

Minutes of the November 15th 2011 Monthly Meeting Of Ripley Town Council

Present: Councillor M Missett (in the Chair)

Councillors: R P Aston, D Bowley, K Buzzard, A Bridge, Ms L D Cox, C Cutting, S M Daley, S D Freeborn, M B Gent, M J Godfrey, Mrs J H Gregory, T Holmes, RAP Phillips-Forsyth, Mrs A S Ward, D Ward, D A Williams, M Wilson and Mrs C Worth.

In attendance: 1 member of the public, Police, press and the Clerk

AGENDA

PART I – NON CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

5782. To receive apologies for absence Cllrs M Jones and S Joynes

5783. Variation of Order of Business None

5784. Declaration of Members Interests

Cllr S D Freeborn declared a personal interest in item 15 Budget 2012 / 2013 (Music Festival) and would remain in the meeting - Cllr M Wilson declared a personal interest in item 15 Budget 2012 / 2013 (Music Festival) and would remain in the meeting - Cllr T Holmes declared a personal interest in item 15 Budget 2012 / 2013 (Music Festival) and would remain in the meeting

5785. Public speaking – (10 Minutes)

Cllr R P Ashton spoke expressing thanks to the people of Ripley and two schools and the children presented with a wreath, poppies and t-shirts plus their singing, there was a very good effort from all. Sunday Remembrance was well supported and thanks again to the Ripley people for supporting and attending the parade and service.

Mr College presented a petition to the Ripley Town Mayor Cllr Michael Missett and spoke of the difficulties and road safety matters on Bridle Lane Ripley. Mr College spoke as one of the residents of Bridle Lane and due to the properties not having any footpath in front of the properties the amount of vehicles which do not drive slowly or carefully the road has become very dangerous. Mr College asked if temporary speed humps could be installed to slow the traffic down and make the road safer.

Cllr S D Freeborn thanked Mr College and the rest of the residents for the petition which is noted as received and asked the Police and Cllr D Bowley could be of help as he is also a County Cllr.

Cllr D Bowley had been informed of the problems by Cllr S Joynes and he had spoken to Derbyshire County Council and they have said they will do a survey.

Cllr D A Williams spoke of his sympathy with the residents and the hedge had been cut back by Amber Valley Borough Council to help pedestrians.

Mr College stated that they had managed to get Sainsbury's to cut the hedge after six years some of the trees have TPO's on them.

Cllr Ms L D Cox spoke to remind the public of the consultation Derbyshire County Council are having regarding switching off 40 thousand lights between 12.00 midnight and 5.30am and 400 hundred in other areas and encouraged the public to contact Derbyshire County Council to state their views. Ripley Town Council have made representation.

Cllr D Bowley stated if there are problems they could be switched back on.

PC M Reddish spoke of his support for Mr College and the problems on Bridle Lane there is no footpath and it is a busy thoroughfare.

Mr College spoke of a post that used to be in place which stopped motorcyclists but Access had removed this.

Cllr D Bowley stated he would look into the land ownership.

PC M Reddish spoke of Remembrance Sunday he thought there were at least 300 to 400 people attended and the Police had kept Church Street closed, however there were so many people in a way they closed the road by their number. Next year this would be looked at for closing the road again.

Previously dwelling burglaries had been raised, now the overall crime for Ripley Town was down 13.4% down on last year. Theft from vehicles and dwelling burglaries were up but there is a program to try to deal with these.

The Police are looking to maintain the Police Office in the Old Town Hall on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays and the Safer Neighbourhood Team are trying to keep the office open, any issues please contact PC Reddish at the office.

Cllr S D Freeborn stated that the future tenancy for the Police is more secure with the progress of Ripley Town Council taking over the Town Hall.

Cllr S D Freeborn also spoke of Remembrance Sunday, he felt that the road being closed added to the dignity of the occasion and is pleased that the Police are looking to this again for next year and thanks the Police for this and the work they do.

Cllr K Buzzard also thanked the Police and thought the road closure was much better.

5786. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on October 11th 2011 previously circulated

RESOLVED signed as a true and accurate record

5787. To determine which items if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.

RESOLVED no items to be taken with the public excluded

5788. Town Mayor's Announcements – Cllr Missett attended the Ripley Fair Dinner and opened the Ripley Fair – Remembrance Parade and Service and thanked all the people of Ripley for their support and attendance

5789. Report of the Town Clerk on: -

a) **Blend Youth Project requesting Youth funding**

RESOLVED the Clerk is to write to the applicant and ask if they will attend a Council meeting and explain more about the project and do the youngsters from Ripley benefit.

