

MINUTES of the November 19th 2013 MONTHLY MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

In Attendance: Cllrs: R P Ashton, A Bridge (in the Chair), Ms L D Cox, C Cutting, S D Freeborn, D Farrelly, M J Godfrey, Mrs J H Gregory, T Holmes, M G Jones, M J Missett, D A Williams, M Wilson and Mrs C Worth
2 members of the public, 1 member of the Police and the Clerk
Meeting closed at 20.02.

6768. To receive apologies for absence – Cllrs: R Emmas-Williams, MB Gent, RAP Phillips-Forsyth, Mrs A S Ward and D T Ward.

6769. Variation of Order of Business – None required

6770. Declaration of Members Interests –

Cllr Ms L D Cox declared a personal interest in the following items as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and would remain in the meeting – 8 j) Crossley Park and Toilets, 8 v) Location of Police in the Town Centre, 10. Ripley Reckoning / Neighbourhood Plan, 11. Ripley Master Plan- £3m pledged by AVBC? 12. AVBC Core Strategy.

Cllr T Holmes declared a personal interest in the following items as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and would remain in the meeting – 8 j) Crossley Park and Toilets, 8 v) Location of Police in the Town Centre, 10. Ripley Reckoning / Neighbourhood Plan, 11. Ripley Master Plan- £3m pledged by AVBC? 12. AVBC Core Strategy.

Cllr M Wilson declared a personal interest in the following items as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and would remain in the meeting – 8 j) Crossley Park and Toilets, 8 v) Location of Police in the Town Centre, 10. Ripley Reckoning / Neighbourhood Plan, 11. Ripley Master Plan- £3m pledged by AVBC? 12. AVBC Core Strategy.

6771. Public speaking –

B Deans spoke of the interest in Ripley Reckoning on Facebook 546 Likes and Twitter 707 followers, very popular are the Ripley Greenway and Remembrance Sunday.

PC Marshall reported that there had only been one arrest during the Ripley Fair and stated that the fair had been a very successful event – Christmas time is upon us and a new effort is being aimed at shoplifters. The police have just started social media via Twitter with 56 followers – there will be extra staff on duty for the Ripley Christmas lights Switch On – the Police will be leaving the Police Office on the Market Place and returning to Headquarters across from McDonald's, Shop Watch is connected by Walkie Talkies and hopefully the police performance should not be affected, however logistically there will be a difference.

Cllr S Freeborn stated that it was nice to hear of positive outcomes of police activities and everyone appreciates that crime tends to rise as people are under pressure – in terms of the police new location there are discussions underway – as described logistically the police being based at HQ will affect policing in the town – AVBC Cllr S Bradford apparently stated at an AVBC meeting that the Police Office Being nothing more than a rest room.

6772. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Meeting October 15th 2013 and Allotment Committee meeting October 18th 2013 minutes and Events committee meeting October 21st (previously circulated) - **RESOLVED to sign all the minutes as a true and accurate record**

6773. To determine which items if any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded. None required

6774. Town Mayor's Announcements – October 22nd attended the Ripley Fair Dinner – 23rd Opened Ripley's 762nd Fair in Ripley along with a Town Crier – November 2nd attended Waingroves Pumpkin / Halloween Event – 5th attended Ripley Spice first night opening – attended Sawmills Community Centre for the rededication of the War Memorial from St Mary's Church – 10th attended Remembrance Day Service and Parade – 11th attended the Ripley Market Place for Armistice Day – and a reminder to all

that the Ripley Town Mayor's Civic Service is on Sunday November 24th at 3.00pm in All Saints Church.

