and site locations**
  - c) Heage Toilets –** to be opened shortly – **the Clerk gave a report of the situation and the toilets should be opened soon**
  - d) Standing Orders review**  
**RESOLVED** for Cllrs R Emmas-Williams, T Tester, S Freeborn, A Johnston, R Ashton and the Clerk to meet and review the Standing Orders and the remit of the Planning Committee
  - e) Request for support** not to withdraw funding for the ACRE Network of rural and community councils (RCCs) – **information previously circulated**  
**RESOLVED** the Clerk is to write to the responsible Minister stating the Council's concerns at the level of funding cuts and ask for the cuts to be reconsidered
  - f) Hanging Baskets –** Quotations received  
**RESOLVED** to accept the quotation from Plantscape for the next three years
  - g) Thank you letter from Waingroves Community Ass –** item for information
  - h) To approve the guidelines for keeping chickens on Allotments as agreed by RTC and the Allotment Ass –** previously circulated  
**RESOLVED** to accept the policy as recommended by the Allotment Committee
  - i) Discuss Whole Council Elections for Amber Valley Borough Council**  
**RESOLVED** the Clerk is to write to Amber Valley Borough Council stating that the Ripley Town Councillors are happy with the status quo and see no need for change
  - j) Correspondence received regarding land adjacent to Denby School** and a proposal for development of the land to include local needs housing in a mix with some open market housing together with facilities that would benefit the local community such as staff parking for the school and /or drop off facilities for parents clear of the highway  
**RESOLVED** to Clerk is to write to the sender stating that the RTC have no comments to make regarding this proposal
  - k) Village Hall at Heage asking for a grant towards a new toilet block –** funding is also being sought from Veolia and Garfield Weston Foundation the total cost is £70,000  
**RESOLVED** the Clerk is to write to the Village Hall Group stating that to consider any funding from the Council more financial information is required
  - l) AVBC correspondence regarding Code of Conduct complaints –** previously circulated - **Noted**
  - m) Discuss AVBC Street Trading Policy and Guidance**  
**RESOLVED** the Clerk is to write to AVBC stressing the disappointment of the Ripley Town Council

that there is no mention of the Ripley Charter or the Town Centre not being considered as needing a licence

n) **Discuss AVBC new Independent Remuneration Panel** to review allowances paid to Borough Councillors and Parish Councillors

**RESOLVED** the Clerk is to write to AVBC stating that it is considered an item for local determination by each Parish or Town Council, Ripley does not claim any Councillor allowances

o) **Discuss Consultation on the D2 Combined Authority Proposal** – previously circulated

**RESOLVED** the Clerk is to write stating the Council in agreement with the proposal but to make the observation that spatial planning location of housing and employment land currently do not take into account Neighbourhood Plans

p) **Leigh Day** law firm questionnaire for help providing support and advice to protect the environment – **the Clerk would complete the questionnaire**

q) **Cedar Avenue replace concrete fence** – Health & Safety issue – **quotations received**

**RESOLVED** to accept the quotation from Derbyshire Fencing Contractors Ltd for £1420.53 + vat and the cost without the vat agreed to be shared 50% each between the Town Council and the adjacent property

r) **Request from AVBC for Members interest form to be completed** – the form has been completed

s) **Ripley Christmas Lights – report from meeting with Decx contract to 2016** - Noted

