



Ripley Town Council

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Minutes of Meeting - Friday 31st March 2023 at 5.00pm
RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL HERITAGE COMMITTEE
held at Ripley Town Council office, 6, Grosvenor Road, Ripley, DE5 3JF.

In Attendance: Cllrs: R Emmas-Williams (Chair), S Freeborn, P Lobley, N Weaving & D Williams.
Also: Town Clerk – Jayne Simpson and Deputy Clerk – H Curzon

310323/1. To Receive Apologies for Absence – None received

310323/2. Variation of Order of Business – None required

310323/3. Declaration of Members Interests

Cllr Freeborn declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 5 as Chair of Butterley Ironworks Trust and remained in the meeting.

Cllr Williams declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 5 as a member of Butterley Ironworks Trust and remained in the meeting.

Cllr Weaving declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 10 as a member of the Heage Windmill Trust and remained in the meeting.

310323/4. Public speaking

Cllr Freeborn mentioned that unfortunately, members of the Butterley Ironwork Trust couldn't attend this meeting to give a presentation on an update of the Butterley site. We would like Ripley Town Council to meet with Butterley Ironwork Trust to discuss plans after the May elections and think about inviting external bodies to sit on Ripley Town Council committees, going forward.

310323/5. Discuss Ripley Town Council liaison with Butterley Ironworks Trust

Further to the public speaking information, not other comments were made on this agenda item.

310323/6. Discuss Ripley as a Tourist Hub.

Cllr Freeborn spoke about the wider opportunities available at the Butterley site and in Ripley. He suggested Ripley Town Council commit resources to liaise with local tourist organisations by holding an annual liaison meeting with tourist attractions such as Heage Windmill, Butterley Ironworks Trust, Crich Tramway, Codnor Castle Trust, Midland Railway, the Great British Car Journey, White Peak Distillery etc. and combine actions to develop a local leaflet in which all the tourist attractions will feature.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that Ripley Town Council establish contact with the organisations mentioned above and organise a meeting with them to discuss liaising with them to develop and leaflet featuring the tourist attractions in the area.

310323/7. Discuss concerns regarding the Hippodrome frontage on High Street, Ripley.

Cllr Freeborn spoke regarding how unsightly the former Hippodrome site looks from High Street, Ripley.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that Ripley Town Council obtain a quote for having a heritage graphic produced to put on the wooden boards outside the Hippodrome and seek permission from the owner of the premises for us to install the image on it.

310323/8. Update on the installation of heritage plaques on historical buildings and information boards withing the Ripley Township.

The Town Clerk reported that there is no money in the 2023/2024 budget for plaques and information boards.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that Ripley Town Council revisit the possibility of installing heritage plaques and information boards in the next financial year.

310323/9. Update on the decoration of GR post boxes in Ripley.

The Town Clerk reported that she had spoken to Royal Mail regarding the state of the GR post boxes. They apologised that they didn't know they needed repainting. Their maintenance team will inspect them and decide if they need painting or not.

NOTED

310323/10. Discuss support for Heage Windmill Society.

Cllr Freeborn explained that Ripley Town Council has received a letter from the Heage Windmill Trust asking for financial support.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that this matter is discussed at the Finance and Management Committee on Friday 14th April 2023 and that the Heritage Committee revisit this later in the year.

310323/11. Date of the next Heritage Committee meeting

RECOMMED TO FULL COUNCIL that the next meeting be organised for after the May 2023 elections. A date will be circulated to the Committee in due course.

Meeting ended: 5.28pm

The date for the next monthly Town Council Meeting is April 18th 2023 in the Council Chamber, Ripley Town Hall at 7.00pm.

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