

## MINUTES JUNE 17<sup>th</sup> 2014 MONTHLY MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

To: The Town Mayor and Members of Ripley Town Council

Attendees Cllrs: R P Ashton, A Bridge, L D Cox, C Cutting, S Daley, 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 G Jones, A Tester, D A Williams, M Wilson and Mrs C Worth

6 members of the public, the Press, the Police and the Clerk

### AGENDA

**6860. To receive apologies for absence** – Cllrs: M J Missett, Mrs A S Ward and D T Ward

**6861. Variation of Order of Business** – None required

**6862. Declaration of Members Interests** –

Cllr T Holmes declared a personal interest in the following item as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and would remain in the meeting – 8 c) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Ms L D Cox declared a personal interest in the following item as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and would remain in the meeting – 8 c) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr A Bridge declared a personal interest in item 8b) Butterley Brick Works Football Pitch as a member of the Working group and would remain in the meeting

Cllr A Bridge declared a personal interest in item 8k) Ripley & District Branch of the Royal British Legion as a member and would remain in the meeting

Cllr M Wilson declared a personal interest in the following items as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and would remain in the meeting – 8 c) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr R Emmas-Williams declared a personal interest in in the following item as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and would remain in the meeting – 8 c) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr R Emmas-Williams declared a personal interest in in the following items would remain in the meeting – 9) Grant cheques for Waingroves Community Centre as the Cllr representing Ripley Town Council – Ripley and District Twinning Association as a member – Ripley Old Age Pensioners Association as a member

Cllr R Ashton declared a personal interest in in the following item and would remain in the meeting – 9) Grant cheque for the 1<sup>st</sup> Ripley Scouts as a member

After the meeting Cllr D A Williams declared an interest in items 8f) Carr Wood Boardwalk and item 9) Grant cheque for Friends of Carr Wood as treasurer for the group but remained in the meeting and took no part in the items discussion

**6863. Public speaking** – Cllr R Emmas-Williams spoke of the very sad passing of David Neilson who had been a Town Councillor and served the people of Ripley from 1974 to 2011 when he retired from the Council after 37 years of which he was Town Mayor in 1982/83. Everyone valued his local knowledge on topics going back many years for which he will be sadly missed the funeral will take place on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 11.45am at Wood Street Chapel. A minutes silence was held in memory of David.

Cllr R P Ashton spoke to thank the Police for their support for the St Georges Day Parade and they did an excellent job.

Cllr R P Ashton asked as AVBC have designated Ripley as a deprived area will the car parking charges be reduced or indeed would the car parking become free in Ripley?

Cllr A Bridge asked if the Police would look into the parking on pavements on Rowan Avenue as vehicles are parked in such a way that wheelchairs nor mobility scooters can continue along the footpath they have to go onto the road to bypass the parked vehicles.

PC R Marshall stated that he had visited Rowan Avenue but had found no problems, he would look again.

Cllr S Daley spoke of the same problems on Crossley Street and PC M Reddish, when in post, managed to clean up the problem.

PC R Marshall stated he would also look into this and also spoke of the next Panel meeting and would be setting the three new priorities for Ripley.

Cllr D A Williams thanked the Police for responding regarding the parking problems and noted that Crossley Street residents had previously car stickers to show who were residents and stated that there is a car park available.

PC R Marshall stated that the Police would look into this.

Cllr Ms L D Cox responded to Cllr R P Ashton regarding the car parking fees, this is an issue that was raised in their manifesto and would be looked into.

PC R Marshall spoke of parking problems would be followed up but they had concentrated on crime and the statistics showed they had reduced crime as shoplifting had reduced by 25%, theft from vehicles had reduced by 81% and house break-ins had reduced by 69%. There is a new Sergeant Paul Stevenson at Ripley and a new PC would be in post from Belper as PC Dan Quick had been posted to Heanor. The new CCTV have all angle cameras which will help the Police. The question was raised about the toilets on Crossley Park not being open at the weekends when there are many elderly people and families with young children needing to use the toilets. Also the Market Place toilets would need to be open later for the Fair in October. A new scheme the Police were working with for low level offenders to put something back by litter picking and they had spent a 45 minute session on the Greenway which had proved very useful and diverts people from the court system.

A resident spoke of several areas of Ripley that could benefit from litter picking and thought this is a very good idea.

Cllr S Freeborn thanked PC R Marshall and noted that the crime stats were very encouraging and working with youngsters is great and nips problems in the bud. Regarding the Market Place toilets please liaise with the Clerk and this will not be a problem, the disappointing news that PC D Quick, who has been with us for five years is being moved to Heanor. It is perplexing as he has built up local knowledge and was known in the town, the Clerk will write to the Chief Constable thanking PC Quick for his work during the five years he was with us.

