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MINUTES of MONTHLY MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 20th June 2023 in the Council Chamber,
Town Hall, Market Place, Ripley.

In Attendance: Cllrs M Allwood, R Ashton, C Bailey, Mrs A Burslem, S Carter, Miss L Cox, R Emmas-Williams, S Freeborn, M Hawkins, T Holmes, P Lobley BEM (Chair), P Moss, A Nicholls, Mrs K Somers, K Smith, N Weaving, Mrs P Weaving and M Wilson.

Also: 3 members of public and 2 representatives from Derbyshire Constabulary

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

AGENDA

200623/1. To Receive Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Jones, Cllr Ward and Cllr Williams.

200623/2. Variation of Order of Business.

RESOLVED to remove Agenda Item 19.

200623/3. Declaration of Members Interests.

Cllr Allwood declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 17a as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council. He did not take part in the discussion nor vote but remained in the meeting.

Cllr Burslem declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 17a as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council Planning Committee. She did not take part in the discussion nor vote but remained in the meeting.

Cllr Cox declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 17a as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council. She did not take part in the discussion nor vote but remained in the meeting.

Cllr Emmas-Williams declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 17a as he has discussed the matter with a member of the public which may prejudice his decision. He did not participate in the discussion nor vote but remained in the meeting.

Cllr Holmes declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 17a as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council. He did not take part in the discussion nor vote but remained in the meeting.

Cllr Lobley BEM declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 17a as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council. He did not take part in the discussion nor vote but remained in the meeting.

Cllr Wilson declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 17a as Chair of Amber Valley Borough Council's Planning Committee. He left the room when the discussion and vote was taking place.

200623/4. Public Speaking

PC Bentley and PCSO Brown from Ripley Safer Neighbourhood Team attended the meeting to update the Council on current priorities. They reported that Operation Sceptre took place a few weeks ago with the aim of raising awareness of knife crime and the police action in detecting, reducing, and preventing it. The team conducted knife sweeps locally in public spaces and reported that no knives were found.

They explained that ASB (Anti-social behaviour) Week is coming up, week commencing 3rd July and they will be conducting visits to local schools to raise awareness and give out information, particularly about e-scooters and electric bikes.

They went on to say that drug dealing on Ripley Greenway in particular is one of their priorities and that they are targeting addresses of dealers and issuing potential warrants.

Cllr Somers asked if the recent crime in Nottingham City Centre where three people were murdered, had any knock on affect to our local community? PC Bentley responded to say that that was an isolated incident in Nottingham and there is no 'buzz' locally about it worrying members of the public.

Cllr Hawkins stated that he has concerns about electric bikes and e-scooters and the lack of law and road sense of users. PC Bentley said that if a person is seen acting irresponsibly on e-scooters or electric bikes, please report their address (if known) to the Police and they will go to their address and talk to them. Cllr Hawkins said he had noticed a reduction in ASB over the last 12 months and he feels quite safe late at night in Ripley Town Centre. He paid tribute to the door staff of pubs and clubs in Ripley.

Cllr Ashton asked if ASB was an issue at night in Ripley Town Centre? PC Bentley responded saying that it is difficult to quantify. They had seen an improvement in street drinking but generally, issues with the night-time economy have been OK. The Police have a visible presence as they are patrolling around Ripley Town Centre at nights.

Cllr Allwood enquired if the Ripley SNT team was well staffed at present? PC Bentley said it is stronger than it has been and is now a consistent team with two Police Constables and three Police Community Support Officers (PCSO). Cllr Allwood asked if statistics and trends can be communicated to the council and asked how the Cuppa with a Copper events were going. The Police responded saying that they are grateful to Ripley Town Council for offering them a desk in our town centre office to host the events. They said the evening events seem to be better attended than the daytime ones as people are often at work during the day so are unable to attend.

Cllr Holmes asked if patrols would increase with The Regal night club reopening soon. PC Bentley replied saying that this venue is on their radar but there are no changes to patrols at present.

Cllr Freeborn stated that he agreed with the priorities of the Ripley SNT team (ASB and drug dealing).

Cllr Burslem enquired about bad parking and complaints she had received from residents about vehicles parked on pavements. PC Bentley responded saying that if it is reported to them and the person reporting it knows the address of the driver, they may go and speak to them.

200623/5. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Annual Meeting on May 16th 2023.

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

200623/6. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of Finance and Management Committee Meeting on May 26th 2023 and accept any recommendations and resolutions therein.

