

## Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Ripley Town Council held on June 21st 2011

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

Councillors: R P Ashton, 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, D Ward, D A Williams, M Wilson and Mrs C Worth.

In attendance: 6 member of the public, Police, press and the Clerk

### AGENDA

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

**5704. To receive apologies for absence** Cllrs D Bowley, K Buzzard, A Bridge, S Daley, R A Phillips-Forsyth, Mrs A Ward

**5705. Variation of Order of Business**  
**RESOLVED** bring item 8a) forward

**5706.** Declaration of Members Interests Cllr S Freeborn declared a personal interest in item 8f) Ripley Music Festival and remained in the meeting – Cllr T Holmes declared a personal interest in item 8f) Ripley Music Festival and remained in the meeting – Cllr M Wilson declared a personal interest in item 8f) Ripley Music Festival and remained in the meeting – Cllr R Ashton declared a personal interest in item 8h) Ripley Boxing Club and remained in the meeting – Cllr C Worth declared a personal interest in item 8g) Ambergate Carnival and remained in the meeting – Cllr D Williams declared a personal interest in item 8j) Waingroves Community Woodland and remained in the meeting -

**5707.** Police spoke of a public meeting July 7<sup>th</sup> 2011 at 6.00pm, the Blend proposed a BMX Park and the meeting held last Thursday had over 200 people in attendance.

There had not been a massive number of crimes reported and none recently.

Mr Allsopp stated he was for a campaign to keep Ripley Town Hall for Ripley.

8a) Ripley Town Hall potential sale of the building by Amber Valley Borough – Cllr Freeborn spoke as proposer of the motion to discuss the sale of the Ripley Town Hall regarding minutes of the last meeting when Councillor colleagues from the other side did not know the Town Hall was for sale. The Clerk had written to S Bradford and P Carney of AVBC and P Carney had replied asking for the first sentence of the letter be removed as the Ripley Town Council had received a press release, however the first sentence of the letter be removed as the press release was not a consultation.

P Carney also asked for a confidentiality agreement regarding any documents supplied to the Council. The Democratic process when AV was created in 1973 in AV minutes July 10<sup>th</sup> 1973 a member of the old Ripley Council complained of the way things were dealt with at that time. People of Ripley have been “ripped off” as the people of Ripley paid through their taxes for the Town Hall and it is a pivotal part of the community and the Town Hall could be put to much better use.

Obviously there will be considerable costs and the building could be listed, we have no objection, but the costs could mean a significant increase in the precept and could sound a lot but in fact would not be that much. The initial increase would be due to repairs and maintenance of to the building.

We must go through the due diligence process and some information would be confidential therefore I propose a Working Group of myself, Cllr Ms L D Cox, Cllr R P Ashton and the Clerk then if there are confidential items this would ease P Carney’s concerns.

We are facing a challenge but we must maintain this building for the people and the heart of the community.

The Town Hall is an iconic building and the main part of the Town,

Cllr Ashton spoke of the sale of both buildings was put through by Conservative and Labour

voting the resolution through, whatever offer comes in as Cllrs of AVBC they can make a stable decision, the Town Hall is not for sale on it's own and AVBC Cllrs will be in control.

Cllr Ms L D Cox could not recall any Labour Cllrs voting for the sale of the Town Hall.

Cllr D Williams spoke of the Police had waited long enough to get into the building and they are invaluable being in the town centre, the Town Hall is a local landmark and Cllr Williams supports Cllrs Freeborn and Ms LD Cox. It is important to analyse the costs and possible income and regarding revenue for the Town Hal the Cooperative meet twice monthly and other groups could use the building. If the Town Hall shuts down what will be the commercial use and also we do not want to see the town centre will be wiped out.

Cllr Mrs J H Gregory stated that she fully supports the motion, Heanor took over their Town Hall and there are experts available to help.

Cllr Williams called for a recorded vote.

Cllr Wilson was a Cllr when Heanor took over their building it was a community and opposition members too who helped. Is this sale for cuts, savings or is there a "prize" at the end of this, no, this will change the face of Ripley, could we get the Heritage Society to help? What are we going to do to defend the civic history and make again the area the heart of Ripley Town? This is a very poorly thought out principle and we should encourage members of the public to write to AVBC stating their support.

Cllr M Jones spoke of the Town Hall is more than iconic it is Ripley's Heritage, but note caution regarding the "listing" of the building as costs could be raised for repair and maintenance.

Cllr M Gent spoke answering Cllr Ashton stating if AVBC make decisions they should take note as there is a need for the Town Hall to exist and not only is it part of Ripley's past it is the future and if this goes the town centre will become a concrete jungle and the town will be spoilt. The decision should be made for Ripley not financial gain.

Cllr Freeborn spoke of the importance for people to understand We should all vote for keeping the Town Hall this is not a political issue, it seems that AVBC Cllrs are not running AVBC.

King Sturge are looking at any offers and the two buildings advertised could be separated, but what would happen if a supermarket goes onto the site, AVBC have no plan.

Where are the services going, there is no coherent or holistic approach by AVBC.

**RESOLVED** to support the resolution – recorded vote as follows: Cllrs: R P Ashton, 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, D Ward, D A Williams, M Wilson and Mrs C Worth all voted for the resolution.

