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MINUTES OF JUNE 19TH 2018 MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL held at **7.00pm** in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Ripley

Attendees; Cllr P. Lobley (Chair), and Cllrs R.P. Ashton, A. Bridge, S.D. Carter, Ms L.D. Cox, C. Cutting, R. Emmas-Williams, Mrs S. Emmas-Williams, D. Farrelly, I. Fisher, S.D. Freeborn, Mrs J.H. Gregory, T. Holmes, M. Jones, L. Joyes, M. Missett, N. Weaving, D.A. Williams, M.C. Wilson and Mrs. C. Worth.

Members of the Public – one.

L. McCormick (Town Clerk) and H. Curzon (Deputy Town Clerk)

1906/1 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr P. Moss

1906/2 Variation of Order of Business

RESOLVED that to confirm the Exempt Minutes of the Council Meeting on 15th May 2018, be moved to Item 18 due to confidentiality.

1906/3 Declaration of Members Interests:

Cllr R Ashton declared a personal interest in Agenda Items 8, 12, 13 and 15 as a Member of Amber Valley Borough Council, but would remain in the meeting.

Cllr S Carter declared a personal interest in Agenda Items 12, 13 and 15 as a Member of Amber Valley Borough Council, but would remain in the meeting.

Cllr T Holmes declared a personal interest in Agenda Items 12, 13 and 15 as a Member of Amber Valley Borough Council and Agenda Item 8 as a Member of Ripley Music Festival and Friends of the Ripley Greenway, but would remain in the meeting.

Cllr Ms. L Cox declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 8 as a Member of Friends of the Ripley Greenway and Marehay Community Trust, but would remain in the meeting.

Cllr Mrs. C Worth declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 8 as Treasurer to Ambergate Carnival, but would remain in the meeting.

Cllr Mrs. S Emmas-Williams declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 8 as a Member of Friends of the Ripley Greenway and Ripley OAP Association, but would remain in the meeting.

1906/4 Public speaking

Cllr Bridge reported that the toilets on Crossley Park were not open at weekends when most people use the park. He asked Amber Valley Borough Council Councillors to look into this.

Cllr Williams wished to thank his colleagues for their good wishes and the Croatian authorities for saving his life whilst he was on holiday.

Cllr Lobley presented Cllr Mrs. S Emmas-Williams with a medal and a bouquet of flowers, thanking her for her duties as Mayor in 2017/18.

Cllr Mrs. S Emmas-Williams presented Cllr Lobley with a bouquet of flowers for his

Consort, Mrs. Lobley.

- 1906/5 To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Meeting on 15th May 2018**
To amend Item 1505/18 (k) to read Williams Holmes Court Almshouses and the Ernest Joseph Ellis Fermor Charity – Cllr R Emmas-Williams and Cllr I Fisher to be nominated as Trustees until 2022.
RESOLVED to make the amendment and sign the minutes as a true and accurate record.
- 1906/6 To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee Meeting held on 15th June 2018**
RESOLVED to sign the minutes as a true and accurate record.
- 1906/7 To confirm the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 15th June 2018**
RESOLVED to sign the minutes as a true and accurate record.
- 1906/8 To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Councils Financial Grants Committee Meeting held on June 8th 2018 and accept the Recommendations therein.**
RESOLVED that the minutes and recommendations be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.
- 1906/9 To determine which items if any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.**
The Exempt Minutes from the Council Meeting on 15th May 2018 would be moved in item 18 Exclusion of the Press and Public
- 1906/10 Town Mayors Announcements**
Ripley Town Mayor, Cllr Lobley, gave an update on his Mayoral engagements since the last meeting:
- 20th May – Ripley Spring Festival and Well Dressing, Action Medical Research Garden Party in Heage and Amber Valley Voices concert in Swanwick.
 - 6th June – attended the first Extreme Wheels session on Greenwich Park which was well attended.
 - 12th June – SSAFA AGM at Edensor.
 - 17th June – Ripley 10k handing out medals to runners who had completed the race.
- 1906/11 Reports of the Town Clerk**
- a) Extreme Wheels**
Town Clerk reported that around 40 young people attended the first event. Suggested Councillors attend the final event – the Stakejam on Wednesday 12th September 2018.
- b) Big Day Out**
Cllr Fisher reported that each Councillor has been given 10 flyers for this event to promote. Posters are available upon request. Town Clerk asked for volunteers to come forward to help out on the day of the event (Wednesday 11th July) and informed that they would receive a Ripley Town Council branded clothing to wear on the day.
NOTED that the Town Clerk email all Councillors in regards to volunteering at

the event.

