

## Minutes of the December 15th 2011 Special Meeting Of Ripley Town Council

**Present:** Councillor M Missett (in the Chair)

Councillors: R P Aston, A Bridge, Ms L D Cox, C Cutting, S D Freeborn, M B Gent, Mrs J H Gregory, T Holmes, M Jones, S Joynes, Mrs A S Ward, D A Williams.

In attendance: 9 members of the public, Police, press and the Clerk

Cllr Mrs A S Ward left the meeting at 8.30pm

### AGENDA

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

**5802. To receive apologies for absence** Cllrs: D Bowley, K T Buzzard, S M Daley, M J Godfrey, RAP Phillips-Forsyth, D T Ward, M Wilson, Mrs c Worth.

**5803. Variation of Order of Business** None

**5804. Declaration of Members Interests** Cllr S Joynes declared a prejudicial interest in item 13 Planning AVA/2011/1055 an employee and would leave the meeting

#### **5805. Public speaking**

Cllr DA Williams spoke of his concern regarding planning application AVA/2011/0491 as residents had sent several letters of objection and Cllr Williams had contacted the Planning Officer Andrew Watson by telephone and was told that the application was still undecided and the Clerk had emailed to state there would be comments sent in on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

It appears that the Chair of the Planning Committee had passed the application under delegated powers this morning.

Residents had been trying to contact Cllr S Joynes to speak to him regarding the application, however there was confusion from Amber Valley over contact details and Cllr S Joynes had asked Amber Valley if there could be an extension to the time due to the problems but was told no.

Cllr R P Ashton explained that comments had to be received 28 days from the date of the application.

Residents explained that their comments / objections were well in time but no consideration had been given to their objections and they felt that their democratic rights had not been fulfilled and feel the approval of the application was unlawful as judicial process had not been followed.

Cllr S Freeborn stated that in the future it may be that Ripley Town Council will have the Neighbourhood Plan in place and this could help with planning applications, but at present this is an Amber Valley Borough Council planning issue.

The Clerk would write to Amber Valley Borough Council explaining the problems and concerns and ask for a full report regarding this situation.

PC Mark Reddish gave a report regarding the Christmas Lights Switch On there had been no incidents, at the November meeting after a request from Cllr D Bowley PC Reddish agreed to look at specifics regarding house burglaries and an operation was set up which resulted in the apprehension of a male. Prior to this there were 6 to 7 house burglaries a week but since then there has only been one, a good result.

Shop Watch is working well the Police are in radio contact with shops in the Town.

The next Police Neighbourhood Meeting may clash with Amber Valley Borough Council meeting it is hoped that Amber Valley Borough Council may change the date.

Cllr S Freeborn congratulated PC Reddish and the Police on their success with the burglaries, and expressed that it would be more convenient if Amber Valley Borough Council had their meetings at regular times and wished the Police success with the Shop Watch scheme.

Ian Tannahill spoke of the work the Blend Youth Project do and last year the grant from Ripley Town Council enabled them to take 16 youngsters on a four day residential trip with a great impact getting the youngsters away from their normal activities and the group were able to work

with them with role play, knowing their role in the community, exploring their vision of what they want from their community and it was a great success.

It is hoped that the Ripley Town Council can help again this coming year with a grant and a similar scheme can be repeated. Many of the youngsters come from families with issues like alcohol issue, domestic violence or are caring for siblings or parents and the residential course is very important to them. To take away 16 youngsters again in 2012 the cost would be £2136.00. Cllr S Freeborn thanked Ian for his presentation and asked if the youngsters are all from the Ripley Township and outlying areas, could Ian report back, as the Town Council shall only fund the places for those from the Ripley Township.

Cllr C Cutting asked what contribution the Blend get from Derbyshire County Council, Ian replied that there is no funding from Derbyshire County Council.

**5806. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on November 15th 2011** previously circulated

RESOLVED signed as a true and accurate record

**5807. To determine which items if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.** None

**5808. Town Mayor's Announcements**

Cllr M Missett reported he had attended the Ripley and District Brownies Fair – Carol Service at Somercotes – Carol Service next Monday at Swanwick – Amber Valley Borough Council Mayor Cllr R P Ashton Civic Service and the Ripley Christmas Lights Switch On and the Certificate of Merit Award

**5809. Report of the Town Clerk on: -**

a) **War Memorials maintenance / cleaning / moss killer and Smart Water**

Item for the January 2012 agenda

b) **Alfreton Town Council – Concerns for Alfreton Railway Ticket Office information**

Awaiting information from Alfreton Town Council

c) **Christmas Lights**

The Clerk reported there had been many problems with the Christmas Lights this year and she had reported to Lamps and Tubes this was unsatisfactory how often the lights are failing, they are off more times than they are on. Agenda item for January 2012

d) **Amber Valley Borough Council Consultation Panel Questionnaire**

RESOLVED Cllr Freeborn would complete

e) **Amber Valley Borough Council Environmental Works for Parish and Town Councils**

Information noted

**5810. Neighbourhood Plan**

RESOLVED papers had been circulated Cllr S Freeborn gave a report and it was resolved that the Town Council proceed as described in the Report. There will be an open meeting in February 2012

**5811. Nottingham Road "Gateway Scheme"**

The Clerk had received a response from Clowes Developments (UK) Ltd - item for information

**5812. Events meeting to arrange for January 2012**

RESOLVED the Clerk is to email dates to all

**5803. Accounts for payment/Income**

RESOLVED cheques approved and signed

<b>Cheque No</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
503581	L McCormick Clerk salary PAYE costs Chq 503582	£1041.93		£1041.93

503583	Amber Valley Borough Council Election costs	£18739.67		£18739.67
503584	Amber Valley Borough Council Badges	£59.09	£11.82	£70.91
503585	Harrisons Packaging 50k Dog Bags	£500.00	£100.00	£600.00
503586	Salvation Army donation for Christmas Carols	£200.00		£200.00
503587	L Cooper Bugler Remembrance Service	£35.00		£35.00
503588	1401 Squadron (Alfreton and Ripley) ATC donation	£200.00		£200.00
503589	Baileys Printers Carol sheets	£30.00		£30.00
503590	L McCormick Certificate of Merit award and Flowers	£50.04	£4.86	£54.90
503591	Baileys Printers Remembrance Order of Service	£270.00		£270.00
503592	Amber Valley Borough Council printing and postage	£100.44	£0.35	£100.79
503593	Midway Fencing Contractors Cedar Avenue	£978.00	£195.60	£1173.60
		<b>£22,204.17</b>	<b>£312.63</b>	<b>£22,516.80</b>
<b>Income</b>				
	Amber Valley Borough Council Grant			£2000.00
	Fair Dinner receipts			£199.80
	Heage Allotments			£30.00
				<b>£2229.00</b>

**5814. Planning Applications** separate sheet previously circulated

**5815. Items for Information:-**

**PART 2 – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

**5816. Date for next Meeting: Monthly Town Council Meeting January 17<sup>th</sup> 2012 at 7.00pm**