**5708. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on May 17<sup>th</sup> 2011 and Planning Committee meeting June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011 signed as a true and accurate record**

**5709 To determine which items if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded. NONE**

**5710. Town Mayor's Announcements:** the Mayor had attended the High Sheriff function at Derby and also a recital at the Methodist Chapel

**5711. Report of the Town Clerk on: -**

- a) Ripley Town Hall potential sale of the building by Amber Valley Borough Council (Resolution as above)
- b) Skips joint venture with AV Housing, locations and date update  
**RESOLVED** not to proceed at this time
- c) Derbyshire County Council Youth Services Ripley Leisure Centre expenditure details  
**RESOLVED** the Clerk is to write again
- d) RBS Accounts Software dedicated to Town and Parish Councils £295.00 + vat and £99.00 + vat annual support / maintenance + vat (£295.00 shared cost) (£295.00 / 2 = £147.50)  
**RESOLVED** to go ahead with the purchase and support
- e) Grants Committee meeting to be arranged  
**RESOLVED** the Clerk will email the relevant Committee members to arrange a date

- f) Ripley Music Festival grant  
**RESOLVED** £2500.00 grant Cllr M Missett to see the accounts prior to signing the cheque at the Financial Grants Committee meeting
- g) Ambergate Carnival grant  
**RESOLVED** £500.00 grant Cllr M Missett to see the accounts prior to signing the cheque at the Financial Grants Committee meeting
- h) Ripley Boxing Club grant  
**RESOLVED** £2500.00 grant Cllr M Missett to see the accounts prior to signing the cheque at the Financial Grants Committee meeting
- i) Events Committee meeting to arrange  
**RESOLVED** the Clerk will email the relevant Committee members to arrange a date
- j) Waingroves Community Woodland Trust Ripley Town Council representative Mrs Isobel Harry **RESOLVED** to confirm Mrs Harry's appointment
- k) Request for more allotments quoting the Small Holdings and Allotments Act  
**RESOLVED** the Clerk is to write to DCC and AVBC to ask if they have any land they could lease to the Town Council for allotments
- l) Best kept garden and allotment competition judging date July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011 (reminder)  
**Item for Report**
- m) Training Sessions: Chairmanship 16/07/11 Hulland Ward and Law and Good Practice 27/07/11 Wingerworth Cllrs please confirm if you wish to attend  
**Item for Report**
- n) RTC Dog Pooh have Bags all given out (20,000 replacement cost £945.60 inc vat)  
**RESOLVED** the Clerk is to order 20,000 printed bags and obtain costs for plain bags
- o) DCC considering switching off street lighting during the hours of midnight and 5.30am each day making a saving of £400,000  
Agenda item for July
- p) Proms in Crossley Park Concert for Queen's Diamond Jubilee June 2012  
**RESOLVED** the Events Committee to discuss the possibility
- q) Sustainable Communities Act information previously circulated  
**Item for Report**
- r) Zurich Insurance for one year £2063.48 or 3 year long term Agreement £1960.31 per annum or 5 year long term Agreement £1857.30 all prices inc insurance tax  
**RESOLVED** to accept the 5 year long term quotation
- s) Power of Well Being Training August 22<sup>nd</sup> 2011 at Somercotes  
**Item for Report**
- t) DCC Excellence in the Community awards 2011  
**Item for Report**
- u) Conservative member to be added to the Cinderhill Liaison Group  
**RESOLVED** Cllr R P Ashton to be added to the group
- v) Red Telephone Box Lower Hartshay BT re adoption £1.00

**5712. Accounts for payment/Income** cheques to be approved and signed and sign Audit Form  
**RESOLVED** to sign the cheques and the audit form

<u>Cheque No</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
503470	L McCormick Clerks salary plus PAYE costs Chq	£1011.98		£1011.98
503472	Amber Valley Borough Council monthly Office Rent	£250.00	£50.00	£300.00
503473	Premier 1 uk ltd	£2724.80	£544.96	£3269.76
503474	Baileys Printers Newsletter printing	£743.00	£9.60	£752.60
503475	Standard Industries Lighting Column testing	£716.00	£143.20	£859.20

503476	St John Ambulance attendance at Crossley Park Bands	£180.00	£36.00	£216.00
503477	Lamps and Tubes repair to decorations as agreed	£475.00	£95.00	£570.00
503478	M Ruscoe for market stalls from Heanor	£25.00		£25.00
503479	Amber Valley Borough Council franking and copying	£95.85	£7.52	£103.37
503480	Zurich Insurance	£1857.30		£1857.30
503481	Shelter Maintenance	£5.94	£1.19	£7.13
503482	Nuttalls Park Allotments hedge cutting & maintenance	£370.00		£370.00
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>£8,454.87</b>	<b>£887.47</b>	<b>£9,342.34</b>
<b>Income</b>	Reclaimed vat			£6977.86
	DCC books			£12.00
	Greenhillocks Allotment Rent			£30.00
	<b>Total</b>			<b>£7019.86</b>

**5713. Planning Applications** separate sheet previously circulated Additional urgent item planning application AVA/2011/0528

**RESOLVED** Codgroves should be rejected the first step for the Full Planning Committee not delegated powers; the Clerk is to write to ask for this and the local Borough Councillor should speak to object at the planning meeting.

**5714. Items for Information:-** Revised First Edition Standing Orders 28/2011 - General 29/2011 – Election for Executive Committee 30/2011 – General Circular 31/2011 - Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service proposal that the second fire engine be removed from Ashbourne, Buxton, Clay Cross and Shirebrook stations - DCC Celebrating success in communities across Derbyshire Tuesday June 21<sup>st</sup> 2011 (previously circulated) – Heanor Craft Market July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2011 -

**PART 2 – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS** None

**5715.** Date for next Meeting: **Monthly Town Council Meeting July 19th 2011 at 7.00pm**