



## Ripley Town Council

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### MINUTES OF MARCH 19<sup>th</sup> 2019 MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

held at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Ripley.

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

Members of the Public – 16 members of the public, including PCSO Mott from Derbyshire Police  
Also L. McCormick (Town Clerk) and H. Curzon (Deputy Town Clerk)

#### AGENDA

##### **190319/1 To Receive Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D. Farrelly and N. Weaving who was attending a Heage Windmill meeting on behalf of Ripley Town Council.

##### **190319/2 Variation of Order of Business**

None

##### **190319/3 Declaration of Members Interests**

Councillor Moss declared a personal interest in Agenda Items 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 17 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting.

Councillor Carter declared a personal interest in Agenda Items 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 17 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting.

Councillor Ashton declared a personal interest in Agenda Items 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 17 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and Agenda Item 18 as a member of Derbyshire County Council and remained in the meeting.

Councillor R. Emmas-Williams declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 10b as Chair of Greenwich Park Sports Partnership and remained in the meeting.

Councillor Wilson declared an personal interest in Agenda Items 12 and 14 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting.

Councillor Holmes declared an personal interest in Agenda Items 12 and 14 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting.

##### **190319/4 Public Speaking**

A member of the public spoke about the traffic problem in Waingroves saying the new development is killing the village and asked why nothing has been done regarding the traffic since the new houses have been built.

A member of the public raised concerns on behalf of the staff, parents and Leadership team at Waingroves Primary School about the road rat-run from 7am onwards with lorries and cars using Waingroves Road. These are non Waingroves residents using it as cut through to avoid Codnor and Nottingham Road. The 20mph speed limit during school time is not being policed and they do not have school crossing patrol at the moment. She went on to say it is terrifying trying to cross Waingroves Road and it is not safe.

A member of the public said it is difficult getting out of the side streets onto Waingroves Road.

People are mounting pavements due to cars parked, making the road one lane most of the time. The Give Way signs are being ignored and pavements now need repairing. The junction at Steam Mill Lane is the problem as people can't get out of the junction. The village cannot sustain this level of traffic much more.

A member of the public stated that the Amber Valley Borough Council Planning Board granted permission for Coppice Farm to be built. Ripley Town Councillors spoke against this site and asked for the decision to be deferred. Amber Valley Councillor, Cllr Ashton proposed the motion and it was carried. The original approval had changes to Steam Mill Lane junction included but this has now changed and urged Cllr Ashton to have conversations with Derbyshire County Council's Highways department about this.

A member of the public had spoken to local schools and nurseries to see if they had any spaces for new pupils. Ripley Academy and Ripley St. John's have space. Ripley Lons have some spaces also. Ripley Nursery School is full and has a waiting list, as does Ripley Infants and Ripley Junior School, who expressed their concerns over traffic safety. Street Lane School is at capacity and currently waiting to see if they can have a mobile classroom. The member of the public urged the building in the Ripley Township to slow down.

A member of the public the Local Plan was approved by Amber Valley Borough Council on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2013. She asked, is it still current and will Ripley Town Council take legal advice/ action as it was totally overlooked?

PCSO Mott reported there had been 13 reports of Anti-social behaviour in Ripley in March 2019. He said the Ripley Safer Neighbourhood Team have been engaging with Blend by showing a visible presence and building a rapport with the young people that attend. In response to some of the concerns about traffic in Waingroves, PCSO Mott suggested using a community speed camera or tramlines on the road to monitor speed.

**190319/5 To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019.**

**RESOLVED** to sign the minutes as a true and accurate record.

**190319/6 To confirm the Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and accept the resolutions therein.**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes, exempt minutes and resolutions be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

**190319/7 To determine which additional items on any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.**

None

**190319/8 Town Mayors Announcements**

26<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – The Mayor's Charity Fish and Chip Supper at the Sea Fish Restaurant in Ripley. Was well attended and raised £935 for Derbyshire Carers Association. Thanks to the owners and staff at Sea Fish Ripley for their great hospitality.

12<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – Attended the launch of the new Boardwalk in Carr Wood in Ripley.

