

MINUTES OF JULY 16th 2013 MONTHLY MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL 6.30pm start

In Attendance: Cllr A Bridge (in the Chair)

Councillors R P Ashton, Ms L D Cox, C Cutting, S D Freeborn, R Emmas-Williams, M B Gent, M J Godfrey, Mrs J H Gregory, T Holmes, M Jones, M Missett, R A P Phillips-Forsyth, Mrs A S Ward, D T Ward, D A Williams (arrived at 7.10pm), M Wilson, and Mrs C Worth.

Also In attendance: three members of the public, member of the press, and the Clerk

AGENDA

6712. To receive apologies for absence – Cllrs S M Daley – S Joynes

6713. Variation of Order of Business – None required

6714. Declaration of Members Interests:

Cllr RAP Phillips-Forsyth declared personal interests and would remain in the meeting, in items 9) Accounts for payment including grants – as a member of Waingroves Community Association and item 8K) Grant Committee recommendations

Cllr M Wilson declared a personal interest and would remain in the meeting, in item 11) Future of Crossley Park – as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council

Cllr Ms L Cox declared a personal interest and would remain in the meeting, in item 11) Future of Crossley Park – as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council

Cllr Ms L Cox declared a personal interest and would remain in the meeting, in item 9) Accounts for payment including grants – as a member of Ripley Heritage Action Group and item 8K) Grant Committee recommendations

Cllr T Holmes declared a personal interest and would remain in the meeting, in item 11) Future of Crossley Park – as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council

Cllr T Holmes declared a personal interest and would remain in the meeting, in item 9) Accounts for payment including grants – as a member of Ripley Heritage Action Group and item 8K) Grant Committee recommendations

Cllr S Freeborn declared a personal interest and would remain in the meeting, in item 9) Accounts for payment including grants – as a member of Ripley Heritage Action Group and item 8K) Grant Committee recommendations

Cllr M Gent declared a personal interest and would remain in the meeting, in item 9) Accounts for payment including grants – as a member of Ripley Heritage Action Group – Nether Heage Church and Ambergate Carnival and item 8K) Grant Committee recommendations

Cllr R Emmas-Williams declared a personal interest and would remain in the meeting, in item 9) Accounts for payment including grants – as a member of Notts & Derbys Cricket – Waingroves Community Association – Ripley Twinning – Midlands Co-operative and item 8K) Grant Committee recommendations

Cllr Mrs C Worth declared a personal interest and would remain in the meeting, in item 9) Accounts for payment including grants – as a member of Ambergate Carnival Committee and item 8K) Grant Committee recommendations

Cllr Mrs A Ward declared a personal interest and would remain in the meeting, in item 11) Future of Crossley Park – as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council

Cllr Mrs A Ward declared a personal interest and would remain in the meeting, in item 9) Accounts for payment including grants – as a member of Ambergate Carnival and item 8K) Grant Committee recommendations

Cllr A Bridge declared a personal interest and would remain in the meeting, in item 9) Accounts for payment including grants – as a member of Ripley Heritage Action Group – Amber Valley SOS and item 8K) Grant Committee recommendations

Cllr R Ashton declared a personal interest and would remain in the meeting, in item 9) Accounts for payment including grants – as a member of 1st Ripley Scout Group and item 8K) Grant Committee recommendations

6715. Public speaking –

Cllr R P Ashton spoke of his thanks to Cllr S D Freeborn, M Wilson and the rest of the team who had put on a wonderful event the Ripley Music Festival throughout the town and Crossley Park was fantastic and had

nearly 2500 people in attendance and the Friday afternoon was excellent with many families and children and the community starts with the families it was a very good turnout and music was available for everyone of all music tastes.

Cllr R P Ashton spoke of complaints he had received regarding Upper Marehay Road as people were objecting to parked vehicles and the parking bay blocking driver's vision.

Becky Deans spoke of the Codnor Planning Application had been amended but it was a very small change from the previous application and hoped the Ripley Town Council would object to the application.

