



MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18th 2012 MONTHLY MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

In attendance Cllr S M Daley in the Chair - Councillors R P Ashton, D Bowley, A Bridge, Miss L D Cox, C Cutting, S D Freeborn, M B Gent, M J Godfrey, Mrs J H Gregory, T Holmes, M Jones, S Joynes, RAP Phillips-Forsyth, Mrs A S Ward, D A Williams, M Wilson

Also in attendance: four members of the public and the Clerk

AGENDA

PART I – NON CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

- 5941. To receive apologies for absence** – Cllrs K T Buzzard, M J Missett, D T Ward and Mrs C Worth.
- 5942. Variation of Order of Business** – None required
- 5943. Declaration of Members Interests**
Cllr R P Ashton declared a prejudicial interest in item 8w) Ripley Boxing Club and would leave the meeting - Cllr D Bowley declared a prejudicial interest in item 8b)) Application to register Nottingham Road as Village Green accepted by Derbyshire County Council and would leave the meeting - Cllr S Joynes declared a personal interest in item 8b) and Application to register Nottingham Road as Village Green accepted by Derbyshire County Council and would remain in the meeting - Cllr S Joynes declared a personal interest in item 8x) Royal British Legion Ripley & District Branch standard request for financial help of £600.00 and would remain in the meeting - Cllr S Joynes declared a personal interest in item 8z) Extra litter bins for Carr Wood and would remain in the meeting - Cllr S Joynes declared a personal interest in item 15) Ripley Town Centre Recovery and Revitalisation and would remain in the meeting - Cllr S Joynes declared a prejudicial interest in item 12) Town Hall Lease update and would remain leave the meeting - Cllr Mrs A S Ward declared a prejudicial interest in item 8w) Ripley Boxing Club and would leave the meeting - Cllr Mrs A S Ward declared a prejudicial interest in item 12) Town Hall Lease update and would remain leave the meeting – RAP Phillips-Forsyth declared a prejudicial interest in item 8b) and Application to register Nottingham Road as Village Green accepted by Derbyshire County Council and would leave the meeting
- 5944. Public speaking** – Mr Roland Emmas-Williams asked that the minutes of July 17th 2012 reflect that Cllr D Bowley left the meeting with a prejudicial interest recorded but did not return – Cllr RAP Phillips-Forsyth asked regarding the Waingroves Community grant not being awarded this year and was this due to an error when the Clerk gave the figures to the Grants Committee? Cllr S D Freeborn replied that he could not speak for the Grants Committee but he was aware that the Waingroves Community Association bank balance was higher than any other applicant, however if the Association had a particular project coming up they could apply to the Ripley Town Council.
RAP Phillips-Forsyth spoke of welcoming Christmas Lights for Waingroves and fully supports the Village Green application.
Cllr S Joynes spoke of his completion of a Skydive to raise money for Crohn's Disease and Colitis sufferers and thanked everyone from both sides of the Council for their donations and he had raised £1298.51.
Cllr S Joynes also wished to thank Ripley Town Council Mayor and Deputy Mayor for attending the Ripley Cadet's Honour Walk in memory of Thomas Wright and thanks to Cllr A S Ward and everyone at Ripley Town Council, the Ripley Royal British Legion for their support and a special thanks to the Ripley Cadets.
Cllr R P Ashton spoke of congratulations to the Ripley Cadets who walked the 35 miles and thanks to Cllr D Ward and Cllr Mrs A S Ward for providing a bus for the occasion and thanks to the Ripley Mayor and Deputy Mayor for their attendance.
Cllr M Wilson spoke of residents of Marehay lobbying Derbyshire County Council for traffic calming and are looking for support from Ripley Town Council and would ask members of Derbyshire County Council from the other side of the Council to reply.
- 5945. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council July 17th 2012 – RESOLVED** to be signed as a true and accurate record with the following additions: Public Speaking – Cllr S Joynes thanked the

members and all involved with the Ripley Music Festival for the wonderful events put on again this year and also would like to wish Molly Renshaw good luck for the future and commiserations on not achieving the Olympic Swimming Team after being so close with her times, could the Clerk write to express good wishes for the future. Also to add Cllr D Bowley left the meeting after declaring a prejudicial interest and when the item was discussed but he did not return to the meeting.

