



## Ripley Town Council

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### **MINUTES of Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 5.00pm RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held at Greenwich Recreation Ground, Nottingham Road, Ripley, DE5 3AY**

In Attendance: Cllrs: D Williams (Chair), M Allwood, R Emmas-Williams, S. Freeborn, T Spencer and N Weaving.

Also: L. McCormick - Town Clerk and H. Curzon – Deputy Clerk

#### **AGENDA**

**191121/1. To receive apologies for absence –** No apologies were received

**191121/2. Variation of Order of Business**

**RESOLVED** to withdraw agenda items 5 and 6 as they do not need to be discussed at this meeting today.

**191121/3. Declaration of Members Interests**

Cllr Emmas-Williams declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 11 as a member of the Friends of Ripley Greenway.

**191121/4. Public speaking –** None

**191121/5. Review of Ripley Town Council Environment Committee's Environment, Climate and Biodiversity Action Plan to assess the progress / delivery of action points.**

**RESOLVED** in agenda item 2 that this item does not need to be discussed at this meeting.

**191121/6. Review of Ripley Town Council Environment, Climate and Biodiversity Policy to consider if amendments are required.**

**RESOLVED** in agenda item 2 that this item does not need to be discussed at this meeting.

**191121/7. River Starts Here update**

**RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** Ripley Town Council write to Trent Rivers Trust and the voluntary groups involved in this project to congratulate them on their excellent work and contribution to our local environment. Contact Trent Rivers Trust and Derbyshire Wildlife Trust for suggestions and proposals for future environmental work in the Ripley Township.

**191121/8. Maintenance and accessibility of Public Rights of Way in Ripley Town Council area**

**RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** Town Clerk and Deputy Clerk to report suggestions of how this might be tackled at the next Environment Committee meeting and to publicise the Derbyshire County Council web address for complaining about issues with Public Rights of Way, in the next Ripley Town Council newsletter, on the RTC website and social media.

**191121/9. Local Rivers Report (previously circulated)**

**RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** that this cross-party Environment Committee unanimously agreed that Ripley Town Council write to Nigel Mills MP expressing concern / shock at water companies being allowed to pump raw sewage into local waterways, specifically Butterley Reservoir and into the brook on Ripley Greenway, both in the Ripley Township.

**191121/10. Tree Planting locations in the Ripley Township: Queen's Green Canopy for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022, partnership with The Woodland Trust**

The Committee suggested the following groups advise on locations for planting trees:

- Waingroves Woodland Trust
- Marehay Community Trust
- Local schools
- Ripley Town Council

**NOTED**

**191121/11 Proposed Area of Reflection on Ripley Greenway at Albion Street**

The Clerk reported that drawings for the proposed Area of Reflection are in the process of being drawn up. Once they have been agreed, planning permission will be applied for.

**NOTED**

**191121/12 Ripley Rainbows Collaboration ideas**

The Deputy Clerk reported that we have been approached by Ripley Rainbow group for suggestions of environmental initiatives they can get involved in, in Ripley. The Committee suggested bulb planting, wool bombing and a display in the Ripley Town Council office window.

**NOTED**

**191121/13. Meeting Closed at 5.29pm**

**The next Monthly Full Council Meeting will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.00pm.**

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