It had been a very busy month, supported the Ripley Music Festival, looked at the Gateway application, and supported the Ripley Ravens and all the florists. The meeting with the Traders and Businesses had been fantastic and a great response, the Saturday car boots on the Market Place had started and there was support for a car parking scheme where shoppers would receive a discount on purchases when paying for parking. She had given an interview with Amber Sound giving publicity for the opening of the Market Place Toilets by the Ripley Town Council.

Cllr S D Freeborn spoke of Cllr D A Williams would look into the parking as the County Cllr for the area, he also thanked Cllr R P Ashton for his thanks the Ripley Music Festival was very well attended with 5000 people over two days and the Sunday Rom Fest was the best ever. It is hoped that there will be some parking scheme available from September 1st 2013 and thanks to Becky for her work.

Cllr J H Gregory thanked Becky for being very positive and for the excellent publicity.

Cllr RAP Phillips-Forsyth spoke of Nick Knowles would be at Waingroves Methodist Church 10.00am on Thursday.

6716. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Annual General Meeting June 18th 2013 (previously circulated)

RESOLVED to sign the minutes as a true and accurate record with the following amendment:
Cllr Mrs A S Ward and Cllr D T Ward gave their apologies

6717. To determine which items if any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded - None required

6718. Town Mayor's Announcements – Cllr A Bridge attended the following:

June 21st opened the Ripley Market Place Toilets – June 23rd attended Bands in Crossley Park – July 3rd opened the Cedar Avenue play area with the new equipment – July 7th attended Bands in Crossley Park – July 12th attended schools on the park at Crossley Park – July 13th opened Ambergate Carnival – opened the Ripley Music Festival – attended the Ripley hospital league of friends garden party – July 14th attended Waingroves Thorn Tree garden party – RE – closed the Ripley Music Festival – RE July 15th attended the Lons school Little Acorn Wood – RE

Cllr A Bridge then asked for members and attendees to consider attending the blood donor session at Mill Hill School as there are fewer people giving blood and there is a great shortage.

6719. Report of the Town Clerk on: -

- a) **Village Green application** – **RESOLVED** to take no further action regarding the application
- b) **Ripley Heritage Action Group next meeting on Wednesday July 17th at the Barnes Wallis Pub at 7.00pm** – for information
- c) **Vacancy for a Councillor** – Co-option - **RESOLVED** to co-opt Mr David Farrelly to the Heage Ward seat
- d) **Solicitors fees** (for negotiating the Lease for the Old Town Hall) – **RESOLVED** to agree the payment £7998.00
- e) **Porterhouse Road lease** – **RESOLVED** Amber Valley Borough Council had agreed to extend the original 7 year lease to 25 years
- f) **Bus Shelter Marehay** – update no response from Amber Valley Borough Council to Derbyshire County Council regarding AV taking on the maintenance - **RESOLVED** the Clerk is to obtain possible repair, maintenance and insurance costs – **agenda item for September**

