

## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Ripley Town Council held on May 17<sup>th</sup> 2011**

**Present:** Councillor Mrs A S Ward (in the Chair) and then passed the Chain of Office to the new Mayor Cllr M Missett,  
Councillors: R P Ashton, K Buzzard, A Bridge, Ms L D Cox, C Cutting, S D Freeborn, M B Gent, M J Godfrey, Mrs J H Gregory, T Holmes, M G Jones, S Joynes, RAP Phillips-Forsyth, Mrs A S Ward, D A Williams, M Wilson and Mrs C Worth.  
In attendance: 38 member of the public, Police, press and the Clerk

### **AGENDA**

#### **PART I – NON CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

- 5686. Apologies** Cllrs D Bowley and S M Daley
- 5687. To elect a Town Mayor for the ensuing year** Cllr M J Missett elected as Mayor for the ensuing year
- 5688. The Town Mayor to take and sign a Declaration of Acceptance of Office** signed
- 5689. Vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor** a vote of thanks was given to Cllr Mrs A S Ward for the many engagements and work done over the last year
- 5690. To elect a Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year** Cllr S M Daley elected as Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year
- 5691. The Deputy Town Mayor to take and sign a Declaration of Acceptance of Office** signed
- 5692. Declaration of Members Interests** Cllr RAP Phillips-Forsyth declared a prejudicial interest in item 14d) Waingroves Community Association remained in the meeting but took no part in any discussion – Cllr S Joynes declared a personal interest in item 15c) The Blend remained in the meeting but took no part in any discussion -
- 5693. Public Speaking** – PC Mark Reddish spoke of breaking up young alcohol drinkers groups but asked if anyone has information regarding this activity or others please contact the Police, also if any events are planned to speak to the Police and they would help where possible. Cllr S D Freeborn thanked PC Reddish and hoped that this serious underage drinking would end. Mr Phil Murray spoke of the Ripley Boxing Club success with the children of all ages attend and there has been a vast reduction in anti-social behaviour calls to the Police and the club brings the community together. The club opened in 2009 with help from AVBC and equipment given by the Police but now there is a shortage of funding and Mr Murray does not want the club to close and ask the Council for financial support to keep the club going. There were lads that are up and coming candidates for the Amateur Boxing League and there was a large representation from the club in attendance. Cllr S D Freeborn asked what level of funding is required and Mr Murray stated what items were needed and the money needed was £6000 to £7000. Cllr S D Freeborn stated that as a Council they support the work and would like to continue the youth support and would look at the budget to consider the budget position and see what could be available to commit. Cllr K Buzzard asked Mr Murray if the figure of approximately £7000 was enough to keep the club going, Mr Murray replied that it would. Cllr R P Ashton thanked Mr Murray for his presentation and stated how good it was to see so many youngsters here at the meeting as he knows the club covers the Township and thank you again for turning out. Cllr R P Ashton also welcomed the new Councillors and would like to say that over the last four years the council had made some tough decisions and hoped that the now controlling group continue this, hopefully we can work with the controlling group. Cllr RAP Phillips-Forsyth spoke of over the last twelve months the Waingroves Woodland Trust, residents and businesses have raised over £20000 to purchase the wood and the Waingroves Woodland Trust have asked for a representative from the Council to attend meeting etc. Cllr C Cutting stated that the £3000 spent on leasing the Ripley

Town Council office from AVBC could have gone toward the youngsters Boxing Club. Cllr M B Gent spoke of the country being in a mess and Councillors should all work together for the community. Cllr R P Ashton stated that Ripley Town Council has worked and progressed with both sides of the House and hoped to continue going forward. Cllr S D Freeborn hopes for help in keeping this building (Ripley Town Hall) that the conservatives want to sell and hopes that by working together we can build this building. AVBC took over but others want to keep the Town Hall. Cllr D A Williams spoke of a rear guard action and does not agree with paying £600 per month to AVBC. Cllr R P Ashton stated that there was no proposition to sell this Town Hall and we will not use this as a political platform and will support the Ripley Town Council to help with this building remaining the Town Hall. Cllr S D Freeborn stated that AVBC Conservative Leader has stated in a press release that they will be selling the property. Cllr Mrs A S Ward stated that they would fight this.

**5694. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on April 12<sup>th</sup> 2011** previously circulated **RESOLVED** to sign the minutes as a true and accurate record.

**5695. To determine which items if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.** None

**5696. Town Mayor's Announcements and Engagements 2010/ 2011** separate sheet circulated

**5697. To appoint the under mentioned Committees/Internal Auditors: -**

**(a) Planning Committee** 2011 / 2012 Mayor Cllr M J Missett, Deputy Mayor Cllr S M Daley, Cllr Ms L D Cox, M B Gent, Cllr T I Holmes, D A Williams, Cllr Mrs A S Ward and Cllr R A P Phillips-Forsyth

**Terms of Reference:** To make recommendations to Council on planning application consultations and associated matters.

**(b) Allotment Committee** 2011 / 2012 Mayor Cllr M J Missett, Deputy Mayor Cllr S M Daley, Cllr A Bridge, Cllr M B Gent, Cllr D A Williams, Cllr Mrs A S Ward and Cllr R P Ashton

**Terms of Reference:** To make recommendations to Council on the management and supervision of allotment and associated matters of the five Council Allotment Sites.

