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MINUTES of NOVEMBER 17th 2020 VIRTUAL MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Held online at 7.00 pm under the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

Attendees: Cllrs R Ashton, S Carter, Miss L Cox, C Cutting, R Emmas-Williams, I Fisher, S Freeborn, Mrs M Gascoigne, Mrs J Gregory, T Holmes (Chair), M Jones, P Lobley, P Moss, N Weaving, D Williams, M Wilson and Mrs C Worth.

Also: L McCormick (Town Clerk) and H Curzon (Deputy Clerk)

No members of the public in attendance. Two members of Ripley SNT in attendance.

AGENDA

171120/1. To Receive Apologies for Absence – None received

171120/2. Variation of Order of Business – None required

171120/3. Declaration of Members Interests

Councillor Ashton declared a personal interest in Agenda item 12 as a Member of Derbyshire County Council and agenda items 13, 14 and 17 as a Member of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting for both items.

Councillor Carter declared a personal interest in Agenda items 13, 14 and 17 as a Member of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting.

Councillor Cox declared a personal interest in Agenda item 10d as a member of the Friends of Ripley Greenway and remained in the meeting.

Councillor Emmas-Williams declared a personal interest in Agenda item 10d as a member of the Friends of Ripley Greenway and will remain in the meeting.

Councillor Holmes declared a personal interest in Agenda items 13 and 14 as a Member of Amber Valley Borough Council and Agenda item 10d as a member of the Friends of Ripley Greenway and remained in the meeting.

Councillor Freeborn declared a personal interest in Agenda item 17 as a Member of Butterley Ironworks Trust and remained in the meeting.

Councillor Lobley declared a personal interest in Agenda items 13 and 14 as a Member of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting.

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

Councillor Wilson declared a personal interest in agenda items 13, 14 and 17 as a Member of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting.

171120/4. Public Speaking

Cllr Ashton gave an update on the bollards on Oxford Street. The Derbyshire County Council (DCC) Project Engineer has discussed the issue with Amber Valley Borough Council (AVBC). The solution to help in the short term is to have four bollards, two at each end of Oxford Street, manually operated. These are to be installed as matter of urgency. AVBC, through the Covid 19 situation will raise the bollards at 10am and lower them at 4pm for the next three months, possibly extended until the end of March 2021. DCC are looking to find an alternative, permanent solution, possibly operated by CCTV. There are signs at the entrance to Oxford Street with the restriction warning on. Cllr Ashton said he hopes the person that was injured on Oxford Street recently by a car travelling down when the road was pedestrianised, makes a full recovery.

PC Sadler reported regarding the Oxford Street bollards that it is a grey area for the Police as the Police have to witness a vehicle moving down that road during the pedestrianised times. They can issue a £50 fine and have issued a number of fines but unfortunately, it cannot be monitored 24/7.

PCSO Mott suggested an ANPR system on Oxford Street to fine vehicles that go down Oxford Street between 10am and 4pm – like what the Coop in town have.

Cllr Freeborn responded saying number plate recognition is a worthy consideration. It badly needs the barriers replacing as a matter of urgency. He thanked Cllr Ashton for his efforts.

Cllr Wilson welcomed ideas of how Ripley Town Council can pass ideas and problems on to Ripley SNT as the Oxford Street bollards problem has been going on for too long.

Cllr Holmes mentioned the bridge on Nottingham Road. Security is now in place on the bridge since DCC have been carrying out work on it and there hasn't been any anti-social problems since then.

Cllr Mott responded saying that the Deputy Clerk has the contact details for the Ripley SNT should Councillors want to contact them.

PC Sadler said that Covid patrols are in place to ensure people don't break the Covid rules. There is a dedicated Police car for this purpose. It is frustrating for the Police because the rules and restrictions keep changing.

171120/5. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Monthly Meeting on 20th October 2020.