- g) **Bus Shelter for Heage Road** (opposite Norman Road) Ripley - **RESOLVED** the Clerk is to obtain possible repair, maintenance and insurance costs – agenda item for September information
- h) **Allotment and Garden Competition 2013** –Judging date July 20th 2013 – **item for information**
- i) **New Website** – three quotations received - **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation from Two Hedz to promote Ripley and slowly build a brand for Ripley
- j) **Market Place Toilets** – up and running time locks to be fitted – cheque received from Amber Valley Borough Council £600.00 payment for Ripley Town Council entering the Toilet Scheme – letter received from Amber Valley Access thanking Ripley Town Council for re-opening the Market Place toilets - **RESOLVED** to have the toilets open at 6.00am and close at 8.00pm seven days a week
- k) **Recommendations from the Grants Committee meeting** – also Ambergate Carnival to be discussed - **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendations with the addition of a grant of £500.00 for Ambergate Carnival and there was correspondence received from the RBL regarding a “building poppy” the Clerk is to obtain more information and there would need to be consultation with Amber Valley Borough Council – **item for September agenda**
- l) **Greenway extra bins and Community Pay Back costs** - **RESOLVED** to accept the increased cost from £200.00 per quarter to £250.00 per quarter and the Clerk is to obtain two more litter bins and arrange installation
- m) **Heage Road** hanging baskets plants stolen – **item for information**
- n) **Youth Council** – working party meeting to arrange - **RESOLVED** to arrange a meeting for the second week of September with a small working group consisting of Cllrs S D Freeborn, RAP Phillips-Forsyth, A Bridge, Mrs C Worth, R P Ashton and one other TBC from the Ripley Town Council, also Mill Hill School acting Head, Ian from the Blend and others that have shown an interest
- o) **Proposed Parking Review Derbyshire County Council** – Laurel Avenue Ripley - **RESOLVED** the Clerk is to write to confirm the Cllrs agreement with the proposal
- p) **Co-operative** submission to Amber Valley Borough Council regarding the out of town supermarket development – information was received stating that if Morrison’s are given approval for a supermarket the Co-operative will probably close the Ripley store
- 6720. Accounts for payment/Income** cheques to be approved and signed - **RESOLVED** to agree and sign the cheques

Cheque No	Payee	£	VAT	Total
503178	Simpson Jones for negotiating Town Hall Lease with AV BC	£6665.00	£1333.00	£7998.00
503179	L McCormick Clerk’s pay & reimburse 503180 HMRC PAYE	£1344.11		£1344.11
503181	L McCormick Clerks pay August 503182 HMRC PAYE	£1230.49		£1230.49
503183	The National Leaflet Company newsletter delivery	£742.78	£148.56	£891.34
503184	Proludic Cedar Avenue Play Equipment	£8750.00	£1750.00	£10500.00
503185	CPRE membership	£29.00		£29.00
503186	Matlock Band concert Sunday June 23 rd 2013	£250.00		£250.00
503187	Newstead Band concert Sunday June 9 th 2013	£250.00		£250.00
DD	BT telephone Clerk’s telephone	£62.44	£12.48	£74.92
503188	Hedge cutting at Nuttalls Park and extra strimming	£205.00		£205.00
503189	T Boulton internal auditor	£375.00		£375.00
503190	ReThink donation for Well Dressing	£200.00		£200.00
503191	Amber Valley Borough Council Office Rent	£300.00	£60.00	£360.00
503192	Phase Printing newsletter	£513.68		£513.68
503193	College Place Mr Webster QC Village Green Application Report	£1750.00	£350.00	£2100.00
503194	Zurich Insurance 2013 2014	£1110.24		£1110.24
503195	M Ruscoe Market Stalls for the Spring Festival	£125.00		£125.00
503196	Rebecca Deans Social Media & Communications for Ripley Reckoning – 19/06/13	£208.00		£208.00
503197	Rebecca Deans Social Media & Communications for Ripley Reckoning – 26/06/13	£208.00		£208.00
503198	Rebecca Deans Social Media & Communications for Ripley	£208.00		£208.00

