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MINUTES of TUESDAY 20th 2021 VIRTUAL MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Held under the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

In Attendance: Cllrs: R Ashton, Ms. L Cox, R Emmas-Williams, I Fisher, S Freeborn, Mrs J Gregory, T Holmes, (Chair), M Jones, P Lobley, P Moss, N Weaving, D Williams, M Wilson and Mrs. C Worth.

Also: L McCormick (Town Clerk), Hannah Curzon (Deputy Clerk) and a member of the press.

AGENDA

Before the meeting formally commenced, the Mayor led the Council in observing a one minutes silence in respect of the passing of HRH Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, may he rest in peace.

200421/1. To Receive Apologies for Absence – Cllr Carter - Noted

200421/2. Variation of Order of Business - None required

2004321/3. Declaration of Members Interests

Cllr Lobley declared a personal interest in agenda item 15 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting.

Cllr Ashton declared a personal interest in agenda item 15 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting. He also declared a personal interest in agenda item 14 as a member of Derbyshire County Council.

Cllr Moss declared a personal interest in agenda item 15 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting.

Cllr Holmes declared a personal interest in agenda item 15 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting.

Cllr Emmas-Williams declared a personal interest in agenda item 15 as he is related to a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and is a current volunteer at Greenwich Park Sports Partnership. He remained in the meeting.

200421/4. Public Speaking – (10 Minutes)

Cllr Wilson spoke about a current consultation by BT to remove two telephone boxes in Marehay. Cllr Wilson is against this as he believes the telephone boxes are a safety measure. He would like Ripley Town Council to work with BT, Amber Valley Borough Council and Derbyshire County Council for the telephone boxes to become something innovative for the community. Cllr Freeborn suggested this discussion be an agenda item at a future Council meeting.

200421/5. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Monthly Meeting on 16th March 2021. (As previously circulated)

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

200421/6. To confirm the minutes of the Finance & Management Committee meeting on 26th March 2021 and accept any resolutions and recommendations therein. (As previously circulated)

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

200421/7. To confirm the minutes of the Heritage Committee meeting on 15th April 2021 and accept any recommendations therein. (As previously circulated)

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

200421/8. To confirm the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting on 9th April 2021 and accept any recommendations therein. (As previously circulated)

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

200421/9. To confirm the minutes of the Finance & Management Committee meeting on 16th April 2021 and accept any resolutions and recommendations therein. (As previously circulated)

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

200421/10. To determine which additional items on any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded. None required.

200421/11. Town Mayors Announcements

None to report.

200421/12. Report of the Town Clerk

a) Ripley Market Place Toilets revised opening and closing times

The Clerk reported that the opening times of the toilets had changed to 9am until 3pm daily, however the gents are currently closed due to vandalism.

NOTED

b) Town Council Annual Meeting and Annual Assembly to be held virtually May 4th 2021

The Clerk explained that the current legislation for holding meetings virtually, expires on 7th May 2021. In order for Ripley Town Council to hold our Annual Meeting and Annual Assembly online, we will do this on Tuesday 4th May 2021.

NOTED

c) RTC office looking to reopen w/c June 28th 2021 (subject to Covid-19 government guidelines)

The Clerk reported that staff are looking to be back in the office w/c 28th June 2021.

NOTED

200421/13. Councillor Vacancies to be filled by election

Cllr Freeborn reported that a total of six Ripley Town Councillor vacancies will be filled by election on 6th May 2021.

NOTED

200421/14. Oxford Street Barrier update

Cllr Freeborn spoke of his disappointment that the Ripley SNT team haven't been able to attend this meeting to give a report on the number of tickets issues to vehicles on Oxford Street during restricted hours.

RESOLVED The Clerk writes to Inspector Paul Stevenson to seek information about ticketing and the number of cars being trapped on Oxford Street since the barriers were reinstalled.

200421/15. Greenwich Park - update

Cllr Freeborn reported that Ripley Town Council would still very much like to have responsibility for Greenwich Park, along with Greenwich Park Sports Partnership, however it is yet to be arranged by Amber Valley Borough Council. AVBC Cabinet met in March 2021 where they had a report stating that they no longer owned the land. This is not the case as the transfer to Ripley Town Council still has not happened. Unfortunately, Officers at AVBC have chosen to mislead the public and Councillors.

NOTED

200421/16. Christmas Lights 2021 to 2023.

The Clerk reported that eight companies have requested the Christmas Light tender documents.

NOTED

200421/17. Covid and War Memorial Costs

RESOLVED Ripley Town Council to allow up to £5000 to be spent on two memorials; one for people who have suffered or died as a result of war, this is to include those who were injured, ill or have subsequent mental health problems after war. The second memorial will be for people who have died as a result of Covid-19.

200121/18. Youth Provision Programme for 2021 / 2022 (subject to Covid-19 Government guidelines)

Cllr Fisher reported that things are changing with restrictions being eased. The Clerk and Deputy Clerk are negotiating with Blend and Amber Valley School Sports Partnership regarding a youth programme to start during the May and summer school holidays. We are hoping to re-establish the Wednesday night Youth Hub from the end of May 2021 to all young people in the township and villages.

NOTED

200421/19. Events 2021, Big Day Out, Outdoor Cinema, Christmas Lights Switch On and Christmas Market (subject to Covid-19 Government Guidelines)

Cllr Fisher reported that the Spring Market and Well Dressing will not be taking place this year, but we are hopeful that the rest of the events programme can go ahead, subject to Government guidelines.

Deputy Clerk reported that there is an Events Committee meeting this coming Friday when a date for the Wool Bombing will be decided, then an application will be made to Amber Valley Borough Council for permission to hold the event on their land. She also reported that for the Outdoor Cinema in September 2021, we will again consult with the community and let them decide which film they would like to watch from a list of five that we collate.

NOTED

200421/20. Bands in Crossley Park (subject to Covid-19 Government Guidelines)

Cllr Freeborn reported as a point of information that Ripley Music Festival is 3rd – 11th July 2021, subject to Government guidelines.

RESOLVED that Ripley Town Council organise six dates for bands to play on Crossley Park this summer, subject to Covid-19 Government guidelines.

200421/21. Planning Applications – None to discuss

200421/22. 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 at this point.

None

200421/23. Meeting Closed at 7.30pm

Next Meeting – Annual Assembly May 4th 2021 at 6.45pm followed by Full Town Council Meeting May 4th 2021 at 7.00pm

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