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MINUTES of JUNE 16th 2020 MEETING OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Held online at 7.00 pm under the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

Attendees: Cllrs R Ashton, S Carter, Miss L Cox, C Cutting, R Emmas-Williams, I Fisher, S Freeborn, Mrs M Gascoigne, Mrs J Gregory, T Holmes (Chair), M Jones, P Lobley, P Moss, C Saunders, N Weaving, D Williams, M Wilson and Mrs C Worth.

Also: L McCormick (Town Clerk) and H Curzon (Deputy Clerk)

One member of the public in attendance.

AGENDA

160620/1. To Receive Apologies for Absence

None received.

160620/2. Variation of Order of Business

None required.

160620/3. Declaration of Members Interests

Councillor Carter declared a personal interest in Agenda Items 11f, 11g, 12 and 13 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting.

Councillor Emmas-Williams declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 12 as a representative and Chair of Greenwich Park Sports Partnership and remained in the meeting.

Councillor Lobley declared a personal interest in Agenda Items 11g and 12 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting.

Councillor Ashton declared a personal interest in Agenda Items 11g and 12 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting.

Councillor Holmes declared a personal interest in Agenda Items 11g and 12 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting.

Councillor Moss declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 12 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting.

Councillor Weaving declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 8 as a member of a local group who objected to the planning applications and remained in the meeting.

160620/4. Public Speaking

A member of the public thanked Ripley Town Council for working so hard throughout the Covid-19 pandemic to keep the community safe. She would like to bring to the attention of Ripley Town Council for information, that due to the public toilets in Crossley Park in Ripley being closed, people are using the park as a toilet. The Town Clerk responded to say that Amber Valley Borough

Council (AVBC) will be reopening their public toilets very soon.

Cllr Freeborn thanked former Ripley Town Councillors, Boles, Bridge and Manterfield for their service to Ripley Town Council. Special mention went to Mr. Bridge as a former Mayor of Ripley, who in his time did excellent work for charity and was very involved with community organisations.

Cllr Lobley passed on his personal thanks and gratitude from members of the community to the Mayor, for the public messages of support and encouragement during the Covid-19 outbreak. It has been reassuring to hear.

160620/5. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Monthly Meeting on 17th March 2020.

RESOLVED to sign the minutes as a true and accurate record

160620/6. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 1st May 2020 and accept the resolutions therein.

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

160620/7. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 5th June 2020 and accept the resolutions therein.

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

160620/8. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 12th June 2020 and accept the resolutions therein.

Note, Cllr Weaving was credited as having a non-disclosable pecuniary interest in Minute number 120620/5, however his interest is non-pecuniary, and would like the minutes amended to record this.

RESOLVED to make the amendment to the minutes and accept the resolutions and sign the minutes as a true and accurate record.

160620/9 To determine which additional items on any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.

None

160620/10. Town Mayors Announcements

No announcements to report as all engagements were cancelled due to Covid-19.

160620/11. Report of the Town Clerk

a) Hanging Baskets

The Clerk reported that the hanging baskets in the Ripley Township are due to be installed over the next two weeks.

NOTED

b) Christmas Lights

The Clerk reported that the original contract has been extended with the current contractor, which was due to be renewed this year. However, Covid-19 prevented us from going out to tender, but we will be conducting this process in 2021. The trees on Ripley Market Place will have coloured lights on them this year.

NOTED

c) Thank you go the Councillors who attended the Code of Conduct training in May 2020

The Clerk thanked the Councillors who attended the online Code of Conduct training and stated that continuous training is important for all Councillors.

NOTED

d) Importance of Councillors checking emails regularly

The Clerk urged Councillors to regularly check their Ripley Town Council emails for information or requests for information. She also asked them to keep their tablet charged up and turned on for regular system updates. Councillors must keep abreast of what is going on.

NOTED

e) Councillor vacancies update

The Clerk explained that we currently have three vacant ward seats advertised. If we do not receive any requests for an election by 18th June 2020, the vacancies will be advertised in the Wards and after the closing date, any applicants will be interviewed for the seat.

NOTED

f) Cedar Avenue and Porterhouse Road Play area update

The Clerk reported that both play areas are currently closed due to health and safety relating to Covid-19. The grass cutting is still being carried out. Cedar Avenue play area needs some equipment replacing. We will be conducting a public consultation on social media, the RTC website and in the RTC newsletter, asking the public what type of play equipment they would like to see and choose two items from a list of four.

NOTED

g) Update on registering our 5 allotment sites with Land Registry

The Clerk reported that our Solicitors have been working with AVBC to have all five of our allotment sites registered in the RTC name (changed from AVBC). She explained that we hope that AVBC will pay for the registration and solicitors fees as this is their mistake. She added that this does include the access road to the Heage Parkside Allotment.

NOTED

160620/12. Discuss Greenwich Park update and consideration of insurance arrangements

RESOLVED Ripley Town Council give delegated authority to the Clerk to take out insurance as soon as we have signed a lease and have become Trustees of the Charity and become responsible for the land and buildings at Greenwich.

160620/13. Ripley Town Centre – discuss jet washing areas of the town and the reopening of the shops in the town.

RESOLVED for Ripley Town Council to authorise the Clerk to investigate prices for a one off jet washing / cleaning of the pavements in Ripley Town Centre.

RESOLVED that Ripley Town Council note actions to support the reopening of Ripley and seek to develop a shop local campaign in partnership with the Ripley Traders.

160620/14. Exclusion of the Press and Public – Not required

160620/15. Meeting Closed at 7.45pm

Next online Full Town Council Meeting on July 21st 2020 at 7pm

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BHIB AWARD WINNER FOR DERBYSHIRE COUNCIL OF THE YEAR 2018

BHIB HIGHLY COMMENDED FOR DERBYSHIRE COUNCIL OF THE YEAR 2019