

MINUTES July 21st 2015 MONTHLY MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Attendees Cllrs: R P Ashton, A Bridge (in the Chair), L D Cox, C Cutting, S D Freeborn, R Emmas-Williams, Mrs S Emmas-Williams, D Farrelly, I Fisher, Mrs J H Gregory, T Holmes, A Johnston, M Jones, Mrs L Joyes, P Lobley, P C Moss, D A Williams and Mrs C Worth
14 members of the public and the Town Clerk

Cllr A Bridge Deputy Mayor and Mr R Watson from the Co-operative Members gave the Best Kept Garden and Allotment prizes and photographs were taken.

AGENDA

7036. To receive apologies for absence – Cllrs: S D Carter, M J Missett and M Wilson

7037. Variation of Order of Business

7038. 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) Ripley Neighbourhood Plan and referendum date required – 8 c) Nottingham Road Recreation Land – also 9 Cheques for payment as a Member of Ripley OAP Association

Cllr Mrs S Emmas-Williams declared a personal interest in the following item 9 Cheques for payment as Treasurer and a Member of Ripley OAP Association

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) Ripley Neighbourhood Plan and referendum date required – 8 c) Nottingham Road Recreation Land

Cllr Ms L Cox declared a personal interest in the following item 9 Cheques for payment as a Member of the Marehay Trust Committee

Cllr P Moss declared a personal interest in the following items as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and would remain in the meeting – 8 a) Ripley Neighbourhood Plan and referendum date required – 8 c) Nottingham Road Recreation Land

Cllr R P Ashton declared a personal interest in the following items as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and would remain in the meeting – 8 a) Ripley Neighbourhood Plan and referendum date required – 8 c) Nottingham Road Recreation Land

At the end of the meeting - Cllr D A Williams declared a personal interest and remained in the meeting but did not comment, 8 d) Bus Shelters - 8 h) Planters as a member of Derbyshire County Council – 8 k) Notice Board Maple Avenue as member of the Co-op and the Co-op Party and remained in the meeting but did not comment

7039. Public speaking – (10 Minutes)

Cllr R Ashton spoke firstly to thank Cllr Freeborn and others for the Ripley Music Festival, which once again was a wonderful event.

Cllr R Ashton also spoke against item 8a) Ripley Neighbourhood Plan expenditure for legal opinion and considered the expenditure a waste of tax payers money.

Cllr S Freeborn thanked Cllr R Ashton on behalf of the Ripley Music Festival Committee for his comments and to note the dates for 2016 would be July 11th to the 17th

Mr T Witts from Groundwork spoke regarding the Nottingham Road, Greenwich project between Amber Valley Borough Council and Ripley Town Council and he distributed copies of plans.

Mr Witts had met with Ripley Rangers FC and Butterley Cricket Club discussing the proposals.

Cllr S Freeborn thanked Mr Witts for attending and giving the report and asked that Ripley Town Council are involved in discussions going forward and be kept up to date with the progress.

7040. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Monthly Meeting June 16th 2015 - Events Committee Meeting July 10th 2015 - Planning Committee July 10th 2015 and Employment Committee Meeting July 10th 2015 – Grants Working Party Meeting July 17th 2015 (all previously circulated)

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

7041. To determine which items if any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – None required

7042. Town Mayors Announcements – June 19th 2015 visit to Maple Leaf House and Ripley Junior School Talent Show – June 21st 2015 Midland Railway Centre – June 27th 2015 Heage Carnival – July 11th 2015 Ripley Hospital League of Friends Fete – July 11th 2015 Ambergate Carnival – July 12th 2015 Midland Railway Patron's Day
Deputy Mayor – July 11th 2015 Judging the Best Kept Garden and Allotment Competition – July 15th 2015 - Ripley Junior School Summer Fair July 19th 2015 Hog Roast at Waingroves

7043. Report of the Town Clerk on: -

a) Neighbourhood Plan – update regarding legal Opinion (previously circulated) and to agree expenditure up to £30,000 (including the previously agreed £5,000) to seek a Judicial Review of the AVBC decisions

RESOLVED to agree the expenditure up to £30,000 including the previously agreed £5000, approve Marrons Shakespeares to act for Ripley Town Council, and the Clerk to respond to AVBC demanding a referendum as soon as possible as AVBC are acting unlawfully

b) Codnor Common Land – –no developments recently

c) Nottingham Road Recreation Land - Mr Witts from Groundworks gave a report at the public speaking part of the meeting and will keep informing the Council of progress.

RESOLVED to have a representative from the Council on the Committee making decisions and discussing progress of the project

d) Bus Shelters – update and request received for a further bus shelter Marehay (DCC have stated any requests will be for the next financial year April 2016) – resident request for a bus shelter on Butterley opposite Prince of Wales

RESOLVED the Clerk to produce a full report of expenditure, budget, and locations of previously installed and repair costs to two on Butterley Hill

e) Pit Top Pond area – Derbyshire Wildlife Trust are to view the site – **for information**

f) Cedar Avenue – additional play equipment (Cllr R Ashton) – quotations circulated