c) Harvest Festival Market

Town Clerk reported that there are three bookings so far for food stalls. All Saint's Church, Ripley will be conducting their Harvest Service on the same day to tie in with our event on Sunday 23rd September 2018.

d) Vandalism at Play areas

Town Clerk reported that there has been vandalism on both Cedar Avenue and Porterhouse Road (damaged goal posts) play areas. An insurance claim has been submitted for the goal posts and Ripley Town Council have been sent a cheque for £233 from the insurance company.

Cllr Ashton reported a litter problem at the Cedar Avenue play area and that he had spoken to some residents near the park who said it appears to be older members of the public that hang around on the play area between 7-8pm in the evening that may be causing the problems.

Cllr Freeborn reported that vandalism takes things out of service and we need to maintain the play areas and make good what we have. It can be difficult for the Town Council and Police but we need to work together as a community. A press release will be issued about the situation.

Cllr Bridge reported that himself and Cllr R. Emmas-Williams had been litter picking on Cedar Avenue play area.

- e) To appoint a Councillor to the Certificate of Merit Committee as Cllr Missett is now Deputy Mayor and this leaves the Committee one member short.**

RESOLVED Cllr R Emmas-Williams to join the Certificate of Merit Committee

1906/12

Amber Valley Local Plan Examination Hearing

Cllr Freeborn reported that he had attended many hearing meetings. The Planning Inspector has advised Amber Valley Borough Council and all Participants to keep dates clear in September 2018 for further hearings. These will be about sites that have previously been discounted now being reconsidered within the context of a borough wide Green Belt review.

Cllr Cutting asked whether the Ripley Town Council Neighbourhood Plan is working well. Cllr Freeborn responded by referring to the approval of a Heage development and how the AVBC Planning Report had argued that the Neighbourhood Plan did not apply due to a Ministerial Statement made in 2016. He reported that following representations from the Town Council, the AVBC Planning Officers and the former Chair of the its Planning Committee had conceded that this advice was wrong and that the approval granted - which cannot be undone - had been recommended for approval inappropriately.

1906/13

Ripley Town Centre – Free Parking initiative

Cllr Freeborn reported that a press release had been issued by Amber Valley Borough Council in which Councillor Trevor Ainsworth celebrated a free parking initiative in Heanor. It is unfair that Ripley has not received equal treatment and representations shall be made to AVBC to seek the same free -parking perk that Heanor is receiving.

Cllr R Emmas-Williams reported that the AVBC office car park stands empty at weekends and should be considered to open up for free parking during this time.

RESOLVED to write to Amber Valley Borough Council to formally ask for free parking in Ripley.

- 1906/14 Community Clean Up**
Cllr Freeborn proposed that Ripley Town Council purchase litter picking equipment that local groups and organisations can use.
RESOLVED to purchase litter picking equipment and encourage local community groups to use up to a maximum cost of £200.00
- 1906/15 Greenwich Park**
Cllr Freeborn reported that work as started on the site and that the former changing rooms have been demolished. It was also reported that Cllr R Emmas-Williams has been elected as Chair of the Greenwich Park Sports Partnership Trust.
NOTED
- 1906/16 Planning Applications**
None for discussion.
- 1906/17 Items for Information in the Information folder**
Amber Valley CVS bulletin, weekly rural newsletter from the Rural Services Network, Citizens Advice Statistics Report and AVBC Training invitation for Councillors.
- 1906/18 Exclusion of the Press and Public**
Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.
To confirm the Exempt Minutes of the Council Meeting on 15th May 2018
RESOLVED to sign the minutes as a true and accurate record.
- 1505/19 Meeting closed at 7.40pm**
Date for the next monthly meeting July 17th 2018 at 7.00pm