



MINUTES of June 21st 2022 MONTHLY MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

held at 7.00pm on June 21st 2022 in the Council Chamber,
Town Hall, Market Place, Ripley.

In Attendance: Cllrs M Allwood, R Ashton, S Carter, Miss L Cox, R Emmas-Williams, S Freeborn, Mrs J Gregory, T Holmes, L Joyes, P Lobley, P Moss, M Murray, T Spencer, N Weaving (Chair), D Williams, S Williams and M Wilson.

Also: One member of the public, one member of the press and one member of Derbyshire Police, plus J Simpson - Town Clerk and Hannah Curzon – Deputy Town Clerk

AGENDA

210622/1. To Receive Apologies for Absence - Cllrs Jones and Fisher.

210622/2. Variation of Order of Business - None required

210622/3. Declaration of Members Interests

Councillor Ashton declared a personal interest in Agenda Items 10 and 14 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council. He remained in the meeting for both items.

Councillor Carter declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 10 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council. He remained in the meeting.

Councillor Emmas-Williams declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 16 as he has previously discussed this matter with a member of the public. He remained in the meeting.

Councillor Lobley declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 10 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council. He remained in the meeting.

Councillor Moss declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 10 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council. He remained in the meeting.

Councillor Murray declared a personal interest in Agenda Items 10 and 14 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council. He remained in the meeting for both items.

Councillor Spencer declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 10 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council. He remained in the meeting.

210622/4. Public Speaking

PCSO Worrall from Belper Safer Neighbourhood Team gave a report on crime statistics for Ambergate, Ridgeway, Sawmills and Heage, which all come under the Belper SNT area. These can be obtained for the area at www.police.uk

Cllr Moss raised the issue of speeding vehicles on the A610 and A6 throughout the Ripley Township. He reported that the volume of traffic and the number of heavy vehicles is increasing. This is making crossing the road very difficult and dangerous for residents. Cllr Moss reported that he attended a meeting in Sawmills with Cllr Weaving about this issue recently and in his capacity of a County Councillor, he would like to look into obtaining a Speed Indicator Device for the area.

PCSO Worrall reported that he is responsible for nine speed watch projects in the area and that the Sawmills group have to fund themselves, whereas the others are funded by parish councils.

Cllr Freeborn thanked PCSO Worrall for his time and said it was good to see that he is active in our area. Ripley Town Council would welcome an application from the Sawmills Speed Watch group for funding support.

210622/5. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Full Council Meeting on May 17th 2022 (previously circulated electronically)

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

210622/6. To confirm the Confidential Exempt Minutes of the Town Council's Monthly Meeting on May 17th 2022 (previously circulated electronically)

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

210622/7. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Financial Grants Committee Meeting on May 27th 2022 and accept any recommendations therein (previously circulated electronically)

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

210622/8. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee Meeting on June 16th 2022 and accept any recommendations therein (previously circulated electronically)

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

210622/9. To determine which items if any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded. If the Council decides to exclude the public it will be necessary to pass a resolution in the following terms: - "In view of the confidential nature of item () to consider a resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1, in order to discuss the item."

210622/10. Amber Valley Local Plan Update

Cllr Freeborn requested that all Councillors do what they can to encourage members of the community to read the Amber Valley Local Plan and express their views to Amber Valley Borough Council.

NOTED

210622/11. Mayor Announcements

The Mayor and his Consort have attended the following events since the last meeting:

- 25th May 2022 – Platinum Jubilee Tea party at Ripley Junior school
- 29th May 2022 - Charity fish and chip lunch at Ripley Fish and Chip restaurant with proceeds shared between the League of Friends of Ripley Hospital, Butterley Ironworks Trust and Midland Railway Centre
- 3rd June 2022 - Jubilee Tea, hosted by the Amber Valley Stroke Club
- 4th June 2022 - South Wingfield Social Club for Jubilee celebrations
- 4th June 2022 - Jubilee Tea at Sawmills Village Hall
- 5th June 2022 - Crossley Park for the Platinum Jubilee musical celebration with Newstead Brass
- 11th June 2022 - Jubilee Teddy Bears Picnic held in Waingroves Community Woodland
- 17th June 2022 – 1st Ripley Scouts AGM
- 19th June 2022 - Officially started the Ripley 10k run at Crossley Park

210622/12. Town Clerk announcements:

a) Hanging Baskets and Planters installation

The Clerk reported that the hanging baskets and planters will be put up on Friday 24th June 2022.

NOTED

210622/13. Discuss Staff Pension Scheme

RESOLVED that Ripley Town Council become a member of the Local Government Pension Scheme as a designating body, with effect from Monday 9th May 2022. The posts of Town Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer and Deputy Town Clerk are designated for membership.

210622/14. Neighbourhood Plan review update

Cllr Freeborn reported that all consultation periods are over and that suggestions have been incorporated as tweaks. The documentation is to be issued to Amber Valley Borough Council to check that Ripley Town Council has responded to the consultation correctly. This then goes to an independent examiner for their opinion.

NOTED

210622/15. Discuss the Cost of Living Emergency

It was reported that Ripley now had two Food Banks when previously there were none. Consequently, it was noted that poverty for many local people is very real.

RESOLVED that Ripley Town Council declares a Cost of Living Emergency and calls on the Government to:

- a) Immediately reduce the standard rate of VAT from 20% to 17.5% for one year, saving the average Ripley Township household a further £600 this year.
- b) Immediately reintroduce the pensions triple lock to support Ripley Township pensioners.

210622/16. Land at Cromford View, Ripley update

The Clerk reported that a counter proposal of £30,000 was offered for Ripley Town Council to take over the land, however we haven't received a response yet.

NOTED

210622/17. Planning Applications – none to discuss

210622/18. Exclusion of the Press and Public

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the Meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. **NONE**

210622/19. Meeting Closed at 7.39pm

Date for the Next Full Council Annual Meeting July 19th 2022 at 7.00pm.

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