



MINUTES of MONTHLY MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 18th April 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), and D Williams.

Also: 2 members of public.

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

AGENDA

180423/1. To Receive Apologies for Absence –

Cllr Fisher, Cllr Harper and Cllr Wilson – Received and noted.

180423/2. Variation of Order of Business.

None

180423/3. Declaration of Members Interests.

Councillor Ashton declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 13 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting.

Councillor Carter declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 13 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting.

Councillor Moss declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 13 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting.

Councillor Murray declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 13 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting.

Councillor Spencer declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 13 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting.

180423/4. Public Speaking.

Cllr Freeborn conveyed his gratitude to the following former Councillors and staff at Ripley Town Council: Cllr Janis Gregory who died in January 2023, Christine Worth and Lynn Joyes who both stood down as Councillors this year, Cllr Ian Fisher and Cllr Steven Williams who are not standing at the May elections and former Town Clerk, Linda McCormick who retired in July 2022.

180423/5. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Monthly Meeting on March 21st 2023 (previously circulated electronically).

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

180423/6. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Events Committee meeting on March 31st 2023 and accept the recommendations therein (previously circulated electronically).

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

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180423/7. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Heritage Committee meeting on March 31st 2023 and accept the recommendations therein (previously circulated electronically).

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

180423/8. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee Meeting on April 14th 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 and resolutions therein.

180423/9. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting on April 14th 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 and resolutions therein.

180423/10. To determine which items if any part of the agenda should be taken with the public excluded.

NONE

180423/11. Mayor Announcements.

The Mayor and his Consort haven't attended any engagements to report on since the March 2023 Full Council meeting.

180423/12. Town Clerk announcements:

a) Update on Warm Wednesday sessions

The Clerk reported that the sessions have now ended and were a huge success. We are thankful to our team of volunteers who attended each week. She also mentioned that Ripley Town Council has been recognised for the good work we carried out with Warm Wednesdays from NAVCA (National Association for Voluntary and Community Action) who have given us a grant of £500 to provide the same initiative this winter. It is our intention to resume Warm Wednesdays in late Autumn.

NOTED

b) Year End Financial Report

The Clerk gave a brief overview and explained the financial report which was circulated to Councillors ahead of the meeting. She explained that we are in a healthy financial position, with our main spending being on Greenwich, youth provision and staff costs.

NOTED

180423/13. Discuss Section 106 funds from the Deer Park development.

RESOLVED for the Clerk to develop ideas of the use of the s106 money, noting the needs for repairs at Greenwich Skatepark and bear in mind, provision for teenagers.

180423/14. Discuss Rewilding in the Ripley Township

RESOLVED for Ripley Town Council to use the newsletter to encourage rewilding and describe some of the practical actions that can be taken by local people. We are to consult with interested parties, to take practical action to rewild parts of the sites within Ripley Town Council’s control (i.e. at Cedar Avenue and Porterhouse Road play areas, and Greenwich Park).

180423/15. Discuss Regeneration in the Ripley Township

RESOLVED that Ripley Town Council seeks to increase the range, the amount and the quality of public sector service provision generally throughout the township. Further, the Environment and Regeneration Committee is asked to consider what partnerships and how co-working arrangements could be improved and developed, in pursuit of that ambition.

180423/16. Discuss the Cost-of-Living Crisis

Cllr Allwood wanted to remind everyone of the great work Ripley Town Council has done this year by rising to the challenge by attending agency meetings, donating to foodbanks, setting up Warm Wednesday sessions for the local community, and by continuing to fund the Citizen Advice sessions at Ripley Library.

NOTED

180423/17. Planning Applications - None

180423/18. Exclusion of the Press and Public - None

180423/19. Meeting Closed at 7.24pm.

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

Date for the Next Full Council Annual Meeting Tuesday 16th May 2023 at 7.00pm.

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