

## Minutes of the March 19<sup>th</sup> 2013 Monthly Meeting of Ripley Town Council

**Present:** Councillor S Daley (in the Chair)  
Councillors R P Ashton, A Bridge, Ms L D Cox, C Cutting, S D Freeborn, M B Gent, M J Godfrey, Mrs J H Gregory, T Holmes, M Jones, S Joynes, R A P Phillips-Forsyth, Mrs A S Ward, D T Ward, D A Williams, M Wilson, Mrs C Worth.  
In attendance: three members of the public and the Clerk

### AGENDA

#### **PART I – NON CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

**6032. To receive apologies for absence –** Cllrs K T Buzzard and M J Missett

**6033. Variation of Order of Business –** None

**6034. Declaration of Members Interests:**

Cllr RAP Phillips-Forsyth declared a personal interest in item 10) Ripley Gateway Development – A case of “maladministration” by Amber Valley Borough Council? and would remain in the meeting.

Cllr Ms L D Cox declared a prejudicial interest as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council, in item 8b) Town Hall Lease and would leave the meeting also declared a prejudicial interest as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council, in item 8o) Porterhouse Road Lease and Amber Valley Borough Council charges of £100.00 per hour and would leave the meeting.

Cllr M Wilson declared a prejudicial interest as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council, in item 8b) Town Hall Lease and would leave the meeting also declared a prejudicial interest as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council, in item 8o) Porterhouse Road Lease and Amber Valley Borough Council charges of £100.00 per hour and would leave the meeting.

Cllr T Holmes declared a prejudicial interest as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council, in item 8b) Town Hall Lease and would leave the meeting also declared a prejudicial interest as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council, in item 8o) Porterhouse Road Lease and Amber Valley Borough Council charges of £100.00 per hour and would leave the meeting.

Cllr M B Gent declared a prejudicial interest as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council, in item 8b) Town Hall Lease and would leave the meeting also declared a prejudicial interest as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council, in item 8o) Porterhouse Road Lease and Amber Valley Borough Council charges of £100.00 per hour and would leave the meeting.

Cllr S Joynes declared a prejudicial interest as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council, in item 8b) Town Hall Lease and would leave the meeting also declared a prejudicial interest as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council, in item 8o) Porterhouse Road Lease and Amber Valley Borough Council charges of £100.00 per hour and would leave the meeting also declared a personal interest in item 8c) Village Green Application as an employee of Sainsbury’s and would remain in the meeting also declared a prejudicial interest as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council in item 10) Ripley Gateway Development – A case of “maladministration” by Amber Valley Borough Council?, and would leave the meeting.

Cllr Mrs A S Ward declared a prejudicial interest as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council, in item 8b) Town Hall Lease and would leave the meeting also declared a prejudicial interest as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council, in item 8o) Porterhouse Road Lease and Amber Valley Borough Council charges of £100.00 per hour and would leave the meeting also declared a prejudicial interest as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council in item 10) Ripley Gateway Development – A case of “maladministration” by Amber Valley Borough Council?, and would leave the meeting.

**(d) Mr G Hudson – to speak on care facilities in Ripley and AV Council offices – did not attend**

**6035. Public speaking –**

Cllr M Wilson spoke of the Ripley Ambulance station closure and the significant campaign that had taken place and was hopeful that negotiations would start to try and save Ripley’s Ambulance Station,

and would like the Clerk to write to EMAS to ask for an update on the situation.  
Cllr D A Williams spoke of he had not heard of a public reprieve but hoped this could happen.  
Cllr Mrs J H Gregory spoke of the information she was aware of stated that the only additional one in Derbyshire being kept open was Ashbourne.