6775. Report of the Town Clerk on: -

- a) **Finance / Budget meeting held – the Clerk** reported that she had attended a meeting with Finance Committee members and they had signed off the accounts for the first six months – **item for information**
- b) **Porterhouse Road** – the clerk reported that the fence and gates are being made and when installed the play equipment would be installed – **item for information**
- c) **Cedar Avenue Grounds Maintenance** – the Clerk reported this is under review – **item for information**
- d) **Councillor vacancy** - Two Applications received
RESOLVED interviews would be arranged with Cllrs S Freeborn, Ms L D Cox, R P Ashton and the Clerk
- e) **Bus Shelters Marehay & Heage Road** (opposite Norman Road) Ripley,
RESOLVED to go ahead with Derbyshire County Council 50% shared cost scheme and install the two bus shelters with the RTC taking on future maintenance
- f) **Heage Toilets** – the Clerk reported that she is waiting for the license from AVBC – **item for information**
- g) **Fly Tipping on the Greenway** – the Clerk reported that there had been a large amount of Fly Tipping on the Greenway – PC Marshall had checked CCTV but could find nothing - the problem had been reported to AVBC and they had cleared the rubbish
- h) **Grosvenor Road traffic congestion** – traffic at a standstill – Cllr R P Ashton had raised this item as he felt this year there was more congestion than ever before and was looking for a way to help with the congestion – After discussion it was felt that the congestion was no worse than in the year 2000 and there was photographic evidence of the congestion at that time
- i) **100 years World War 1 Commemoration** – discuss the proposals previously circulated
RESOLVED to go ahead with the proposal from Fleet Arts at an approximate cost of £35000 over five years
- j) **Crossley Park and Toilets** – report from meeting with Amber Valley Borough Council – unfortunately the meeting had been cancelled and a further date would be arranged – **item for information**
- k) **Youth Council** – Cllr S Freeborn gave a report of the meeting and hopefully with help the youth will take over the meetings – **item for information**
- l) **Dog Poo Bags** – ordered and received – **item for information**
- m) **HS2 - Derby City Council proposals** – Cllr S Freeborn gave information Derby City discussing a different route and asking for support
RESOLVED not to support the proposed different route which would cut the Ripley Township in two by the A38
- n) **Correspondence received from Wood Street Methodist** – correspondence received thanking the RTC for the donation of £1000 towards the cost of installing a lift – **item for information**
- o) **Request for financial assistance from Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre**
RESOLVED not to award any financial assistance as there was no evidence of children of the Township receiving benefit
- p) **Waingroves Community Centre designation as community asset** –
RESOLVED to remove this item from the agenda as the Community Association do not want the centre designated as a community asset
- q) **Chesterfield Law Centre Free Legal Advice, information and representation service** – item for information
- r) **New Website** – update

RESOLVED to accept the quotation from Shaw Marketing for Cllrs to receive training for an introduction to Social Media at a cost of £75.00

s) **Amber Valley CVS AGM November 20th 2013 at 3.00pm** – item for information

t) **Christmas Lights Switch On November 29th 2013 and Sunday December 22nd Family Christmas Shopping Day** – item for information

u) **Moseley Street Church Hall renovation**

RESOLVED for Cllr S Freeborn and others would discuss various options and information then bring a report back to the Council

v) **Location of Police in the town centre** – as comments in public speaking

w) **Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service** – Consultation on Transforming Service Delivery 2022 previously circulated

RESOLVED to oppose anything that would incur harm or risk to people of the Ripley Township

x) **Special Certificate of Merit Award**

RESOLVED to bestow this special award on Colin Picken for the many years work done for the community and the Royal British Legion

y) **New laptop required for the Clerk Windows 2007 £550.00 + vat**

RESOLVED to agree the cost for the Clerk to purchase a new laptop

z) **Correspondence received from Poppyfields resident asking for a grit bin**

RESOLVED for the Clerk to respond stating that the RTC do not provide grit bins or grit salt