**6953. Accounts for payment / Income** cheques to be approved and signed and **Precept form to be signed**

**RESOLVED** to agree and sign the cheques and the Precept form

Cheque No	Payee	£	VAT	Total
503950	L McCormick reimbursements	£123.80	£0.00	£123.80
503951	L McCormick Anti Virus renewal	£54.99	£0.00	£54.99
503952	PJ Lilley Ltd repairs to Market Place Toilets	£164.00	£32.80	£196.80
503953	Ripley Printers UK street lighting maps	£10.00	£2.00	£12.00
503954	Capvar Media Ltd Telegraph Xmas Lights advert	£75.00	£15.00	£90.00
503955	Staples Stationery	£183.18	£36.64	£219.82
503956	George Camm PA Michaelmas Market from grant (vat only)	£0.00	£70.00	£70.00
503957	ICO Data Protection annual fee	£35.00	£0.00	£35.00
503958	Phase Printing Carol Sheets	£285.28	£0.00	£285.28
503959	Phase Printing Order of Service for Civic Service	£587.37	£0.00	£587.37
503960	PJ Cooper additional sockets and cables Xmas lights	£1225.00	£245.00	£1470.00
503961	AVBC Postage august and September	£42.07	£0.00	£42.07
503962	Staples Ink cartridges and laminate pouches	£75.35	£15.07	£90.42
503963	The National Leaflet Company delivering newsletter	£760.17	£152.03	£912.20
503964	DCC bus shelter Derby Road Marehay 50% cost	£2023.44	£404.69	£2428.13
503965	DCC bus shelter Heage Road Ripley 50% cost	£2094.94	£418.99	£2513.93
503966	Keptkleen Market Place toilets	£312.00	£0.00	£312.00
503967	Keptkleen Market Place toilets wks 49/50/51/52/01	£364.00	£0.00	£364.00
BACS	Crystal Reindeer 20% Christmas Lights Switch on 2015	£30.00	£0.00	£30.00
503968	B&B Audio Ltd PA for Remembrance & Crossley Park	£249.00	£0.00	£249.00
	Completes the agreed £600.00 grant for Ripley RBL			
503969	Decx final 50% Christmas Lights	£15200.00	£3040.00	£18240.00
503970	Derbys Leics Notts & Rutland Probation for Greenway	£208.33	£41.67	£250.00
503971	Ripley Mayor to cover costs Christmas Cards	£56.00	£0.00	£56.00
503972	Shelter Maintenance bus shelter cleaning	£17.55	£3.51	£21.06
503973	AVBC Rates Heage Toilets	£76.00	£0.00	£76.00
BACS	Pitney Bowes Franking machine and postage	£70.00	£0.00	£70.00
503974	L McCormick salary HMRC PAYE 503975	£1339.29		£1339.29
503976	Friends of Ripley Greenway from D Clarke a donation	£200.00		£200.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£25661.76</b>	<b>£4477.40</b>	<b>£30139.16</b>
Income	Received from Cllr R Emmas-Williams for personal used Mayoral Christmas Cards	£56.00		£56.00
	<b>Total</b>			<b>£56.00</b>

**6954. Planning Applications** – previously circulated

**6955. Items for Information in the Information Folder** - DALC Circular 25/2014 – DALC Circular 26/2014 – DALC Circular 27/2014 – Biodiversity Magazine – CVS Community News – SLCC Roadshows – Amber Voice Newsletter – Fire Brigade Community Fire Safety Champion Newsletter – Clerk and Councils Magazine – Clerk Magazine – Historic Towns Forum Newsletter – Journal of Local Planning

**6956. Employment matters** – update from Employment Group – Cllr Freeborn reported that the group are moving forward and the required documentation will be in place soon

**6957. Clerks annual review** of pay and conditions of service

**RESOLVED** to arrange a meeting with the Employment Group and the Clerk

**6958. Date for the next monthly meeting February 17th 2015 at 7.00pm**

### Appendix A\*

#### **Mayor's Announcements**

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November Attended Ripley Girl Guides Autumn Bazar

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November Held my Civic Service at All Saint's Church, Ripley, which was very well attended.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November Presented the RTC Certificate of Merit Award to David & Ann Hill prior to switching on the Christmas Lights, with yet another good turnout.

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November officially opened the 1<sup>st</sup> Michaelmas Market event held in Ripley, which saw a fantastic turnout and a very enjoyable day by everyone who attended.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December Invited to Ripley Hospital by the League of Friends to switch on the Christmas tree lights on their Memorial Tree.

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December Attended the Ripley Hospital League of Friends Christmas Fayre, before joining members' of Waingroves Methodist Church for their Christmas Lunch.

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December Attended a Christmas Event at Heage Windmill in the morning and attending the Mayor of Alfreton's Civic Service in the afternoon.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December Invited to attend a 'Thanksgiving Service' by the Derbyshire Carer's Association at Chesterfield in the morning and attending a Christmas Party and Prize Draw at the Ripley Tuesday Club in the afternoon.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December Visit to the Midland Railway Centre with the Mayor & Mayoress of Amber Valley and the other Town Mayors'.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December Attended Somercotes Parish Council Civic Carol Service.

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December invited to attend Ambergold Carol Service at All Saints Church, Ripley in the afternoon and attended a Musical Dimension Christmas Service at Zion Church, Marehay, in the evening.

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December Attended Swanwick Parish Council Civic Service and Carol Service.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December Invited to attend a Christmas Carol Service at South Wingfield Social Club.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December Invited to attend presentation of Certificates at 'Rethink', The Croft, Ripley.

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December Attended Ironville Parish Council Civic Service and Carol Service.

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December Attended the Carol Service at Ripley Hospital by the League of Friends, before attending Carol singing by Marehay Community Trust and Amber Valley Rotary Club at Marehay.

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Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January Attending Christmas Meal with Ripley & District Twinning Association.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January Invited to attend a Service for Homeless People at Derby Cathedral.

At the last Council meeting I mentioned about sending a sympathy card to the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, I have received a response which I would like to read out to you.

Just to remind everybody that I will be holding my Civic Dinner on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2015, to be held at The Village Inn, Marehay, Ripley commencing at 7pm for 7.30pm.