5946. To determine which items if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded. None

5947. Town Mayor's Announcements – Cllr Steve Daley Mayor of Ripley attended the Waingroves Show, the start of the Walk of Honour by Ripley Cadets starting at Mill Hill School, Cllr A Bridge Deputy Mayor of Ripley attended a Diamond Wedding celebration and the completion of Walk of Honour.

5948. Report of the Town Clerk on: -

a) Litterbins quotations for the Greenway

RESOLVED to order the 10 bins as previously agreed at a cost of £2595.45 inc delivery + vat and accept the quotation for £500.00 regarding installing the bins.

b) Application to register Nottingham Road as Village Green accepted by Derbyshire County Council – historical reports evidence of use received – Reported that 185 evidence forms have been submitted

c) Audit Commission appointed external Auditor Grant Thornton UK LLP – item for report

d) Heage War Memorial and Ripley War Memorial

RESOLVED to accept the quotation from Beresford's to clean and replace the missing letters at a cost of £3,120.00 inc vat and the work would be done in time for November 11th 2012 for Heage Memorial and the Ripley Memorial would be cleaned at a cost of £1,3210.00 inc vat and wax covering and the additional name would be added to the Memorial and a dedication service would be held (date to be confirmed) prior to November 11th 2012

e) Upper Hartshay telephone box – adopt from BT for £1.00

RESOLVED the residents would clean the telephone box and the Ripley Town Council would maintain and add to the insurance asset register

f) Derbyshire County Council – Liaison Forum Thursday October 25th 2012 6.00pm till 8.00pm – item for report

g) Declaration of Interests Form Reminder

RESOLVED the Clerk is to contact Amber Valley Borough Council to confirm any outstanding forms

h) New Christmas Lights Tenders Contractors meetings held

RESOLVED the two short listed contractors were met with and it was agreed to recommend to the Council to accept the tender from Decx at a cost of £27,000.00 per annum as per the tender request

i) Thank you letters, cards etc received from grant recipients – item for report

j) Derbyshire County Council – Derbyshire Registration Service County Registry Office will be based in Chesterfield – item for report

k) Porterhouse Road consultation results of the consultation 112 Yes and 47 No and response from Amber Valley Borough Council – **item for report** the Ripley Town Council to take over the play area would be put to Amber Valley Borough Council meeting in September 2012

l) Allotment Committee meeting to arrange

RESOLVED the Clerk is to email the Ripley Town Council Allotment Committee members for dates and then inform the Allotment sites

m) Heage Road Allotments asking for financial help of £363.00 towards replacing main supply water pipe

RESOLVED to grant the donation of £363.00

- n) **Clerk achieved CiLCA section 7 Power of Competency Certificate** – item for report
- o) **October Newsletter and distribution**
RESOLVED to issue a newsletter for the end of October and the Clerk had tender documents on the Source Derbyshire website for solus delivery of the newsletter
- p) **Neighbourhood Plan meeting reminder September 25th 2012 5.30pm in the training room and 6.30pm in the Council Chamber** - item for report
- q) **Hanging Baskets** – additional watering cost
RESOLVED on the advice of Plantscape it was resolved due to the weather and cold not to continue with the watering
- r) **Derbyshire County Council** grit bin filling costs £101.00 standard and £92.00 small – **item for information**
- s) **Derby & Derbyshire CAB request link on Ripley Town Council website**
RESOLVED to have a link to this consumer site on the Ripley Town Council website and also a link to Derbyshire Welfare Rights
- t) **Derbyshire County Council member development programme** – item for report
- u) **Letter received from Brian Wood thanking the Clerk and Council for their support** - item for report
- v) **SSAFA Forces Help Derbyshire Branch fundraising sponsored cycling ride 510 miles**
RESOLVED to donate £50.00 to SSAFA
- w) **Grants Committee to meet to discuss grant for Ripley Boxing Club**
RESOLVED the Clerk is to email the Ripley Town Council Grants Committee members for dates
- x) **Royal British Legion Ripley & District Branch standard request for financial help of £600.00**
RESOLVED to donate £600.00 to Ripley Branch of the Royal British Legion
- y) **Marehay Cricket Club request for financial help due to £5000 deficit**
RESOLVED to discuss this at the Ripley Town Council Grants Committee meeting when held
- z) **Extra litter bins for Carr Wood**
RESOLVED the Clerk is to chase this