Cllr R Emmas-Williams stated that the Crossley Park toilets were open last Sunday for the Band Concert.

Cllr Ms L D Cox also spoke of thanks to the Police for their efforts.

Cllr M Wilson gave his congratulations to Cllr Emmas-Williams being elected as Town Mayor and stated how pleased he was that the crime stats have reduced but an observation was that at 8.00am in the morning there are very few cars in Ripley.

Ian Fisher spoke of the confusion regarding nominations for the William Holmes Almshouses at the top of Fletcher Street where six bungalows were built and money was left for maintenance with five trustees and two named representatives on behalf of Ripley Town Council who would be trustees for a four year term. Gerry Fryer has been Clerk to the trust and he would like to thank him for all his work. The properties are for elderly residents from the Ripley area, which will free up a family home, the rents are not extortionate, six have had new boilers fitted and four have had new kitchens. There is a difficulty finding residents as there is no car parking. Could Ripley Town Councillors consider if they are aware of anyone who might benefit from living in these properties and then start a waiting list?

Cllr S Freeborn thanked Ian for the information and the Town Council nominations are for Cllr R Emmas-Williams and Ian Fisher for the next four year term and if anyone knows of people who could benefit from these properties to please inform our Clerk and she will pass on the details to the trust.

**6864. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Annual General Meeting May 27<sup>th</sup> 2014 (circulated) - RESOLVED** to agree and sign the minutes with the amendment: William Holmes Court Almshouses and the Ernest Joseph Ellis Fermor Charity – **Cllr R Emmas-Williams and Mr Ian Fisher till 2018**

**6865. To determine which items if any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.** None required

**6866. Town Mayor's Announcements** – Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup> attended the Brass Band Concert by the Newhall Brass Band in Crossley Park - Tuesday June 3<sup>rd</sup> attended Ripley Junior School Summer Fayre – Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup> invitation to attend the 1940 weekend at Midland Railway which was absolutely fantastic – Thursday June 12<sup>th</sup> attended Ripley Hospital to celebrate the Ripley League of Friends handing over a new ultrasound machine – Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup> attended the Brass Band Concert played by the Newstead Brass Band in Crossley Park – an invitation is extended for all to attend July 19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> to Patrons of Duchess of Sutherland Open Day from 10.00am to 4.30pm – also flowers were sent to Liz Hawkins (Cllr S Daley's partner) from the council as she has had two serious operations; her thanks for this kindness has been received..

Cllr R Emmas-Williams then spoke of his pleasure in making a presentation to ex Councillor Maurice Gent of a special Certificate of Merit Award and a Denby Plate specially made depicting Maurice's name and long service at the Town Council, where he served as Town Mayor in 1981/82, 1885/86 and 2000/01. Cllr R Emmas-Williams wished Maurice and Desiree well for a long and healthy happy retirement; they both deserve it after the service given to the people of Ripley Township.

**6867. Report of the Town Clerk on: -**

- a) **New Website** – update - **all Bio's now received and website will be live after checking content RESOLVED** the Clerk is to chase up the provider and ask that the website be up and running as soon as possible and asked all Councillors to contact any local groups they are aware of to send links to the Clerk to be added to the website
- b) **Butterley Brick Works Football Pitch** – update – Cllr D Williams reported that discussions with agents and others regarding options available are on-going.
- c) **Neighbourhood Plan and AVBC Core Strategy suspension** – update – Cllr S Freeborn spoke of the AVBC Core Strategy being suspended and it has to be brought in line with the Inspectors comments, and that AVBC are hoping this will happen by November. The Ripley Neighbourhood Plan is still continuing and there has been a legal precedent, the Tatton hall ruling. Where a Core Strategy is not in place and a Neighbourhood Plan has been approved, then the Core Strategy has to conform to the Neighbourhood Plan. In the N Plan there will be some changes by removing some of the building proposals in the plan. The Steering Group are meeting next week to discuss final comments received from the many consultations held and then when completed, the plan will be submitted to the Inspector. When approved the N Plan will then go out to a referendum, hopefully in the Autumn.
- d) **Hanging Basket and planters** – the Clerk reported that the hanging baskets would be installed on Friday June 20<sup>th</sup> 2014
- e) **Ambergate Cricket Club Ground** – update –Cllr S Freeborn reported that the land has been sold to a third party, at present it is not known who this is. This is very disappointing to the Town Council and the Ambergate Cricket Club as it was hoped to facilitate the club continuing to use the cricket ground. Offers were to be made, above the accepted amount but the Agent did not recognise this and the land was sold. We will continue to look into this.
- f) **Carr Wood Boardwalk – request for funding for the Boardwalk - RESOLVED** the Clerk is to write to AVBC with a view for both Councils to fund the £1760.00 + vat on a 50% each basis
- g) **Local Works asking for support** from the Council regarding rate paying businesses in the area that the Local Council receive, say, around 5% of the business rates which would then benefit the local communities - **RESOLVED** to support this and welcome any monies from the rates collected by the Borough Council
- h) **Ripley and Amber Valley Lions Club looking for** a “Community Clean Up Day, Tree Planting Project , clean up a vacant plot or help the elderly with their gardens” - **RESOLVED** for Councillors to let the Clerk know of areas that may require trees or elderly or vulnerable people that may need help with tidying their gardens

