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MINUTES of FEBRUARY 18TH 2020 MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

held at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Market Place, Ripley.

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

Also: Nine members of the public, L McCormick (Town Clerk) and H Curzon (Deputy Clerk).

AGENDA

Members are asked to sign the attendance sheet for the meeting and to complete the declarations of interest sheet (if appropriate). These will be available in the Council Chamber.

180220/1. To Receive Apologies for Absence – Cllr Manterfield

180220/2. Variation of Order of Business – none required

180220/3. Declaration of Members Interests

Councillor Emmas-Williams declared a personal interest in Agenda item 15 as a representative and Chair of Greenwich Park Sports Partnership and remained in the meeting.

Councillor Lobley declared a personal interest in Agenda item 15 as a representative of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting.

Councillor Holmes declared a personal interest in Agenda item 15 as a representative of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting.

Councillor Wilson declared a personal interest in Agenda item 15 as a representative of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting.

Councillor Ashton declared a personal interest in Agenda item 15 as a representative of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting.

Councillor Carter declared a personal interest in Agenda item 15 as a representative of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting.

180220/4. Public Speaking

A member of the public spoke about his shock and surprise of the planning application that has been submitted to Amber Valley Borough Council to build 4 dwellings on the site of the Barnes Wallis Public House in Ripley. He suggested that AVBC Planning Board conduct a site visit before making a decision, to see the problems the development would cause on the private road at the side of the site. Having more vehicles using the road will be at the detriment of current residents.

A member of the public spoke about the interest in making the Barnes Wallis Public House an Asset of Community Value. He believed the planning application offends the National Planning Policy Framework. The pub is the only one serving that part of Ripley and there is no evidence to show that the business is not profitable.

Cllr Freeborn responded by saying that Ripley Town Council has sympathy with the difficulties on Sandham Lane and the potential loss of the Public House. He explained that Ripley Town Council

have no power to decide what happens as the decision is made by AVBC Planning Committee. Ripley Town Council would support any application to make the Barnes Wallis Public House an Asset of Community Value by writing a letter of support, but we cannot make a decision. He wished them well in their quest to do this and suggested they act upon it sooner, rather than later.

PCSO Mott reported that the local Ripley Safer Neighbourhood Team have been issuing more tickets to vehicles who are going down Oxford Street between 10am and 4pm when it is designated for pedestrians.

CLlr Ashton explained that the problem with the bollards at the top of Oxford Street is an issue between AVBC and Derbyshire County Council. It is in the process of getting procurement for new bollards.

CLlr Fisher responded saying this issue has been going on for some time and another obstacle should have been put up temporarily in its place.

180220/5. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Monthly Meeting on 21st January 2020.

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

180220/6. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting on 28th January 2020 and accept the recommendations therein.

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

180220/7. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Events Committee on 31st January 2020 and accept the recommendations therein.

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

180220/8. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Heritage Committee Meeting on 4th February 2020 and accept the recommendations therein.

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

180220/9. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 7th February 2020 and accept the resolutions therein.

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

180220/10. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee Meeting held on 14th February 2020 and accept the resolutions therein.

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

180220/11. To determine which additional items on any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.

NONE REQUIRED

180220/12. Town Mayors Announcements

The Mayor and his Consort have attended the following events since the last meeting:
24th January 2020 The annual Showmen's Guild Luncheon
25th January 2020 The annual Ripley Morris Men Feast

180220/13. Report of the Town Clerk

a) Christmas Lights Tender 2020 / 2021 / 2022

The Clerk reported that the current contract with the Christmas Light contractor has expired and

a new tender document will be sent out to companies. Cllr Fisher congratulated the Clerk on her work with the tender document. He asked Councillors to suggest possible sites where additional Christmas trees might go in the outlining villages, but any location suggested must have easy access to an electrical power source.

b) Bottle Brook Pollution

RESOLVED Ripley Town Council to write to Amber Valley Borough Council Planning Officers, expressing concern for the pollution of Bottle Brook and question the integrity of the proposals from the developer in regard to drainage at Coppice Farm.

180220/14. Discuss Assets of Community Value

Cllr Freeborn explained that Assets of Community Value (ACV) are usually officially registered buildings so that site cannot actively be put up for sale for 6 months. The issue is about the need for the opportunity to purchase a property, for example, a pub. You need to meet the value of the site and find the money to purchase it and have a business plan in place. Cllr Freeborn urged members to think about whether there are any sites in the Ripley Township that can be listed as an ACV. RTC can try to support the community when registering sites as an ACV. Ripley Town Council can consider asking the local community via the newsletter for their suggestions for possible ACV's.

NOTED

180220/15. Greenwich Park Sports Partnership Trustee – update

Cllr Fisher updated members reporting that the Cabinet at Amber Valley Borough Council have agreed to offer Ripley Town Council (RTC) the Custodian Trusteeship of Greenwich Park. At the next RTC Annual Meeting, RTC plan to appoint a committee of five people with delegated power to manage the charity on behalf of the Council.

If Greenwich Park Sports Partnership (GPSP) show an intention to co-operate with RTC, we will give GPSP a short-term licence, perhaps to the end of the year. RTC will then ask GPSP to form an incorporated Charity with skilled and experienced Trustees. This Charity will be managing the Park and buildings. The Trustees will need to produce a business plan to show an income matching expenditure and to show it is sustainable over a period of years. The Custodian Charity will then give a long-term licence so they can apply for grants and funding for future development.

Cllr. Ashton nominated Cllr Saunders as a member of the Custodian Charity committee.

RESOLVED to accept the report and the nomination of Cllr Saunders

180220/16. Planning Applications – None to discuss

180220/17. Exclusion of the Press and Public – Not required

180220/18. Items for Information in the Information Folder - None

180220/19. Meeting Closed at 7.40pm

Next Full Town Council Meeting March 17th 2020 at 7.00pm

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