**190319/9 Report of the Town Clerk**

a) Action arising from a Working Party meeting of Planning Committee Members

**RESOLVED** to accept the recommendations from the Working Party and send to Amber Valley Borough Council.

**190319/10 Greenwich Park**  
**a) To approve final payment of £51,625**

**RESOLVED** to approve the final payment of £51,625.

**b) Possible Trusteeship – to consider the following resolution, “To agree, in principle, to becoming the charity trustee for the Ripley Recreation Ground Trust (Registered No. 520502)”**

**RESOLVED** for Ripley Town Council to agree, in principle, to becoming the charity trustee for the Ripley Recreation Ground Trust (Registered No. 520502).

**190319/11 Greenwich Park official opening**

Cllr R Emma-Williams reminded Councillors that the official opening of the new community facility is at 12pm on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019. On behalf of Ripley Town Council, he wished the facility and the teams that play there, great success.

**190319/12 AVBC Greenbelt Review – potential impact on Ripley Township and consultation processes**

**RESOLVED** Ripley Town Council opposes the proposed changes to the Green Belt, and the task of preparing the Council’s detailed consultation response is delegated to the Planning Committee, for the Town Council to ratify at its April meeting.

**RESOLVED** Ripley Town Council Clerk to contact DALC urgently and ask DALC to consider making representations to the Planning Inspector about how the Amber Valley Parish Councils could be dis-enfranchised by the timing of the Consultation Period, and to seek an extension of it.

**190319/13 Ripley Neighbourhood Plan review and report on progress**

Cllr Freeborn reported that the Ripley Neighbourhood Plan has been successful. He told Councillors that meetings have taken place with the appointed consultants and they have identified new areas to be developed. He mentioned that what’s least straightforward is the NPPF regulations, preparing a Housing Needs Assessment (HNA). Ripley Town Council have asked AVBC for it but they haven’t got one. The lack of a HNA is being used against us, for example by passing 175 to be built in Nether Heage, sited the lack of a HNA in the AVBC Planning meeting.

**190319/14 Amber Valley Borough Council New Homes Bonus**

Cllr Freeborn reported that in the 2020 budget, Amber Valley Borough Council receive £1.7 million from the New Homes Bonus scheme. Many other Councils who receive this, share it with their Town and Parish Councils, but Amber Valley Borough Council have not.

Cllr Ashton asked why haven’t Ripley Town Council written to Amber Valley Borough Council before now about the New Homes Bonus? He stated that AVBC have only just qualified for it.

**RESOLVED** Ripley Town Council write to Amber Valley Borough Council to establish a policy of sharing the New Homes Bonus with councils who have a Neighbourhood Plan in 2020.

**190319/15 Youth Activities – to approve full year programme**

Cllr Fisher said he was proud to update members and colleagues about this programme. He said that Cllr R Emma-Williams has secured £15,000 funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner and Ripley Town Council are also funding youth activities. It will be inclusive of both genders and will include music, sport and wellbeing, starting mid-April and running throughout the year.

Cllr Ashton said he wholeheartedly supports this and welcomes other non-sport activities.

**RESOLVED** to approve a full years programme of youth activities in Ripley.

**190319/16 Allotment Sites need new Agreements – recommend 15 years agreements** (Greenhillocks variation)

**RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk issue new leases to allotment sites with a 15-year agreement. The agreement for Greenhillocks will have a covenant in it as it is near the cemetery and AVBC may need the land at some point in the future.

**190319/17 Car Parking in Ripley**

Cllr Freeborn spoke about the free car parking in Amber Valley and the enhanced parking permit costing £3.00 for an additional 2 hours free parking on a Wednesday afternoon when most shops are closed in Ripley. There should be equal treatment between all the town in the Borough.

Cllr Carter responded by saying that with the enhanced parking permit, it is free to park on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after 2pm and all day on Sundays and after 4pm on all other days. The permit can be purchased online or at the AVBC office.

Cllr Ashton said that he is campaigning for more free parking in Ripley like there is in Alfreton and Heanor.

**NOTED**

**190319/18 Waingroves Traffic Problems**

**RESOLVED** Ripley Town Council write to Derbyshire County Council Highways Authority explaining concerns about traffic in Waingroves.

**190319/19 Planning Applications**

None to discuss

**190319/20 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.

**190319/21 Items for the Information Folder**

Clerk Magazine (March 2019)

**190319/22 Meeting Closed at 8.20pm**

**Date of Next Council Meeting – April 16<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 7.00pm.**

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