RESOLVED the Clerk to compile a report regarding possible items for the play areas consideration to be made for dimensions of play items and leaving areas for football, AVBC may have reports already for the play areas

g) Thank you letters for grants received from: - Girl Guiding, 1st Waingroves Brownies, Moorwood Moor Angling Club and Amber Valley Alliance for Learning, Waingroves Drama Group, Nether Heage Play Group, Greenhillocks Fellowship, Nether Heage Methodist Church, Ripley Amateur Boxing, Ripley & District Twinning, Waingroves Rainbows, 1st Ripley Scouts, Derbyshire Autism Group (Cllr R Emmas-Williams as Mayor donation), Waingroves Community Association – Waingroves Show – Heanor & Ripley Treefoil Guild Girlguiding - **item for information**

h) Planters to be installed – update- **DCC permission for siting the planters at Bowling Alley Heage and Ripley Road Sawmills received –** item for report

i) Christmas Lights extra electrical works and extra motifs

RESOLVED to go ahead with the quotation from P J Cooper providing the costs are within the overall Christmas lighting budget

j) Request for a notice board at Heage near the store

RESOLVED to go ahead with a new notice board

k) Request for a notice board on Maple Avenue near the store (Cllr C Cutting)

RESOLVED to go ahead with a new notice board

l) Defibrillator for Ripley – no funding from the Co-operative making a difference

RESOLVED the Clerk is to look into the British Heart Foundation funding and possible location on Oxford Street at the BHF store

m) AVBC Draft Tax Policy – (previously circulated) - Noted

7044. Accounts for payment and Income cheques to be approved and signed **(including Grant recommendations from Working Party)**

RESOLVED to agree and sign the cheques with the exception of chq 504125 to hold as there is a dispute regarding the newsletter delivery and Cllrs: S Freeborn, M Missett, A Bridge would liaise with the Clerk and program dates for future deliveries and book Lewis Distribution for deliveries

Cheq No	Payee	£	VAT	Total
504109	AVBC contribution towards Nottingham Road design costs	£4,000.00		£4,000.00
504110	L McCormick salary & reimbursements 504111 HMRC PAYE	£1,611.07		£1,611.07
504112	AVBC Heage Toilets rates July 2015	£38.00		£38.00
504113	AVBC Heage Toilets rates August 2015	£38.00		£38.00
504114	Keptkleen Heage Toilets wks 23/24/25/26/27	£234.00		£234.00
504115	Marehay Show RTC advert in leaflet	£15.00		£15.00
504116	Keptkleen M Place Toilets wks 23/24/25/26/27	£338.00		£338.00
504117	AVBC Office Rent inv 7563744 July & Aug monthly to November	£1,050.00	£210.00	£1,260.00
504118	Johnston Publishing Community Officer Advertisement	£562.00	£112.40	£674.40
504119	Pitney Bowes Franking Machine Quarterly Rental	£29.97	£5.99	£35.96
DD	Pitney Bowes postage	£50.00		£50.00
504120	Plantscape Hanging Baskets	£3,380.00	£676.00	£4,056.00
504121	Derbyshire Fencing Contractors Ltd Cedar Ave Fencing	£1,928.53	£385.71	£2,314.24
504122	Phase Print newsletter printing	£690.00		£690.00
504123	DALC Councillor Training 15 x £25.00	£375.00		£375.00
BACS	No 5 Chambers Legal Consultation Invoice 614	£250.00	£50.00	£300.00
BACS	No 5 Chambers Legal Opinion Invoice 615	£750.00	£150.00	£900.00
BACS	Signscape Town Hall Notice Board	£887.90	£177.58	£1065.48
504124	PJ Lilley Joinery & Building Contractor Market Place Toilets	£94.30	£18.86	£113.16
504125	National Leaflet Company Newsletter Delivery	£760.17	£152.03	£912.20
504126	Ripley Old Age Pensioners (replacement cheque for 504084)	£200.00		£200.00
504127	P Robinson hedges cut at Nuttalls Park walkway	£230.00		£230.00
504128	Shelter Maintenance Cleaning (September 2014)	£17.55	£3.51	£21.06
504129	Severn Trent Water Heage Toilets Jan 7 th to July 2 nd 2015	£87.40		£87.40
	Total	£17,616.89	£1942.08	£19,558.97
504130	Matlock Band for Bands in Crossley Park	£275.00		£275.00
504131	Ripley Residents Association Grant	£100.00		£100.00
504132	Ripley Rangers FC Grant	£500.00		£500.00
504133	Newstead Brass for Bands in Crossley Park	£300.00		£300.00
504134	A Bridge reimbursement for Competition Judging Lunch	£45.96		£45.96
504135	NALC Local Councils Explained	£14.99		£14.99
504136	DLN&R Comm Rehab Co Litter Bins Emptying the Greenway	£208.33	£41.67	£250.00
504137	Newhall Band for Bands in Crossley Park	£295.00		£295.00
		£1,739.28	£41.67	£1,780.95
Income	Bond refund from AVBC for Events			£250.00
	HM Revenue & Customs VAT reclaimed			£16,882.67
	Total			17,132.67

7045. Planning Applications – previously circulated - noted

7046. Items for Information in the Information Folder: DALC Circulars 15/2015 – DALC Circulars 16/2015 – **DALC Circulars 17/2015** – Groundwork Development and Regeneration Work - Health & Community Guide – Clerk & Councils Direct (Mayor's photo included) – Health & Community Magazine – The Clerk Magazine –

7047. Employment matters – recommendations from Employment Group meeting

RESOLVED to arrange a meeting to view the applications and consider which applicants are to attend interviews

7048. Date for the next monthly meeting September 15th 2015 at 7.00pm

Meeting closed at 7.50pm