6776. Accounts for payment/Income cheques to be approved and signed –

Cheque No	Payee	£	VAT	Total
503283	Lumb Farm Fair Dinner	£882.00		£882.00
503284	L McCormick salary & reimbursements 503285 HMRC PAYE	£1407.22		£1407.22
DD	BT Quarterly Ripley Town Council Internet	£114.60	£22.92	£137.52
503286	Cubit Ultrasonics street lighting column testing for Christmas Lights in the out of town areas	£300.00		£300.00
503287	Phase Print Ltd Newsletter printing	£513.68	£102.74	£616.42
503288	Phase Print Ltd Ripley Reckoning flyer	£99.00		£99.00
503289	Phase Print Ltd Ripley Remembrance Order of Service	£265.44		£265.44
503290	Bancroft Consulting Brief for Neighbourhood Plan	£4650.00	£930.00	£5580.00
503291	Heage Village Hall Hire Drop in day	£24.00		£24.00
503292	Derbyshire Probation Trust Greenway work	£187.50	£37.50	£225.00
503293	L Turner Fair Rides for Christmas Lights Switch On	£300.00		£300.00
503294	L McCormick reimburse for Town Crier for Ripley Fair Opening	£25.00		£25.00
503295	Sawmills Village Hall Drop in day	£12.00		£12.00
503296	R Deans Media consultant	£832.00		£832.00
503297	National Leaflet Company delivering Newsletter	£742.78	£148.56	£891.34
503298	L McCormick reimburse postage, coffee etc, laminating + files	£68.99		£68.99
	Total	£10424.21	£1241.72	£11665.93
503299	Friends of Ripley Greenway grant for bulbs	£200.00		£200.00
503300	Wish Computers new laptop for Clerk	£550.00	£110.00	£660.00
	New cheque book after using ip the old ones up starts at 503701			
503701	Mh-p Hosting website October 2013 to October 2014	£60.00	£12.00	£72.00
503702	ICO Data Protection Registration	£35.00		£35.00
503703	A V Borough Council TC Office Rent November 2013	£300.00	£60.00	£360.00
503704	A V Borough Council TC Office Rent December 2013	£300.00	£60.00	£360.00
503705	Harrison Packaging Dog Bags	£500.00	£100.00	£600.00
503706	Planning Design re Transport Work N Plan	£241.70	£48.34	£290.04
503707	Keptkleen Market Place Toilets	£338.00		£338.00
	(including agenda items) Complete Total	£12948.91	£1632.06	£14580.97

Income				
Fair Dinner				£227.70
Fair Dinner				£45.90
Fair Dinner				£137.70
Fair Dinner				£45.90
Fair Dinner				£45.90
Fair Dinner				£47.00
Fair Dinner				£69.00
Fair Dinner				£45.90
Wreath money for Royal British Legion				£20.00
			Total	£ 685.00

6777. Ripley Reckoning / Neighbourhood Plan - To receive reports from the Steering Group and Traders meetings – Cllr S Freeborn reported that the draft is being pulled together and the text should be done by the end of the month and further work would continue.

6778. Ripley Master-plan - £3m pledged by AVBC? – Cllr S Freeborn reported that the traders are attending the meetings and it is hoped in 2014 they will sort the meetings themselves – at the meeting AV Cllr L Bowley indicated that the £3M would come from sales at Heanor to Tesco and a further site and AV are prepared to put this money into Ripley and hopefully it will be a fair amount and in collegiate and co-operative way, this money will be very welcome to be spent in Ripley

6779. AVBC Core Strategy consultation

RESOLVED Cllr S Freeborn and the Clerk would put together comments to be sent to AVBC.

6780. Planning Applications – previously circulated

a) AVA/2012/0974 Travel World 36B Oxford Street Ripley Second Floor Extension and Conversion of the Existing Building to eight self-contained flats

RESOLVED to oppose this application as the flats are eight studio flats and there would be no parking and it is overdevelopment of this property.

b) Appeal Inspectors Report AVA/2012/0965 79 Dwellings and public open space land West of Holborn View Codnor – Cllr S Freeborn reported that the Inspector will decide and RTC were consulted and the Clerk had responded asking that the 30% affordable housing would be adhered to.

6781. Grounds Maintenance services and hanging baskets generally – tender documents are being written – **item for information**

6782. 2014/15 Budget – draft proposals –

RESOLVED to consult through a newsletter prior to Christmas and propose a reduced precept of £199,500 for 2014 / 2015 and the Clerk would circulate last year's budget figures on the same document as this proposal.

6783. Items for Information in the Information Folder: DALC Circulars - AV Ripley & Codnor Have Your Say November 27th 2013 – Derbyshire Biodiversity News Autumn/Winter 2013 - Clerk Magazine SLCC – Shaw's One Stop Shop for Local Councils – Derbyshire Alert – CPRE Field Work Magazine Winter 2013 – Glenco Property Services Ltd property maintenance – War Memorials Trust Call to Remember – Prism Total IT Solutions – CVS Community Sector News Autumn 2013

6784. Date for the next monthly meeting January 21st 2014 at 7.00pm