

## Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Ripley Town Council held on September 20th 2011

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

Councillors: R P Aston, D Bowley, 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, M G Holmes, S Joynes, RAP Phillips-Forsyth, Mrs A S Ward, D Ward, D A Williams and Mrs C Worth.

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

Prior to the meeting presentations for the Ripley Best Kept Allotments and Gardens Competition 2011 the Ripley Town Mayor Cllr Michael Missett and Teresa Winfield on behalf of the Co-operative member's presentations were made to the following:

**Large Garden** 1<sup>st</sup> Mr & Mrs Telford, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs Sellars, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mr Tadman

**Medium Garden** 1<sup>st</sup> Mrs Picken, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr Naylor,

**Small Garden** 1<sup>st</sup> Mrs Wood, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr & Mrs Elliott, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mr Bridge

**Best Kept Garden Overall Winner:** Mrs Wood

### **Best Kept Allotments**

1<sup>st</sup> Josh Clark - Nuttalls Park Allotments, 2<sup>nd</sup> M Townsend - Heage Road Allotments, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mr Slack - Sandham Lane Allotments

### **AGENDA**

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

**5744. To receive apologies for absence:** K Buzzard and M Wilson

**5745. Variation of Order of Business:** None

**5746. Declaration of Members Interests:** None

**5747. Public speaking –**

Cllr R P Ashton thanked Cllr S D Freeborn and his team for the marvellous Ripley Music Festival held this year. There was a great assortment of music and it was a very good experience and thanks again to Cllr S D Freeborn and the team.

PC Mark Reddish spoke of movement of Officers in Ripley and the team has changed and Becky Davis was moving but would be replaced and events coming up where Police staffing would be required.

Ripley Fair will be held October 19<sup>th</sup> 2011 to October 24<sup>th</sup> 2011 and there would be Police staffing.

There will be a Halloween weekend which will have Police staff in position, if anyone would like a "No trick or treat" notice for their home please ask we have them in the Police office.

Bonfire night will also be a Police staffing operation and Codnor has a very large bonfire.

Remembrance Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup> 2011 road closure and Police staffing.

Ripley Christmas Lights switch on December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011 which will have Police staffing.

PC Reddish also spoke of a number of Commercial burglaries and shed break ins on allotment sites for which the Police have offered advice, shed locks and alarms.

Scrap metal thefts have been reported and vehicles collecting scrap will be targeted, if

anyone has any information call the Police.

November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011 there is a meeting in the Police office Ripley Town Hall at 6.00pm please come along and if anyone has any issues please contact the Police.

Cllr D A Williams spoke of Nuttalls Park allotments having thefts and an incident on the Greenway.

Cllr S D Freeborn asked if PC Reddish would let the Clerk have the details of the new team members and they could then be circulated.

Cllr D Bowley spoke of a few break ins to residential properties.

PC Reddish stated that we are coming up to Christmas and everyone should be vigilant locking property doors and windows also not leaving items on display on vehicles. The Police intend to target vigorously any areas of problems.

Cllr S D Freeborn spoke of lack of money as the Government cuts are biting and the Conservative and Lib Dem coalition are implementing cuts far greater than necessary.

- 5748. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on July 19<sup>th</sup> 2011 and Special Meeting held on September 5<sup>th</sup> 2011** previously circulated RESOLVED to sign the minutes of July 19<sup>th</sup> 2011 subject to an addendum for the Clerk to write a letter of thanks to Mrs Isobel Harry for her position and attendance to Waingroves Association meetings on behalf of Ripley Town Council.

RESOLVED to sign the minutes of September 5<sup>th</sup> 2011 subject to an addendum Cllr Mrs A S Ward pointed out that there may be a place in Heage and other village areas for Christmas Trees and Cllr S D Freeborn stated that the Ripley Town Council could look in future for which villages get one and which don't.

- 5749. To determine which items if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.** None

- 5750. Town Mayor's Announcements:** Ripley Town Mayor Cllr M Missett had attended Waingroves Show.

