



Ripley Town Council

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MINUTES of Tuesday 1st November 2022 at 5.30pm RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE MEETING held at Ripley Town Council Office, 6, Grosvenor Road, Ripley, DE5 3JF.

In Attendance: Cllrs: L. Cox, R. Emmas-Williams, S. Freeborn (Chair), T. Spencer and D. Williams.
Also: J. Simpson - Town Clerk and H. Curzon – Deputy Clerk
Plus three members of public.

AGENDA

011122/1. To receive apologies for absence – Cllr Allwood and Cllr Holmes.

011122/2. Variation of Order of Business

RESOLVED to discuss agenda item 6 at the start of the meeting as members of the public were present to observe this discussion.

011122/3. Declaration of Members Interests – None received

011122/4. Public speaking

A member of the public gave a visual presentation showing the difficulties residents living on Coupe Street, Ripley (Agenda item 6) has with access and egress from the road. They showed photographic evidence of vehicles parked across the junction and on pavements close to the convenience store as well as a photo of the faint white line on the road (Peasehill). They requested that the junction needs to be brought up to the highway standards of the 21st century. They asked on behalf of the street users, residents of Coupe Street and the community:

1. For a designated street entrance/exit with curb stones on the corners of each side of the junction which alert users.
2. 'Give Way' markings, taking the form of an upside-down triangle and thick, broken double white lines across the street to alert motorists to give way to traffic when joining the busy road.
3. A 'no through road – access only' sign.

They requested for Ripley Town Council to contact Derbyshire County Council (Highways) about the concerns of Coupe Street residents.

Cllr D. Williams responded to say he would provide details of who he has been in contact with at Amber Valley Borough Council, Derbyshire County Council and Derbyshire Constabulary so far, to the Town Clerk.

011122/5. Update on the Ripley Town Council Environment Committee's Environment, Climate and Biodiversity Action Plan

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that Ripley Town Council have a page in all future newsletters, dedicated to the environment and that the Clerk investigates possible training regarding Carbon Literacy for all Councillors to attend.

011122/6. Discuss access /egress and visibility road safety issues of Coupe Street, Ripley.

The members of the public present at the meeting publicly thanked Councillor David Williams for his perseverance and work so far regarding this matter.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that Ripley Town Council write to Derbyshire County Council with images regarding the junction and the following three points:

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Ripley Town Council also write to the shop owner near Coupe Street asking them to put notices up saying 'no parking / keep clear' on the pavement outside their building.

011122/7. Update regarding litter picking equipment

The Deputy Clerk reported that an article was written in a recent Ripley Town Council newsletter asking local groups if they would like litter picking equipment. There was no response to this.

Cllr D Williams reported that the litter pickers donated to Waingroves Litter Pickers was starting to break, therefore they would like it replacing.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL Clerk contact Waingroves Litter Pickers to see what equipment needs replacing.

011122/8. Discuss hedge cutting in the Township

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that the Clerk organises for the hedge between the two allotments at Nuttalls Park, be cut in February each year, before the official bird nesting season. The Clerk to write to Ripley Academy School asking them to also consider cutting the hedge down the jitty alongside the school in February 2023.

011122/9. Discuss Butterley Ironworks site regeneration issues

Cllr Freeborn reported that Butterley Ironworks Trust are waiting for the Section 106 agreement to be finalised.

NOTED

011122/10. Discuss Derbyshire Wildlife Trust Parish Toolkit

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that Ripley Town Council invite Derbyshire Wildlife Trust to the next Environment and Regeneration Committee meeting to present their toolkit.

011122/11. Discuss the Government's Fracking Proposals

Cllr Freeborn reported that the Government have now banned fracking.

NOTED

011122/12. Discuss Electricity Scheme from Ambergate Wireworks

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that Ripley Town Council encourage the revival of the scheme. Cllrs Freeborn and Williams to look at previous correspondence and contacts.

011122/13. Discuss regeneration ideas for Ripley Town Centre

The committee discussed the unsightly shop fronts of the empty shops in Ripley town centre. I was suggested that Ripley town centre is made a conservation area, which will be included in the Neighbourhood Plan going forward. The drug issue in the town centre was discussed as well as the duplication of many shops selling the same services on the same streets.

NOTED

011122/14. Update regarding Ripley Town Council purchasing flags for the whole township

RECOMMED TO FULL COUNCIL that Ripley Town Council look to purchase the Union Flag to put up in more areas of Ripley town centre for the Kings Coronation in 2023.

011122/15. Date of next meeting: 5.30pm on Friday 20th January 2023.

011122/16. Meeting Closed at 6.16pm

The next Monthly Full Council Meeting will be held on 15th November 2022 at 7.00pm.

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