5949) **Barnes Wallis Anniversary 26th September 2012** – item for report

5950. **Recommendations from the Events Committee**

RESOLVED to accept the recommendations of the Events Committee

5951. **Fair Dinner October 23rd 2012 at Butterley Lodge – invitations circulated** – item for report

5952. **Town Hall Lease update** – to be discussed at the Amber Valley Borough Council September meeting regarding AV signing the lease

5953. **DerwentWISE Focus Group – support requested from Ripley Town Council**

RESOLVED to ask Cllr C Worth to attend the Focus Group meeting and report back to the Ripley Town Council

5954. **Ripley Heritage**

RESOLVED that Ripley Town Council believes much of the townships heritage is not properly recognised and that there are sites at serious risk of being irrevocably damaged or lost forever. It is agreed that Ripley Town Council will do all it can to protect and preserve the heritage of the township, and shall:

1. Seek to ensure that all heritage sites in the township are identified and properly recognised by the relevant authorities;
2. Build partnerships with voluntary organisations and other relevant authorities to help secure the future of our heritage;
3. Develop strategies and management / maintenance plans to ensure the protection and preservation of our heritage (including the creation of a 'Heritage Trail', and seeking World Heritage Site status for the canal system etc beneath the former Butterley Engineering site and through / along the line of the canal connecting with the Cromford Canal in Ambergate).

5955. Ripley Town Centre Recovery and Revitalisation –

RESOLVED Ripley Town Council confirms its commitment to improving the vibrancy of Ripley's town centre, through the development of a Revitalising Ripley plan. Ripley Town Council believes that the overall vision of the Revitalising Ripley Task Group should recognise that:

- a. Ripley is a unique place, not a clone town, and the response to the challenges we face must respect and celebrate that uniqueness and difference.
- b. The town centre needs to meet the needs of the people it serves in ways that are locally distinctive, and that connect with local people's strengths, creativity and energy; and
- c. The framework for improving Ripley town centre needs to be flexible enough to take this diversity as a starting point, not a bolt-on.

The Task Group is to involve as many people as possible and include those who live, work or visit Ripley. To that end, it is agreed that:

1. The Clerk shall write to potential stakeholders inviting them to the meeting on 15th October; and
2. The Clerk shall issue a press release setting out the purpose of the Revitalising Ripley Task Group and inviting people to get involved.

It is agreed that the Council shall purchase an annual licence to use the AMTs Town Benchmarking tool for £250.00. The use of this (nationally recognised) tool shall ensure that a detailed objective and reliable economic 'picture' of the town is obtained.

In addition, it is agreed that an initial budget of £2,500 is available to fund the costs associated with facilitating and administering the Task Force. Further, it is agreed that the Town Council will make provision in its 2013/14 budget to continue the work of the Revitalising Ripley Task Group.

5956. Accounts for payment/Income cheques to be approved and signed

RESOLVED approved and signed

Cheque No	Payee	£	VAT	Total
503032	L McCormick Clerk's pay & 503033 HMRC PAYE	£1020.48		£1020.48
503034	Creswell Colliery Brass Band	£250.00		£250.00
503035	Whitwell Brass Band	£250.00		£250.00
503036	Audit Commission	£550.00	£110.00	£660.00
DD	BT Internet Services	£108.75	£21.75	£130.50
503037	Shelter Maintenance Services	£5.75	£1.15	£6.90
503038	Phase Marketing & Print Porterhouse Road Consultation	£89.00		£89.00
503039	AVBC August Office Rent	£300.00	£60.00	£360.00
503040	AVBC September Office Rent	£300.00	£60.00	£360.00
	Total	£2,873.98	£192.90	£3,066.88
Income				
	Total			

5957. Planning Applications separate sheet previously circulated

AVA/2012/0397 single store extension to dwelling The Old Barn Coach Road Butterley Park to appeal – item for report

5958. Items for Information: - In the information folder

PART 2 – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS None identified

5959. Date for next monthly Meeting: **October 16th 2012 at 7.00pm**