

MINUTES OF JUNE 18th 2013 MONTHLY MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL 6.30pm start

In Attendance: Cllr A Bridge (in the Chair)

Councillors R P Ashton (arrived at 6.55pm), Ms L D Cox, C Cutting, S Daley, S D Freeborn, R Emmas-Williams, M B Gent, M J Godfrey (arrived at 6.55pm), Mrs J H Gregory, T Holmes, R A P Phillips-Forsyth, D A Williams, Mrs C Worth.

Also In attendance: four members of the public, members of the press, Police and the Clerk

AGENDA

PART I – NON CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

6096. To receive apologies for absence – Cllrs: M G Jones, S Joynes, M J Missett, Mrs A S Ward and D T Ward

6097. Variation of Order of Business – None required

6098. Declaration of Members Interests –

Cllr RAP Phillips-Forsyth declared a personal interest regarding 12a) as an employee and shareholder of Sainsbury's and would remain in the meeting

Cllr T Holmes declared a personal interest regarding 8a) as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council Village Green Application and would remain in the meeting.

Cllr T Holmes declared a personal interest regarding 8c) Solicitors fees regarding negotiating the Town Hall Lease as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and would leave the meeting.

Cllr T Holmes declared a personal interest regarding 8e) Porterhouse Road lease of Play Area and would remain in the meeting.

Cllr T Holmes declared a personal interest regarding 8j) Market Place Toilets and would remain in the meeting.

Cllr Ms L D Cox declared a personal interest regarding 8a) as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council Village Green Application and would remain in the meeting.

Cllr Ms L D Cox declared a personal interest regarding 8c) Solicitors fees regarding negotiating the Town Hall Lease as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and would leave the meeting.

Cllr Ms L D Cox declared a personal interest regarding 8e) Porterhouse Road lease of Play Area and would remain in the meeting.

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Cllr M B Gent declared a personal interest regarding 8a) as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council Village Green Application and would remain in the meeting.

Cllr M B Gent declared a personal interest regarding 8c) Solicitors fees regarding negotiating the Town Hall Lease as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and would leave the meeting.

Cllr M B Gent declared a personal interest regarding 8e) Porterhouse Road lease of Play Area and would remain in the meeting.

Cllr M B Gent declared a personal interest regarding 8j) Market Place Toilets and would remain in the meeting.

6099. Public speaking – A resident asked if there were any plans for Ripley Market Place, could there be a Flea Market mid-week she is aware there could be future Car Boots but has no information? Cllr S Freeborn replied that the Ripley Town Council do not run the Market Place, Amber Valley Borough Council run it and the Market Traders Association plan to try different things to revive the market. Ripley Town Council strongly support the traders to be imaginative and thrive and it is hoped that the traders will improve the footfall and the market will become viable again. R Deans reported regarding the Ripley Reckoning there were 69 likes on Facebook, this is now 290. This with Amber Sound and internet interest equates to possibility with 2000 people, with

Twitter there are 333 followers and growing every day. Community organisation of the month is Ripley Royal British Legion regarding Drummer L Digby and raising money.. Local businesses are asking for more car parking, more signage and to revive the Ripley Carnival. Cllr Freeborn asked for thanks to be given to R Deans for this work and her report.

Cllr Wilson spoke of Crossley Park being used regularly and 30 to 40 families with young children in the park whilst the paddling pool and toilets are both closed. Ripley Town Council put on a band concert and again there were no toilets open, Cllr Wilson had spoken to Amber Valley Borough Council regarding the paddling pool not being available to use and the toilets being closed and had received a response stating that the paddling pool needs repairing and painting with a specialist coat of paint. Cllr Wilson had stated to Amber Valley Borough Council that this needs dealing with and had also spoken to Cllr S Joynes to see if the two Cllrs could sort this out and someone should be allocated to deal with this.

Cllr A Bridge spoke of the two band concerts he had attended, the first one was not too well attended but the second one was very well attended.

Cllr S Daley spoke of when the Lido used to be painted in April why does the paddling pool have to wait until June?

Cllr Cutting spoke stating that it appears Amber Valley Borough Council do not want to provide services to the public.

