



# Ripley Town Council

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## **MINUTES OF MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup> 2018 MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL** held at **7.00pm** in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Ripley

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

1 Member of the Public

L. McCormick (Town Clerk)

D. Townsend

### **200318/1 To Receive Apologies for Absence**

An apology for absence was received from Cllr S.D. Carter.

### **200318/2 Variation of Order of Business**

None.

### **200318/3 Declaration of Members Interests**

Cllr R. Ashton declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 11, as a Member of Derbyshire County Council, but would remain in the Meeting.

### **200318/4 Public Speaking**

Cllr Wilson advised that following a letter sent to Castle Clay Shooting Club outlining the concerns of local residents, there had been no further shooting. He thanked Cllr Farrelly for his assistance.

### **200318/5 To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018.**

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

### **200318/6 To confirm the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018.**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes and Recommendations be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

### **200318/7 To confirm the Minutes of the Town Council's Finance and Management Committee Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018, and accept the Recommendations therein.**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes and Recommendations be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

### **200318/8 To determine which additional items on any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.**

None.

### **200318/9 Town Mayors Announcements**

Ripley Town Mayor, Cllr Mrs. S. Emmas-Williams, gave an update on her Mayoral engagements since the last Meeting;

- 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – The Mayor’s Charity Meal, Auction and Raffle at Seafish Restaurant, raising £850.00.
- 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018 Commonwealth Day Celebration Service organised by AVBC in the Town Hall, including raising the Commonwealth Flag.

### **200318/10 Reports of the Town Clerk**

#### **a) Members Interest Forms**

Members were reminded that Interest Forms must be completed by all Members and that they should be amended if anything changed.

#### **b) Councillors email addresses**

Members were advised that in order to comply with GDPR, they would all need to use their .gov email addresses previously supplied. It was requested that the Town Clerk provide a report to the next Council Meeting giving reasons for this, providing advice and examples of relevant legislation before this went ahead.

### **200318/1 School Crossing Patrols**

Derbyshire County Council had written to all Town and Parish Councils inviting them to take over the funding of school crossing patrols.

**RESOLVED that the Town Clerk write to Derbyshire County Council advising them that Ripley Town Council do not wish to accept any responsibility for school crossing patrols, and believe that all responsibilities relating to highways safety should be retained by the County Council**

### **200318/12 Litter**

It was reported that there was a huge amount of litter in and around the Township, and particular mention was given to around the A38 slip roads. Although a clean-up of the A38 was being done, by the Borough Council, they hadn’t included the slip roads. Councillors were asked that when possible, they lobby the Borough Council to include the slip roads in this project. Various other examples of litter issues were provided.

### **200318/13 Grit Bins**

It was confirmed that the provision of grit bins was currently not a service provided by the Town Council. However, Derbyshire County Council were redirecting all queries to the Town Council.

**RESOLVED that the Town Clerk write to Derbyshire County Council advising them of this, and request that they deal with any future queries appropriately.**

### **200318/14 Economic Development**

It was reported that the Town Council intended to establish an Economic Strategy to improve and maintain the vibrancy of the town centre, develop partnerships and links and carry out marketing initiatives etc.

### **200318/15 Planning Applications**

None for discussion.

### **200318/16 Items in the Information Folder**

Armed Forces Day, WWI Centenary, RAF 100, Suffragette 100 and WWII Events 2018, Rural Opportunities Bulletin, DALC Circular 04/2018.

### **200318/17 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.**

**200318/18 To confirm the Exempt Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018, and accept the Recommendations therein.**

There were no Exempt Minutes for this Meeting.

**200318/19 Staffing Update**

**It was confirmed that the Personnel Committee had interviewed and offered the post of Deputy Clerk to an applicant, who had accepted, and would be confirmed following receipt of references.**

**Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next Meeting of Ripley Town Council was confirmed as 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

The Meeting closed at 7.25 pm.