b) **Heage Allotment access** the Clerk had contacted Amber Valley Borough Council to look at the access – item for report

c) **Certificate of Merit nominations**

RESOLVED to accept the nominations for Mrs Margaret Butler the Clerk would get a Certificate framed and write to Mrs Butler regarding the presentation and the Christmas Lights switch on.

d) **War Memorials maintenance / cleaning / moss killer**

RESOLVED the Clerk is to obtain 3 quotations for this work

e) **Porterhouse recreational area**

RESOLVED the Clerk would obtain quotations for various equipment for younger children.

f) **Power of Well Being Certificates**

RESOLVED the Clerk had received the certificates they would be given out at the next meeting.

g) **Ripley Christmas Lights Switch on December 2nd 2011 6.30pm** item for report

h) **Alfreton Town Council – Concerns for Alfreton Railway Ticket Office**

RESOLVED the Clerk would contact the Alfreton Town Clerk for more information.

i) **Denby Footpaths Group** are planning a scheme to improve rights of way in areas of Denby parish which neighbours Heage and Marehay and are looking for Council support

RESOLVED the Clerk is to write to express the Council's support in principle but there is no money available from Ripley Town Council at present and would like more information on the scheme.

j) **Grit boxes and responsibilities**

RESOLVED the Clerk is to write to Derbyshire County Council to ask them to fill the grit bins which belong to them.

5790. The Future of Ripley Town Hall

RESOLVED Amber Valley Borough Council had stated that they would lease the Town Hall to Ripley Town Council and thanks to Amber Valley Borough Council for their u-turn which is good news for the people of Ripley, however there are items in the lease to be clarified.

5791. Town and Village Green Consultation Remove from the agenda

5792. Neighbourhood Plan

RESOLVED to arrange a Special Meeting possibly December 6th 2011

5793. Nottingham Road “Gateway Scheme”

RESOLVED the Clerk is to write to obtain a scale plan of the whole site and ask if there could be a public display, possibly in the Leisure Centre.

5794. Cedar Avenue play area and fence repair quotation for part fencing in the gaps

RESOLVED to accept the quotation from Midway Fencing to fence along the length of the back hedge with the fourth rail and stock netting at a total cost of £978.00 and the Clerk is to obtain 3 quotations for a whirly four seater play item.

5795. Constituency Boundary changes

RESOLVED the Clerk had written to object against changing the name from Amber Valley.

5796. Budget 2012 / 2013 and consultation

RESOLVED to accept the budget and precept £122950.00

5797. Sports Play £500.00

RESOLVED to give £500.00 grant

5798. Accounts for payment/Income cheques to be approved and signed

RESOLVED to sign the cheques plus the additional 5 cheques

| Cheque No | Payee | £ | VAT | Total |
|------------------|---|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 503564 | Lumb Farm | £549.00 | | £549.00 |
| 503565 | L McCormick Clerk salary PAYE costs Chq 503566 | £1135.14 | | £1135.14 |
| 503567 | Lamps & Tubes Christmas Lights & PAT test | £11938.27 | £2387.65 | £14325.92 |
| 503568 | Lamps & Tubes compensation for tree | £900.00 | £180.00 | £1080.00 |
| 503569 | Lamps & Tubes convert to coloured lights + new in trees | £3907.38 | £781.48 | £4688.86 |
| 503570 | Amber Sound Lights Switch on | £499.00 | £99.80 | £598.80 |
| 503571 | Baileys Printers Newsletters | £743.00 | £148.60 | £891.60 |
| 503572 | Royal Mail Door to Door | £20.00 | | £20.00 |
| 503573 | ICO Data Control Protection | £35.00 | | £35.00 |
| 503574 | Premier 1 (UK) Ltd | £568.80 | £113.76 | £682.56 |
| 503580 | Glow Gadgets safety candles | £500.00 | | £500.00 |
| DD | Clerks Broadband | £106.43 | £21.28 | £127.71 |
| | | £20,902.02 | £3732.57 | £24,634.59 |
| 503575 | Amber Valley School Sport Partnership | £500.00 | | £500.00 |
| 503576 | Shelter Maintenance Company | £5.94 | £1.19 | £7.13 |
| 503577 | Blue Bear Audio | £180.00 | £36.00 | £216.00 |
| 503578 | Royal British Legion wreaths and crosses | £90.00 | | £90.00 |
| 503579 | L Turner children's rides | £230.00 | | £230.00 |
| Income | | | | |

5799. Planning Applications separate sheet previously circulated

5800. Items for Information:- General Circular 47/2011 - General 48/2011 - General 49/2011 - General Circular 50/2011 - General 51/2011 - General 52/2011 - General Circular 53/2011 - General 54/2011 - Items on the information folder

PART 2 – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS None

5801. Date for next monthly Meeting: **Monthly Town Council Meeting January 17th 2012 at 7.00pm**