**(c) Financial Grants Panel.** 2011 / 2012 Mayor Cllr M J Missett, Deputy Mayor Cllr S M Daley, Cllr Ms L D Cox, Cllr C Cutting, Cllr Mrs J H Gregory, Cllr M G Jones, Cllr Mrs A S Ward and Cllr R A P Phillips-Forsyth

**Terms of Reference:** To make recommendation to Council on the allocation of grants within the approved Budget for the year.

**(d) Certificate of Merit Committee.** 2011 / 2012 Mayor Cllr M J Missett, Deputy Mayor Cllr S M Daley, Cllr M J Godfrey and independent member Mr T England

**Terms of Reference:** To recommend to Council the Annual Certificate of Merit winner having considered the nominations submitted following public advertisement.

**(e) Events Committee** 2011 / 2012 Mayor Cllr M J Missett, Deputy Mayor Cllr S M Daley, Cllr A Bridge, Cllr Ms L D Cox, Cllr J H Gregory, Cllr T I Holmes, Cllr S Joynes and Cllr R A P Phillips-Forsyth any Cllr can attend but could not vote at the committee meeting

**(f) To confirm the appointment of two Internal Auditors** to inspect the Councils Accounts on a twice-yearly basis. Cllr S M Daley and Cllr D A Williams

**5698. Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies:**

**(a)** Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Executive Committee 2011 / 2012 Mayor Cllr M J Missett

**(b)** Ripley and District Heritage Trust. 2011 / 2012 Cllr S M Daley and Cllr M G Jones

**(c)** Ripley and District Town Twinning Association 2011 / 2012 Mayor Cllr M J Missett

**(d)** Waingroves Community Association 2011 / 2012 Cllr D Bowley, Cllr D A Williams and Mrs Isabel Harry

**(e)** Heage Windmill Society 2011 / 2012 Cllr M B Gent

**(f)** Ripley Business Engagement Forum 2011 / 2012 Cllr S M Daley, Cllr T I Holmes, Cllr D A Williams and one Conservative member to be named

- (g) Amber Valley Local Plan Forum 2011 / 2012 Mayor Cllr M J Missett and Cllr Ms L D Cox
- (h) Cinderhill Liaison Group 2010 / 2011 Cllr S M Daley and one Conservative member to be named
- (j) Amber Valley Access 2011 / 2012 Cllr S M Daley
- (k) Police Parish Council Liaison Meeting 2011 / 2012 Cllr A Bridge and Cllr D A Williams
- (l) William Holmes Court Almshouses and the Ernest Joseph Ellis Fermor Charity Cllr T I Holmes and Cllr M G Jones to 2014
- (m) Amber Valley Parish Liaison Committee 2011 / 2012 Cllr S M Daley and Cllr Mrs C Worth
- (o) Derwent Valley Mills Partnership 2011 / 2012 Cllr Mrs C Worth
- (p) Derwent Valley Line Community Rail Partnership 2011 / 2012 Cllr Mrs C Worth
- (q) Ripley Regeneration Board 2011 / 2012 Cllr A Bridge and Cllr S M Daley

**5699. Report of the Town Clerk on: -**

- a) Skips joint venture with AV Housing, locations and date **RESOLVED** the Clerk would contact AV Housing to ask for them to arrange people for the day to monitor the skips etc
- b) Derbyshire County Council Youth Services Ripley Leisure Centre expenditure details **RESOLVED** The Clerk would ask again for the information
- c) Blend report regarding grant expenditure details **RESOLVED** the Clerk had previously circulated the report
- d) Crossley Park Bands application approved and list of dates (list previously circulated) **item for report**
- e) Request for more allotments quoting the Small Holdings and Allotments Act **Agenda item for June meeting**
- f) Best kept garden and allotment competition judging date July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011 **RESOLVED** Cllr A Bridge will attend with the judge Chris Beal
- g) Training Sessions: Chairmanship 16/07/11 Hulland Ward and Law and Good Practice 27/07/11 Wingerworth **RESOLVED** any Cllr wishing to attend should contact the Clerk

**5700. Accounts for payment/Income** cheques to be approved and signed and End of year Finance Report previously circulated **RESOLVED** to sign the cheques

<u>Cheque No</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
503463	L McCormick Clerks salary plus PAYE costs Chq 503464	£1034.72		£1034.72
503465	Amber Valley Borough Council monthly Office Rent	£480.00		£480.00
503466	Scouts Christmas Lights Electricity	£45.00		£45.00
503467	Staples stationery	£118.00	£23.60	£141.60
503468	Royal Mail Newsletter Delivery	£823.74	£164.75	£988.49
D/D	BT Clerks Internet Services	£105.00	£21.00	£126.00
	Totals	£2606.46	£209.35	£2815.81
<b><u>Income</u></b>				
	Amber Valley Borough Council Precept 50%	£45425.00		£45425.00

**5701. Planning Applications** separate sheet previously circulated

**5702. Items for Information:-** General 22/2011 - General 23/2011 – General Circular 25/2011 – General Circular 26/2011 – Training Circular 27/2011 – **item for report**

**PART 2 – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS** None

**5703.** Date for next Meeting: **Monthly Town Council Meeting June 21st 2011 at 7.00pm**