RESOLVED to sign the minutes as a true and accurate record

171120/6. To confirm the minutes of the Allotment Committee meeting on 23rd October 2020 and accept the recommendations therein.

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

171120/7. To confirm the minutes of the Finance and Management Committee meeting on 13th November 2020 and accept any resolutions and recommendations therein.

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

171120/9. To determine which additional items on any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.
None required.

171120/10. Town Mayors Announcements

21st October 2020 – The Mayor and Consort attended Ripley Market Place to read the Fair Charter on what would have been the opening evening of Ripley Fair, which has been cancelled due to Covid.

8th November 2020 – The Mayor and Consort lay a wreath at a Remembrance Service at All Saint's Church in Ripley.

171120/11. Report of the Town Clerk

a. Wool Bombing 2021

RTC will be submitting an event application to AVBC then we will promote it and let the community know how they can get involved.

NOTED

b. Ripley Christmas Lights 2020

The Christmas lights will be turned on 24th November 2020 and the RTC office window will be decorated too.

NOTED

c. Proposed dates for RTC events 2021

Subject to Government guidelines

Spring Market	Sunday May 16 th 2021
Well Dressing	Sunday May 16 th 2021
Wool Bombing	Sunday May 16 th to Friday June 4 th 2021
Big Day Out	Wednesday July 7 th 2021
Bands on Crossley Park 22 nd – September 5 th 2021	June 27 th – July 11 th – July 25 th - August 8 th – August
Outdoor Cinema	Friday September 10 th 2021
Christmas lights Switch On	Friday November 24 th 2021
Christmas Market Sunday	December 5 th 2021

NOTED

d. Report damage on Ripley Greenway

As work has been carried out on the bridge underneath Nottingham Road in Ripley, contractors caused damage to a RTC bin. This will be replaced after the work is completed.

NOTED

e. Councillor Vacancy

Cllr Saunders resigned and since this vacancy has been advertised, ten electorate have written to AVBC therefor there will be an election in May 2021 for this seat.

NOTED

171120/11. Discuss Precept Setting and Proposed Budget for 2021 / 2022

RESOLVED Ripley Town Council support this budget with a precept of £342,000. The draft budget will be put out for consultation with a closing date of 4th January 2021 and the final precept will be agreed at the January full council meeting

171120/12. Discuss the missing bollards on Oxford Street, Ripley

NOTED Derbyshire County Council are now acting as a matter of urgency to replace the missing bollards.

171120/13. Discuss Greenwich Park Sports Partnership – Ripley Town Council representative

RESOLVED Following the resignation of Cllr Emmas-Williams, it was agreed to defer appointment of a new representative until there was some clarity about what skills set might be the most helpful.

171120/14. Discuss Greenwich Recreation Ground Custodian Trustees, Managing Trustees and recreation Land

Cllr Freeborn reported that the AVBC Cabinet had approved a report transferring the Custodian Trusteeship of the CISWO land to the Town Council. This would become 'live' in early December when the draft Minutes were confirmed as being accurate. Also, in December, AVBC is to consider its options in regard to the remainder of the site and these include transferring the land to either the Nottingham Road Recreation Ground Charity (i.e. adding it to the CISWO land), or to the Town Council.

RESOLVED for Ripley Town Council to accept this report.

171120/15. Planning Applications

171120/16. 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.

171120/17. Butterley Ironworks Site Development

RESOLVED that,

1. Through the clerk, RTC continues to press AVBC for close engagement in on-going meetings or discussions with the developers about the site's future.
2. The Council authorises the Leader, Deputy Leader and Clerk to fully explore opportunities there may be for RTC to help to facilitate a financially self-sustainable future for publicly accessible heritage at Butterley Ironworks.

171120/18. Meeting Closed at 7.44pm

Next online Full Town Council Meeting on January 19th 2021 at 7pm

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BHIB HIGHLY COMMENDED FOR DERBYSHIRE COUNCIL OF THE YEAR 2019