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MINUTES of March 21st 2017 MONTHLY MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL
held at **7.00pm** in the Council Chamber Town Hall, Ripley

Attendees: R P Ashton, A Bridge (Chair), S 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, P Lobley, Mrs L Joyes, M Missett, P Moss, N Weaving, D A Williams M Wilson and Mrs C Worth.
Also three members of the public, V Boswell Community Officer and L McCormick Town Clerk

Prior to the start of the meeting past Mayor Cllr Michael Missett was presented with a medal thanking him for his services to the electorate of Ripley Township

AGENDA

7373. To receive apologies for absence – None

7374. Variation of Order of Business – None required

7375. Declaration of Members Interests

Cllr R Emmas-Williams declared a personal interest in the following items as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and as a member of Friends of Ripley Greenway would remain in the meeting – 11f) Amber Valley Borough Council Local Draft Plan and 11g) Environmental Improvements (footways, woodlands and watercourses)

Cllr T Holmes declared a personal interest in the following items as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and as a member of Friends of Ripley Greenway would remain in the meeting – 11f) Amber Valley Borough Council Local Draft Plan and 11g) Environmental Improvements (footways, woodlands and watercourses)

Cllr M Wilson declared a personal interest in the following item as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and would remain in the meeting – 11f) Amber Valley Borough Council Local Draft Plan

Cllr P Moss declared a personal interest in the following item as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and would remain in the meeting – 11f) Amber Valley Borough Council Local Draft Plan

Cllr R P Ashton declared a personal interest in the following item as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and would remain in the meeting – 11f) Amber Valley Borough Council Local Draft Plan

Cllr D Williams declared a personal interest in the following item as a member of Derbyshire County Council and would remain in the meeting – 11g) Environmental Improvements (footways, woodlands and watercourses)

Cllr S Carter declared a personal interest in the following item as a patient of the surgery and would remain in the meeting – 11i) Jessop Street Surgery Closure

Cllr A Bridge declared a personal interest in the following items as a member of the panel of the surgery and member of Friends of Ripley Greenway would remain in the meeting – 11i) Jessop Street Surgery Closure and 11g) Environmental Improvements (footways, woodlands and watercourses)

Cllr I Fisher declared a personal interest in the following item as a member of the panel of the surgery and would remain in the meeting – 11i) Jessop Street Surgery Closure

Cllr M Missett declared a personal interest in the following item as a member of the panel of the surgery and would remain in the meeting – 11i) Jessop Street Surgery Closure

Cllr Ms L D Cox declared a personal interest in the following items as a member of Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and member of Friends of Ripley Greenway and would remain in the meeting – 11g) Environmental Improvements (footways, woodlands and watercourses)

Cllr Mrs S Emmas-Williams declared a personal interest in the following item as a member of Friends of Ripley Greenway and would remain in the meeting – 11g) Environmental Improvements

(footways, woodlands and watercourses)

Cllr Mrs L Joyes declared a personal interest in the following items as a member of Ripley Town Council but would remain in the meeting – 11c) Allotment Land at Nether Heage for Sale – 11h) Planning Appeal – Gun Lane Heage

7376. Public speaking –

Members of CAB spoke of the very positive results from the advice centre opened with the funding from Ripley Town Council. The results were documented and circulated and show the help given to people in need of help and advice. It was also stated that the library is a very good venue as it attracted a wide range of people and the sessions have been fully booked and advance bookings were being taken. At present there are no Solicitors available to give advice though they can be given referrals, however this is something being looked into for the future.

7377. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Monthly Meeting February 21st 2017 (previously circulated)

RESOLVED to agree and sign the minutes as a true and accurate record

7378. To confirm the Minutes of the Town Councils Events Committee meeting March 17th 2017 (previously circulated)

RESOLVED to agree and sign the minutes as a true and accurate record

7379. To confirm the Minutes of the Town Councils Planning Committee meeting March 3rd 2017 (to be circulated for the April monthly meeting)

7380. To confirm the Minutes of the Town Councils Finance and Administration Committee meeting March 10th 2017 and accept the Finance and Administration Committee recommendations (previously circulated)

RESOLVED to agree and sign the minutes as a true and accurate record and agree the financial report

7381. To determine which items if any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded. None required

7382. Town Mayor's Announcements –

February 22nd 2017 presented M Gent with his past Mayor's medal

March 11th 2017 Held the Ripley Civic Dinner at Lumb Farm with guest speaker Hardy Dhindsa Derby's Police and Crime Commissioner

March 12th 2017 attended Belper Mayor's Civic Service at Christ Church Belper

March 13th 2017 attended the Commonwealth Day Service at the Ripley Town Hall

7383. Report of the Town Clerk on: -

a) **Please Note April 2017 monthly meeting is to be held on April 25th 2017 - Noted**

b) Cedar Avenue Safety Barriers

RESOLVED for the Clerk to purchase the necessary number of barriers painted and installed as a safety issue to avoid vehicles parking where children access the Cedar Avenue play area.

c) Allotment Land at Nether Heage for Sale

RESOLVED to give authority for the Town Clerk as RFO to attend the auction and bid on behalf of the Town Council to a maximum amount of money as agreed in the valuation of the site. If the allotment holders wish to contribute monies to increase the purchasing power of the Town Council this can be accepted providing there is documentation signed clearly stating that the allotment holders will have no ownership of the land.

d) Hanging Baskets for Ripley Township 2017

RESOLVED to agree the quotation from Plantscape for 2017 and tender in the autumn for the three year's 2018 / 2019 / 2020 contract..

e) Elect Representative from the Town Council to Heage Windmill Trust

RESOLVED to elect Cllr N Weaving to the Heage Windmill Trust to represent the Town Council.

f) Amber Valley Borough Council Local Draft Plan

RESOLVED for the town Clerk and Cllr S Freeborn to draft a response to the Local Draft Plan which is now out for consultation.

g) Environmental Improvements (footways, woodlands and watercourses)

RESOLVED for the Town Clerk to purchase litter pickers, hoops, gloves and bags to a maximum of £250.00 which the items can then be made available to local groups who wish to litter pick and clean areas of the Ripley Township. It is also agreed that the Town Council will look to develop an environmental strategy with partners to clean the water courses for all to enjoy from Ambergate to Bottle Brook and Waingroves to Codnor.

h) Planning Appeal – Gun Lane Heage

RESOLVED to write to the Inspector reiterating the comments as stated previously against the planning application.

i) Jessop Street Surgery Closure

RESOLVED to write to the Clinical Commissioning Group to object to the closure of the surgery as this will greatly disadvantage patients and particularly the elderly as the suggested alternative surgery in Leabrooks is very difficult to access and would mean travel by two buses or a taxi to attend the surgery there.

j) National Writing Day

RESOLVED to support the local writer chosen for workshops in the township and inspire local authors with a grant of £125.00

7384. Planning Applications – previously circulated

7385. Items for Information in the Information Folder: - DALC Circulars circulated – Co-op Modernised Post Office Opening March 17th 2017 – Trent Barton regarding the Ilkeston Flyer – Clerk & Councils Direct Magazine – AV Community News – The Clerk Magazine -

7386. Date for the next monthly meeting April 25th 2017 at 7.00pm

Meeting closed at 7.55pm