



MINUTES of MONTHLY MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 17th January 2023 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, T Holmes, M Jones, P Lobley, P Moss, M Murray, T Spencer, N Weaving (Chair), D Williams and M Wilson.

Also: One member of public, and one representative from Derbyshire Constabulary.

Plus: Jayne Simpson - Town Clerk and Hannah Curzon – Deputy Clerk.

AGENDA

Prior to the start of the meeting, a minute silence was observed in memory of Councillor Janis Gregory who passed away peacefully on 15th January 2023.

170123/1. To Receive Apologies for Absence – Cllr Fisher

170123/2. Variation of Order of Business - None required.

170123/3. Declaration of Members Interests

Councillor Ashton declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 14 as a member of Derbyshire County Council and remained in the meeting during the discussion.

Councillor Moss declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 14 as a member of Derbyshire County Council and remained in the meeting during the discussion.

170123/4. Public Speaking

PC Sadler from Derbyshire Constabulary read out a statement from their Command Team regarding the closure of the Ripley Safer Neighbourhood Team in Ripley Town Hall:

‘Officers from the Ripley Safer Neighbourhood Team will remain working from Ripley Police Station, Wyatts Way, as they have done for the last year, following their relocation from the Town Hall during essential building work. Whilst those building works are now complete, the infrastructure that is available to the team at Ripley Police Station which supports the delivery of policing services, means it is now the most effective and economical base from which to operate. There will be no impact on the police services provided by the team caused by this decision, and they remain only a short distance from the town centre, they can be contacted for non-emergency matters on 101.’

PC Sadler added there was a small decrease in crime last month (December 2022) with the probable cause being the cold weather. Drugs are an issue as usual, but the force has had good results of late arresting people dealing in drugs. Public Order offences have decreased but are likely to increase when the weather gets better. There hasn't been an increase in Domestic Violence offenses.

Cllr Freeborn commented that he was heartened to hear the report regarding the local drug trade, however that's one problem tackled but then different drug dealers follow. A fundamental priority of members of the public is for the Anti-Social Behaviour issues to be tackled by the Police,

Cllr Lobley asked PC Sadler if he believed that the work Ripley Town Council (RTC) is doing to fund youth projects such as Blend and The Old Farm Bus is helping to reduce crime and Anti-Social Behaviour. PC Sadler responded saying yes. He said that what RTC is doing is great and they are receiving less calls to the service about young people during the evenings. He said that by the young people being entertained in the evenings, learning new skills, they are less likely to head towards a life of crime in later life.

Cllr Emmas-Williams voiced his concern about electric scooters going too fast on Albion Street and Ripley Greenway. PC Sadler said they have seen an increase in electric scooters since Christmas, however, this is not a priority for Derbyshire Police.

Cllr D Williams reported how good the Cuppa with a Copper events in the Township are, with the general public seeing it as a great way of engaging with the Police. He would like to see these continue. PC Sadler responded saying that they are looking to hold more events like this in the evenings so people who work during the day can attend.

170123/5. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Monthly Meeting on November 15th 2022 (previously circulated electronically).

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

170123/6. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting on November 25th 2022 and accept the recommendations and resolutions therein (previously circulated electronically).

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

170123/7. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee Meeting on December 16th 2022 and accept the recommendations and resolutions therein (previously circulated electronically).

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

170123/8. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting on January 6th 2023 and accept the recommendations and resolutions therein (previously circulated electronically).

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

170123/9. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee Meeting on January 13th 2023 and accept the recommendations and resolutions therein.

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

170123/10. To determine which items if any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.

None

170123/11. Mayor Announcements

The Mayor and his Consort attended the following engagements:

19 th November 2022	Nether Heage Community Christmas Fayre
20 th November 2022	Commemoration of new memorial stones at the Salvation Army Ripley
20 th November 2022	Ripley Town Council Civic Service at All Saints Church
27 th November 2022	Ripley Christmas Market
2 nd December 2022	Amber Valley Stroke Club Christmas Party
7 th December 2022	Greenhillocks Christmas Concert
9 th December 2022	Deputy Mayor and Deputy Consort attended Somercotes Parish Christmas Concert

170123/12. Town Clerk announcements:

a) Warm Wednesday update

The Town Clerk reported that the sessions are a continuing success with between 40 – 50 people attending each week. BBC Radio Derby have been to the sessions twice and we have had a paramedic attend to give first aid advice to the attendees. Further funding has enabled us to extend Warm Wednesdays until end March 2023.

NOTED

b) 2022 Christmas Light Feedback

The Town Clerk reported that we have received great feedback from residents in the Township regarding the 2022 Christmas light display.

c) Mayor's Charity Evening – Tues 7th Feb 2023

The Town Clerk reminded members that the tickets for this event are on sale in the Town Council office.

NOTED

170123/13. Discuss closure of Ripley SNT office in Ripley Town Hall

RESOLVED for Ripley Town Council to write to the Chief Constable and Police and Crime Commissioner asking them to reverse their decision of closing the Ripley SNT Office in Ripley Town Hall.

170123/14. Issues with Highways in the Ripley Township

RESOLVED for Ripley Town Council to seek to carry out an audit of the condition of roads and footways that need attention in the Ripley Township.

170123/15. Discuss Precept setting and review the proposed Budget for 2023/2024. Precept form to be signed

RESOLVED for the Mayor of Ripley to sign to the precept form which is to be sent to Amber Valley Borough Council to action.

170123/16. New arrangements for the May 2023 elections

Cllr Freeborn reported that photo identification will be required for voting at a polling station at the May elections.

RESOLVED for Ripley Town Council to communicate this change in the next newsletter and to encourage residents to register for postal votes, where no photo identification is required.

170123/17. Planning Applications - NONE

170123/18. Exclusion of the Press and Public - NONE

170123/19. Meeting Closed at 7.43pm

Signed..... Date.....

Date for the Next Full Council Annual Meeting Tuesday 21st February 2023 at 7.00pm.

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BHIB AWARD WINNER FOR DERBYSHIRE COUNCIL OF THE YEAR 2020
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BHIB HIGHLY COMMENDED WINNER FOR DERBYSHIRE COUNCIL OF THE YEAR 2019 & 2022.**