Cllr RAP Phillips-Forsyth spoke of the planning application AVA/2013/0493 land west of Holborn View 7 dwellings at the Community Association meeting this was discussed and the plans to build a Community Centre have been withdrawn.

Cllr Gregory spoke regarding the toilets being closed at Crossley Park it should be noted that most brought to the park are young children and they cannot be expected to wait to use a toilet.

Cllr S Freeborn stated regarding planning application AVA/2013/0493 this will be discussed at Amber Valley Borough Council Full Council meeting in July the application was once refused and there has been one change made. The news that there will be no new Community Centre is shocking and disgraceful and dishonest about what they will be doing.

PCSO S Marshall spoke of operation Impact is running, 11 warrants were issued and 25 people have been arrested. There is a meeting at Mill Hill School July 11th 2013 at 6.30pm arrival to start at 7.00pm and a chance to meet the new Crime Prevention Officer.

Cllr D Williams spoke of when the Police unit in Ripley will be back up to full strength as it is now up to 4 when it was originally 5.

Cllr S Freeborn stated that there used to be 5 but one was lost and not replaced, however, the new Police and Crime Commissioner has made the commitment to keep the Police in the Police Office on the Market Place.

Cllr RAP Phillips-Forsyth asked if there is a Police policy regarding Air Rifles and are the team aware of this as there are Air Rifles being used in Waingroves Wood.

Minute numbers changed to 6700 in error

6700. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Annual General Meeting May 21st 2013 (previously circulated)

RESOLVED to sign the minutes as a true and accurate record

6701. To determine which items if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded. If the Council decides to exclude the public it will be necessary to pass a resolution in the following terms: - "In view of the confidential nature of item.() to consider a resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1, in order to discuss the item." **None required**

6702. Town Mayor's Announcements – Cllr Bridge spoke of his attendance at the following:
Opened the Fun Day at the Holly Bush – Crossley Park Band Concert Pleasley Band – SSAFFA – Belper Steam Rally – Crossley Park Newstead Band

6703. Report of the Town Clerk on: -

a) **Village Green application** – unfortunately the application had been lost but propose to defer until the July meeting to ponder the Inspectors analysis report, when a decision will be made about going further.

- b) **Ripley Heritage Action Group next meeting on Wednesday June 19th at the Barnes Wallis Pub at 7.00pm** – for information
- c) **Solicitors fees** (for negotiating the Lease for the Old Town Hall) – the invoice has been sent to Amber Valley Borough Council as per an email from Mr Carney regarding both sides paying the costs of the other if one side pulled out from the lease negotiations. **Item for information**
- d) **Cedar Avenue update on installation of Play Equipment** - Play equipment to be installed at the end of June. **Item for information**
- e) **Porterhouse Road lease** – update consultation with residents to be undertaken – this will take place when the lease has been altered to increase the amount of years the lease is to run, and when the three quotations have been received and the preferred option decided. **Item for information**
- f) **Bus Shelter Marehay** – update no response from Amber Valley Borough Council to Derbyshire County Council regarding AVBC taking on the maintenance – **Item for information**
- g) **Bus Shelter for Heage Road** (opposite Norman Road) Ripley, **Item for information**
- h) **Allotment and Garden Competition 2013** – Proposed judging date July 20th 2013 - **Item for information**
- i) **New Website** – awaiting three quotations
- j) **Market Place Toilets** – the toilets will be open on Friday June 21st 2013 at 3.45pm
- k) **Diary Dates** – Ripley Town Council Civic Dinner March 22nd 2014 Lumb Farm – Ripley Town Council Civic Service November 24th 2013 All Saints Church - Fair Dinner Lumb Farm October 22nd 2013 - **Item for information**
- l) **Newsletter at Printers for delivery week commencing 17th / 24th June 2013** – Item for information
- m) **Recommendations from the Grants Committee Working Party meeting** – the meeting was deferred until June 21st 2013 – agenda item for July
- n) **Youth Council** –
RESOLVED Cllr Freeborn would set up a small working party group and asked Cllr R Ashton if he would put two members of the 1st Ripley Scout Group, there would be members of the Ripley Guides, the Blend and Mill Hill School put forward. Budget some money for this and Terms of Reference etc and to encourage young people to be involved.
- o) **Town Council By-Election cost** – Cost to the Council £3,195.89 (this is 50% of the total cost with Derbyshire County Council also paying 50%) - **Item for information**