i) **Grit Bin required for Limes Park - RESOLVED** to remove this item from the agenda

j) **Leonard Cheshire Disability** request for funding for transport to a disability sports event at West Park Long Eaton cost between £300.00 and £400.00 (six people from Ripley enjoy the services of the group) - **RESOLVED** the Clerk is to write to ask how many people from Ripley Township are actually going on the trip and if satisfied there could be a donation of up to a maximum of £400.00 (to be determined by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor).

k) **Ripley & District Branch of the Royal British Legion** – request for support towards costs of running the Remembrance Parade and Service November 9<sup>th</sup> 2014 - **RESOLVED** the Clerk is to contact the branch and ask what particularly they are doing special this year and what any funding would be for.

**6868. Accounts for payment / Income** cheques to be approved and signed **RESOLVED** to approve and sign the cheques

<u>Cheque No</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
503819	Highedge Historical Society	£100.00		£100.00
503820	Greenhillocks Fellowship	£150.00		£150.00
503821	Waingroves Community Association	£350.00		£350.00
503822	Nether Heage Methodist Church	£100.00		£100.00
503823	Sawmills Village Hall	£100.00		£100.00
503824	1st Waingroves Rainbows	£100.00		£100.00
503825	Waingroves Methodist Church	£50.00		£50.00
503826	Waingroves Well Dressing	£100.00		£100.00
503827	Moorwood Moor Angling Club	£200.00		£200.00
503828	St Luke's Church Heage	£100.00		£100.00
503829	1st Ripley Scout Group	£150.00		£150.00
503830	Ripley & District Twinning Ass	£150.00		£150.00
503831	Waingroves Show	£100.00		£100.00
503832	AV Stroke Group	£100.00		£100.00
503833	Carousel Craft Group	£50.00		£50.00
503834	Ambergate Carnival	£500.00		£500.00
503835	Amber Sound 107.2fm	£2,500.00		£2,500.00
503836	Friends of Carr Wood	£100.00		£100.00
503837	The Little Lunch Club Heage	£100.00		£100.00
503838	Ripley Old Age Pensioners Ass	£50.00		£50.00
503839	1st Ripley Guides	£100.00		£100.00
503840	Ripley Morris Men	£100.00		£100.00
503841	Waingroves Drama Group	£50.00		£50.00
503842	AVBC Office Rent	£300.00	£60.00	£360.00
503843	L McCormick salary & reimbursements 503844 HMRC PAYE	£1524.76		£1524.76
503845	P Robinson Urgent strimming Spanker and Malthouse Lane	£100.00		£100.00
503846	P Robinson strimming base of hedges Nuttalls Park	£50.00		£50.00
503847	BLT Direct Lights for Market Place toilets	£45.25	£9.05	£54.30
503848	Newhall Band playing Crossley Park	£295.00		£295.00
503849	Ilkeston Fencing Ltd additional work at Porterhouse Road	£175.00	£35.00	£210.00
503850	Marehay Show Adverts RTC advertisement	£12.00		£12.00
503851	Orianne Brown Holocaust speaker travel	£100.00		£100.00
503852	Jaybee Tools and Fasteners Heavy Duty Bin Bags	£98.40	£19.68	£118.08
503853	Eric Gregory Photographs of more Events	£40.00		£40.00
503854	Newstead Brass Band playing Crossley Park	£300.00		£300.00
BACS	Mayors Account	£2000.00		£2000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,440.41</b>	<b>£123.73</b>	<b>£10,564.14</b>
Income	HMRC VAT reclaimed			£23047.58
	Heage Allotments Annual Rent received			£30.00
	BT Credit payment received			£61.77
	<b>Total</b>			<b>£23,139.35</b>

**6869. Planning Applications** – previously circulated

**6870. Items for Information in the Information Folder:**

**6871. Employment matters** – recommendations from Employment Group meeting – Cllr Freeborn reported that the Employment Committee had met with the Clerk and discussions were taking place regarding the possibility of an Assistant Town Clerk. When Job Description, Contract and Financial implications are complete this would then be put to Full Council for discussion.

**6862. Date for the next monthly meeting July 15th 2014 at 7.00pm**