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

200623/7. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Grants Committee Meeting on May 26th 2023 and accept any recommendations therein.

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

200623/8. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Employment Committee Meeting on May 26th 2023 and accept any recommendations therein.

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

200623/9. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on June 2nd 2023 and accept any recommendations and resolutions therein.

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

200623/10. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Finance & Management Committee Meeting on June 16th 2023 and accept any recommendations and resolutions therein.

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

200623/11. To determine which items if any part of the agenda should be taken with the public excluded.

None

200623/12. Mayor's Announcements.

21st May 2023 – Opened Ripley Spring Market and Well Dressing

30th May 2023 – Nether Heage Community Coffee Morning and certificate presentation

2nd June 2023 – Ripley Hospital League of Friends Charity Quiz

4th June 2023 – Officially opened the Ripley Outdoor Cinema at Crossley Park

10th June 2023 – Residents Yard Sale in Nether Heage

14th June 2023 – Wellbeing Wednesday Singing Group Fundraiser

15th June 2023 – Walk around Ripley Town Centre meeting local businesses

19th June 2023 – Ripley Hospital League of Friends fundraising photo

200623/13. Town Clerk announcements:

a) Ripley Outdoor Cinema.

The Clerk reported that the event was really well attended by the local community and thanked volunteers for their assistance.

NOTED

b) Reminder to all Councillors to complete the Declaration of Members Interest form and send to Amber Valley Borough Council Acting Monitoring Officer.

NOTED

c) Hanging Baskets and Planter installation.

The Clerk reported that the hanging baskets will be going up and planters installed from 30th June 2023.

NOTED

7/2023

d) Porterhouse Road Play Area update.

The Clerk reported that the new play tower is now installed along with a new bench. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony with the Mayor and local school children on Thursday 22nd June 2023.

NOTED

e) Discuss the installation of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) in the township.

The Clerk explained that the devices are now on order. They will be installed on Ripley Road in Sawmills initially, then be moved 3-4 months later to Waingroves Road.

Cllr Freeborn added that there may be a possibility that the SIDs can be used in other locations and urged Councillors to let the Clerk know of potential locations and include the locations and numbers of three metal lampposts which can be strength tested for the SIDs to be attached to.

NOTED

f) Thank you letters received from Derbyshire Air Ambulance and The Derbyshire Hospitals Charity.

The Clerk reported that Derbyshire Air Ambulance thanked the previous Mayor, Councillor Nigel Weaving for raising £1056.00 and that the Derbyshire Hospitals Charity thanked Ripley Town Council for a £200 donation for Derbyshire Hospitals Band playing on Crossley Park as part of the Kings Coronation celebration.

200623/14. To appoint additional members from the non-controlling group to Ripley Town Council Committees.

The non-controlling group have appointed the following Councillors to the corresponding Ripley Town Council committees:

Allotment Committee – Cllr Carter

Certificate of Merit – Cllr Carter

Employment Committee – Cllr Ashton

Environment and Regeneration Committee – Cllr Ashton

Events Committee – Cllr Ward

Finance & Management Committee – Cllr Moss

Heritage Committee – Cllr Ashton

Planning Committee – Cllr Ward

NOTED

200623/15. To adopt the amended Tablet Policy (RTC22) to include Mobile Telephones.

RESOLVED for Ripley Town Council adopt policy number RTC22.

200623/16. Internal Audit Report and Completed AGAR External Audit Form to sign.

RESOLVED that the Chair and RFO sign the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2022/2023 and that it will be available for public inspection for 30 working days (the dates of the period for the Exercise of Public Rights Monday 3rd July until Friday 11th August 2023).

200623/17. Planning Applications

a. Reporting of the outcome of Planning Application AVA/2020/0188 Land off Holborn View, Codnor and Ripley Town Council's response.

Prior to this agenda item being discussed, Cllr Wilson left the room as he had declared a personal interest.

RESOLVED that this matter is referred to the Ripley Town Council Planning Committee to make recommendations to a future Ripley Town Council Full Council meeting, and to engage our planning advisor, Mr Jon Millhouse from Planning and Design Ltd, at an estimated cost of £1,500, to analyse and review Amber Valley Borough Councils planning documents to see if there maybe grounds for Ripley Town Council to take the matter further and seek a Judicial Review to challenge the planning decision.

200623/18. Exclusion of the Press and Public - None

200623/19. Meeting Closed at 19:50

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

Date for the Next Full Council Meeting July 18th 2023, at 7.00pm.

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