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MINUTES of OCTOBER 20th 2020 VIRTUAL 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), P Moss, D Williams and Mrs C Worth.
Also: L McCormick (Town Clerk) and H Curzon (Deputy Clerk)
No members of the public in attendance.

AGENDA

201020/1. To Receive Apologies for Absence – Cllr. Jones, Cllr. Lobley and Cllr. Weaving (who was representing RTC at an external meeting).
Noted

201020/2. Variation of Order of Business
Town Clerk to make an announcement after Agenda Item 16.

201020/3. Declaration of Members Interests

Councillor Carter declared a personal interest in Agenda Items 13, 14 and 16 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting.

Councillor Holmes declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 14 as a member of Amber Valley Borough Council and remained in the meeting.

201020/4. Public Speaking
None

201020/5. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council's Monthly Meeting on 15th September 2020.

RESOLVED to sign the minutes as a true and accurate record

201020/6. To confirm the minutes of the Heritage Committee meeting on 25th September 2020 and accept the recommendations therein.

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

201020/7. To confirm the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting on 2nd October 2020 and accept the recommendations therein.

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

201020/8. To confirm the minutes of the Finance and Management Committee meeting on 16th October 2020 and accept the recommendations therein.

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

201020/9. To determine which additional items on any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.

RESOLVED move Agenda Items 18 and 19 into Agenda Item 17, in view of the confidential nature of items 18 and 19 to consider a resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1, in order to discuss the item.

201020/10. Town Mayors Announcements

No announcements made as no events have been attended due to Covid-19.

201020/11. Report of the Town Clerk

a. Ripley Charter Fair

Town Clerk reported that the Ripley Charter Fair should have been starting tomorrow but due to Covid-19 and social distancing measures, the Showman's Guild have cancelled it. Instead they are bringing an organ along and the Mayor will read the official Fair Charter on Ripley Market Place, to carry on the tradition.

b. Councillor Tablet problems – appointments at RTC office

Town Clerk reported that appointments can be made for Councillors to bring their RTC tablet to the RTC office if they are experiencing problems with it. The Deputy Clerk has sent an email to all Councillors asking for a response by 23rd October 2020, asking on which platform they are accessing their RTC emails in preparation for moving from Webhost to Microsoft Outlook Exchange.

201020/12. Councillor Vacancy to be advertised – Councillor C Saunders resignation

Councillor Freeborn reported that at the previous full Council meeting, Councillor Saunders resigned due to personal commitments. The Clerk will advertise this vacancy in the RTC office window and on the Town Centre noticeboard. If ten members of the electorate write in asking for an election for the seat, there would be an election in May 2021. If this doesn't happen, the position will be filled by co-option.

NOTED

201020/13. Discuss Citizen's Advice Derbyshire Ripley Library Advice Sessions – Three Year Grant 2021/2022 - £8550.00 annually – 2022/2023 £8636.00 annually – 2023-2024 £8722.00 annually.

RESOLVED Ripley Town Council receive the quotation from Citizen's Advice Derbyshire Districts, accept it and incorporate it into the RTC budget 2021/2022.

201020/14. Greenwich Recreation Ground - update

Councillor Freeborn announced there are no current updates to report.

NOTED

201020/15. Ripley Town Council Grant recipient thank you letters / emails received

Gratitude received from Friends of Ripley Greenway and Pentrich and South Wingfield revolution Group.

NOTED

201020/16. Planning Applications and Planning Update re: The Future of Butterley

Councillor Freeborn reported that Planning Application no: AVA2019/0697 has been approved by Amber Valley Borough Council. A lot of work needs to be carried out regarding the details of reserved matters. Amber Valley Borough Council are happy for RTC to be engaged with discussions with local groups and the developers.

NOTED

Town Clerk announced that earlier today, Councillor Charles Cutting had been awarded the Highly Commended Councillor of the Year Award from the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils (DALC). Also, that Ripley Town Council had won the BHIB Derbyshire Council of the Year Award 2020.

201020/17. 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.

Agenda items 18 and 19 to be discussed with the exclusion of the Press and Public.

201020/18. Cedar Avenue New Play Equipment to Purchase as Agreed by Full Council minute 150920/17 – After public consultation for preferred equipment the results are First: a slide and second: a rocking horse

RESOLVED for Ripley Town Council to purchase the slide and rocking horse at the quoted price.

201020/19. Personnel

This item is confidential as it is dealing with personnel issues.

a) Staff Salary Grading

RESOLVED for Ripley Town Council to approve that all members of staff move to the next point on the NALC pay scale.

201020/20. Meeting Closed at 7.28pm

Next online Full Town Council Meeting on November 18th 2020 at 7pm

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