**5751. Report of the Town Clerk on: -**

a. Derbyshire County Council – Improving the way we grit Derbyshire's Roads – your views RESOLVED the Clerk is to write to Derbyshire County Council to review the proposal and start gritting at 6.00am to clear the roads for people travelling to work and schools.

b. Vitalise charity provides respite care breaks for disabled people asking for grant RESOLVED to take no action at present but ask if there are people from the Ripley area benefiting from their resources and inform Vitalise of the Ripley Town Council grant application dates.

c) Certificate of Merit Meeting to arrange after closing date October 21<sup>st</sup> 2011 RESOLVED arrange a meeting after receiving applications.

**5752. Ripley Town Hall update**

Cllr S D Freeborn gave a report and stated that Amber Valley Borough Council meeting September 28<sup>th</sup> 2011 would hear the petition which had been signed by 1500 + people for the Ripley Town Council to take over the Town Hall and maintain it. Cllr S D Freeborn hopes that the Amber Valley Borough Council will do what the people want. The Action Committee had received a detailed report of what is required when Ripley Town Council take over the Town Hall which covers all services needed and the Committee need to do more work on separating meters etc and the October Ripley Town Council meeting will have a detailed report and what responses and costs are. Hopefully things are moving forward and hopes that Amber Valley Borough Councillors will vote in favour.

**5753. Nottingham Road development**

Cllr S D Freeborn stated that Amber Valley Borough Council meeting September 28<sup>th</sup> 2011 meeting will discuss the proposed development and Ripley people feel very strongly about this and don't want to see another supermarket and reduce the play areas. If the Amber Valley Borough Council support this plan they would ride rough shod over their Local Plan.

**5754. Cedar Avenue fence repair needed and additional play item purchase (Cllr R P Ashton)**

RESOLVED THE Clerk will obtain three quotations for costs to fence the area along where the boundary hedge meets the surgery car park and Cllr R P Ashton would consult with Amber Valley Borough Council regarding suitable play equipment.

**5755. Proposed withdrawal of Trent Barton 90 Service (Cllr J H Gregory)**

RESOLVED the Clerk is to write to Derbyshire County Council and Trent Barton regarding the disruption and inconvenience to people the loss of this service will cause.

**5756. Fair Dinner October 18<sup>th</sup> 2011 at Lumb Farm item for report**

**5757. Accounts for payment/Income** cheques to be approved and signed

RESOLVED approved and signed

<u>Cheque No</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
503537	L McCormick Clerk salary PAYE costs Chq 503538	£1028.32		£1028.32
503539	Amber Valley Borough Council monthly Office Rent	£250.00	£50.00	£300.00
503540	Premier 1 uk ltd	£568.80	£113.76	£682.56
503541	DCTP Power of Well Being Training	£60.00		£60.00
503542	DALC Clerk's Training Day	£30.00		£30.00
503543	England Barker Engraving	£16.00		£16.00
503544	Chris Beal Competition judging	£75.00		£75.00
503545	Shirebrook Band Crossley Park	£230.00		£230.00
503546	Shelter Maintenance	£5.94	£1.19	£7.13
503547	Shelter Maintenance	£5.94	£1.19	£7.13
503548	Amber Valley Borough Council Badges	£43.83	£8.77	£52.60
D/D	BT Internet	£105.00	£21.00	£126.00
503549	Audit Commission	£400.00	£80.00	£480.00
503550	Harrison Packaging dog poo bags	£669.13	£133.83	£802.96
503551	Amber Valley Borough Council Franking and copying	£95.64	£0.31	£95.95
503552	Premier 1 uk ltd	£568.80	£113.76	£682.56
		<b>£4,152.40</b>	<b>£523.81</b>	<b>£4,676.21</b>
<b>Income</b>	Zurich Refund			£757.97
	Derbyshire County Council			£4.80
	<b>Total</b>			<b>£762.77</b>

**5758. Planning Applications** separate sheet previously circulated

**5759. Items for Information:-** General Circular 36/2011 - General Circular 37/2011 - General Circular 38/2011 – General Circular 39/2011 – General Circular 40/2011 - General Circular 41/2011 - General Circular 42/2011

**PART 2 – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

**5760. Financial items** no discussion

**5761.** Date for next Meeting: **Monthly Town Council Meeting October 11<sup>th</sup> 2011 at 7.00pm**