- 6036. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the: Town Council Meeting February 19<sup>th</sup> 2013** (previously circulated)  
**RESOLVED** to sign as a true and accurate record
- 6037. 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**
- 6038. Town Mayor's Announcements – Civic Dinner Friday May 17<sup>th</sup> 2013 reminder – Cllr S Daley attended the Showman's Guild Dinner January 25<sup>th</sup> and Codnor's Civic service**
- 6039. Report of the Town Clerk on: -**
- a) **Councillor Vacancy – Ripley North Ward election – poll cards ordered and the election will be May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2013 - item for report**
  - b) **Town Hall Lease - update and mandate for the Mayor and Clerk to sign the lease**  
**RESOLVED** for the Clerk and Cllr Freeborn have the mandate to conclude the lease and content  
**RESOLVED** for the Clerk and Mayor Cllr S Daley to sign the concluded lease under seal
  - c) **Village Green application – both parties agreed for the application to be decided by the Inspector on the papers from both sides – item for information**
  - d) **DALC on site training explaining Councillors, Chair and Clerk roles - propose date for Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2013 (this is part of the Quality Status training policy) – item for information**
  - e) **Ripley Heritage Action Group update, and next meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup> 2013 7.00pm in the training room, second floor, the Old Town Hall – the group will be looking to adopt their own constitution as a separate entity from the Ripley Town Council – item for report**
  - f) **Ripley Town Council re-opening Toilets in the Market Place Ripley – the Clerk reported that the licence is in process from Amber Valley Borough Council – item for report**
  - g) **Recommendations from the Events Committee –**  
**RESOLVED** to accept the recommendations circulated
  - h) **Avalon Booking Rooms software – necessary for running the Town Hall and bookings cost £495.00 plus annual maintenance and training £55.00 or £120.00 for 3 years – this software will secure the bookings of any rooms in the Old Town Hall, the Clerk has researched several alternatives and this software is the best solution and the best value. We have many local groups / organisations wishing to use the Old town Hall rooms or Council Chamber and without this type of booking aid it would be very difficult to track and organise the rooms.**  
**RESOLVED** to agree to purchase the software after the lease is signed
  - i) **Youth Councils – DALC - If the council would like to explore the possibility of establishing such a council and would like to learn from other Councils who may already have an established Youth Council.**  
**RESOLVED** for the Clerk to contact the schools, the Blend, Scouts and Guides to engage with the young people of the community
  - j) **Community Assets Register – Possible Additions**  
**RESOLVED** to look into registering Moseley Street Church Hall to protect this facility.
  - k) **Marehay Bus Shelter – Amber Valley Borough Council will not replace and Derbyshire County Council have asked the Ripley Town Council to consider a 50% share to install a new one which would cost the Ripley Town Council £2500.00, Derbyshire County Council will be looking to**

another authority to maintain the bus shelter, but there are no guarantees they would take this on  
**RESOLVED** to agree the installation of the bus shelter and share the cost of installation i.e. £2500.00 each with Derbyshire County Council providing Amber Valley Borough Council will take on the maintenance

**m) Creation of Finance and Management Committee**

**RESOLVED** to create the committee at the Annual General meeting in May and the committee to be made up of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, 3 members from the majority group and two members from the minority group and the terms of reference be agreed and adopted in May

**n) Heage Parkside Allotments – request for a 15 year lease from Ripley Town Council to facilitate funding applications**

**RESOLVED** to agree a fifteen year lease and correspondence be sent to the Allotment Association and record the correspondence regarding putting a composting toilet on the site

**o) Porterhouse Road lease Amber Valley Borough Council charges £100 per hour**

**RESOLVED** to respond to Amber Valley Borough Council that Ripley Town Council will be responsible for our costs and Amber Valley Borough Council be responsible for their costs

**6040. Reminder Ripley Reckoning and Neighbourhood Plan Open Day March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013 10.00am till 3.30pm at Ripley Co-operative Derby Road Ripley – item for report**

**6041. Ripley Gateway Development - A case of 'maladministration' by Amber Valley Borough Council? – Amber Valley Borough Council acknowledged receipt of correspondence and will respond in due course – item for report**

**6042. Clerk review, salary increase to LC Point 33 which gives an increase of £12.96 per week**  
**RESOLVED** to agree the increase as per the Clerk's contract

**6043. Accounts for payment/Income cheques to be approved and signed**  
**RESOLVED** to agree and sign the cheques

Cheque No	Payee	£	VAT	Total
503119	L McCormick Clerk's pay & reimburse –503120 HMRC PAYE	£1156.02		£1156.02
503121	Phase Printing Civic Dinner invitations	£51.08	£10.22	£61.30
503122	L McCormick reimbursements for No Waiting Cones bought	£79.50	£15.90	£95.40
503123	AMT 2013/2014 membership	£240.00	£48.00	£288.00
503124	All Saints Ripley for hire of church Ripley Reckoning	£20.00		£20.00
503125	Derbyshire Probation Trust Litter Pick & Empty Bins	£166.67	£33.33	£200.00
503126	Mr William Webster Barrister Village Green Registration	£1000.00	£200.00	£1200.00
503127	Baileys Printers	£44.00	£1.00	£45.00
503128	L McCormick Annual reimbursement for home elec/gas etc	£500.00		£500.00
503129	L McCormick 18 hours from Neighbourhood Plan budget	£196.88		£196.88
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£3454.15</b>	<b>£308.45</b>	<b>£3762.60</b>

**6044. Planning Applications – previously circulated**

**RESOLVED** to comment as follows:

**AVA/2013/0165** 6A Chapel Street Ripley Derbyshire Change of use from A1 (Shop) to Car Showroom – to comment that hours of opening should be restricted as this is a residential area and not to allow parking on Booth Street.

**AVA/2013/0174** 6 Market Place, Ripley Proposed new shop front – to write to Mrs Hawkins to ask if she would consider the bowed glass art deco windows being retained

**6045. Items for Information in the Information Folder:**

**PART 2 – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

**6046. To determine which items if any from Part 2 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.**

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 "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." **Not required**

**6047. Date for the next monthly meeting April 16th 2013 at 7.00pm**