	Reckoning – 03/07/13			
503199	Notts & Derby Youth Cricket	£50.00		£50.00
503200	Highedge Historical Society	£50.00		£50.00
503201	Greenhillocks Fellowship	£100.00		£100.00
503202	Nether Heage Methodist Church	£50.00		£50.00
503203	Sawmills Village Hall	£50.00		£50.00
503204	1st Waingroves Rainbows	£50.00		£50.00
503205	Waingroves Well Dressing	£50.00		£50.00
503206	Amber Valley Access Group	£50.00		£50.00
503207	Butterley United Cricket Club	£100.00		£100.00
503208	Moorwood Moor Angling Club	£100.00		£100.00
503209	1 st Ripley Scout Group	£50.00		£50.00
503210	Waingroves Drama Group	£50.00		£50.00
503211	Ripley & District Twinning Ass	£100.00		£100.00
503212	Marehay Community Trust	£50.00		£50.00
503213	Waingroves Show	£50.00		£50.00
503214	Ripley Women's Institute	£25.00		£25.00
503215	Carousel Craft Group	£25.00		£25.00
503216	Ripley Heritage Trust	£100.00		£100.00
503217	Ripley Heritage Action Group	£250.00		£250.00
503218	Amber Valley SOS	£50.00		£50.00
503219	Ambergate Carnival	£500.00		£500.00
503220	AMT Neighbourhood Plan / Ripley Reckoning	£1467.46		£1467.46
503221	Planning Design Ripley Neighbourhood Plan Appraisal of housing sites / site assessments	£500.00	£100.00	£600.00
503222	Keptkleen – Cleaning Ripley Market Place toilets	£156.00		£156.00
503223	W G Pollard Ltd Timer locks on Ripley Market Place toilets	£1310.00	£262.00	£1572.00
503224	England Barker – repair on Mayor's chain of office	£40.00		£40.00
503225	Liquid Brass – to play at Crossley Par in place of Creswell Colliery Band	£250.00		£250.00
503226	Two Hedz Ltd – Deposit for starting the new website	£597.50	£119.50	£717.00
	TOTAL	£30247.70	£4135.54	£34383.24
Income				
	Greenhillocks rent			£30.00
	Amber Valley Borough Council Toilet Opening Scheme			£600.00
	Total			£630.00

6721. Ripley Reckoning / Neighbourhood Plan - To receive reports and consider progress made.- also draw the completed questionnaires prize draw – 1st prize hamper supplied by the Co-operative – 2nd prize Carke's of Ripley supplied gift – 3rd prize Sainsbury's supplied voucher – **Information given regarding car boots on the market Place – Car Parking Scheme** September 1st 2013 – Neighbourhood Plan meeting in the Town Hall Council Chamber July 25th 2013 at 1.30pm to discuss Ripley Town Council Core strategy and people from the Neighbourhood Forum will attend

6722. Future of Crossley Park - RESOLVED to enter into discussions regarding Ripley Town Council taking over Crossley Park to ensure the people of Ripley have a park they deserve

6723. Grounds Maintenance and Services Generally - RESOLVED the Clerk is to contact Alfreton Town Council and discuss issues with them and the possibility of a person doing work for Ripley Town Council and hopefully learn from them for the future

6724. Moseley Street Church Hall Possible Future - RESOLVED for the Clerk to contact Derbyshire County Council property services to survey the building for £500.00 and provide a maintenance plan for £300.00 – Votes recorded against the motion Cllrs R P Ashton, Mrs A S Ward, M Godfrey and D T Ward

6725. Electoral Commission Consultation Reduction of Entitlement to Postal Votes - RESOLVED

the Clerk is to write broadly welcoming the efforts to stop fraud but not to accept the postal vote and proxy vote being removed this proposal is too strict

6726. Planning Applications – previously circulated

a) Cromford View Enforcement - RESOLVED the Clerk is to write to the Enforcement Officer asking for the original conditions to be adhered to

b) Clowes Westerman Housing - RESOLVED the Clerk is to write formally to Amber Valley Borough Council stating the following objections to oppose the application:

1) The land proposed is green belt land

2) This application is against the Local Plan – to change the use from industrial to housing is ok, however there is no affordable housing

c) Industrial buildings renewal Ripley Gateway - RESOLVED the Clerk is to write to Amber Valley Borough Council to remind them of their legal and professional duties and there should be a whole new application

d) AVA/2012/0946 Solar Panels – AVA/2012/1026 Solar Panels – AVA/2012/1010 Solar Panels - All these applications refused by Amber Valley Borough Council – item for information

e) Codnor Common application - RESOLVED the Clerk is to write to Amber Valley Borough Council stating that as the proposed variation is so slight and now includes Clowes Westerman in the application that the application should not be heard by Amber Valley Borough Council

6727. Items for Information in the Information Folder: DALC Circulars 12/2013 13/2013 – Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine

6728. Date for the next monthly meeting September 17th 2013 at 7.00pm