6704. Accounts for payment/Income cheques to be approved and signed also sign the Annual Audit form

RESOLVED to agree and sign the cheques and to sign the Audit form

<u>Cheque No</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
503161	L McCormick Clerk's pay & reimburse 503162 HMRC PAYE	£1360.64		£1360.64
503163	L McCormick reimbursements flowers, postage & land registry	£53.59		£53.59
503164	The National Leaflet Company newsletter delivery	£742.78	£148.56	£891.34
503165	mh-p website amendments	£15.00	£3.00	£18.00
503166	Shelter Maintenance Co cleaning bus shelter	£5.75	£1.15	£6.90
503167	RBS Software end of year on site	£185.25	£37.05	£222.30
503168	Pleasley Colliery Welfare Band concert Sunday May 26 th	£200.00		£200.00
503169	Derbyshire Probation Trust litter picking & bin emptying	£166.67	£33.33	£200.00
503170	Staples ink cartridges & consumables	£90.45	£18.87	£109.32
503171	Rebecca Deans Social Media & Communications for Ripley Reckoning – 29/5/13	£208.00		£208.00
503172	Rebecca Deans Social Media & Communications for Ripley Reckoning – 5/6/13	£208.00		£208.00

503173	Amber Valley Borough Council Office Rent	£300.00	£60.00	£360.00
503174	Cancelled			
503175	Plantscape hanging baskets	£2730.00	£546.00	£3276.00
503176	Rebecca Deans Social Media & Communications for Ripley Reckoning – 12/6/13	£208.00		£208.00
503177	Amber Valley Borough Council By-Election costs	£3195.89		£3195.89
	Total	£9670.02	£847.96	£10517.98
Income				
	VAT reclaimed	£4856.44		£4856.44
	Total	£4856.44		£4856.44

6705. To Appoint 4 Councillors onto the Finance Management Committee, with terms of reference “To make recommendations to the Full Council on finance and associated matters.”

RESOLVED to appoint the following 4 Cllrs: A Bridge, R Emmas-Williams, R Ashton and S Freeborn

6706. To Appoint representative to Waingroves Community Association

RESOLVED to Cllr R Emmas-Williams

6707. Ripley Reckoning - To receive reports and consider progress made.

Cllr S Freeborn asked that thanks be given to Mr P Clay of the Angel for the sandwiches etc provided for the traders meeting and 32 non Cllrs attended, there were 20 businesses represented. Solutions are a dilemma and there will be another meeting on July 8th 2013 at the Angel. The Chamber of Trade is looking to re-form to pull the businesses together and as a re-payment of car parking fees scheme shall be considered .

6708. Planning Applications

1. To reconsider and determine the Town Councils response to the revised planning applications for:

- a. Morrison’s (AVA/2012/185) –
- b. Housing at Nottingham Road

RESOLVED the Clerk is to write to Amber Valley Borough Council objecting to the proposals as previous comments, but also to raise concerns in respect of the depth and reliability of information provided in the Planning Officers Reports to the Planning Authority

2. Discuss AVA/2013/0478 Lockwood’s Group Ltd Ripley Road Sawmills – Request for change of use from B8 to Sui Generis to operate a waste transfer station

RESOLVED the Clerk is to write to Amber Valley Borough Council and Derbyshire County Council asking why the public were not informed about this application and how has this site been used for nearly six years without any planning approval. How has this been allowed to happen with a contract of this size carried out for so long?

6709. Items for Information in the Information Folder: CPRE: Be inspired; improve travel choices where you live – Capability Lewis Landscape & Gardening Services – Parish & Community News

PART 2 – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

6710. To determine which items if any from Part 2 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.

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6711. Date for the next monthly meeting July 16th 2013 at 6.30pm