

RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 February 2008 at the Town Hall, Ripley.

PRESENT

Councillor R A P Phillips-Forsyth (in the Chair)

Councillors R P Ashton, Mrs J N Blake, D Bowley, G Carlile, S D Carter, Miss L D Cox, C Cutting, S D Freeborn, M B Gent JP, M J Godfrey, Mrs J H Gregory, M C Hooley, Mrs L Joyes, M C Joyes, Mrs C J Manterfield, Mrs A S Ward and D A Williams.

4 members of the public were in attendance.

5062 PUBLIC SPEAKING

The matter of the increased fouling with chewing gum of footways in the Town Centre was raised.

5063 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Mrs. E A Bowley (work commitment), I Fisher and D R Neilson.

5064 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillor Mrs. A S Ward declared a prejudicial interest in the matters recorded at Minutes 5075 and 5084 and left the room taking no part in the discussion or decision.

Councillor R A P Phillips-Forsyth declared an interest as an employee of Sainsbury's in respect of the item recorded at Minute 5071 and left the room taking no part in the discussion or decision.

5065 NON-CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES – 22 JANUARY 2008

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Non Confidential Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 January 2008.

5066 MINUTES – CHAMBER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE SUB-COMMITTEE – 22 JANUARY 2008

RESOLVED to approve and adopt the recommendations of the Chamber of Trade and Commerce Sub-Committee held on 22 January 2008 as shown at Appendix 1 to these Minutes.

5067 MINUTES – RIPLEY BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT FORUM – 29 JANUARY 2008

RESOLVED to receive the Minutes of the Ripley Business Engagement Forum held on 29 January 2008

5068 ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items to be taken in exclusion other than those on the Agenda.

5069 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor (Councillor R A P Phillips-Forsyth) reported that he had attended the following functions to represent the Town Council since the last meeting of the Council:-

- 26 Jan Ripley Morris Men Annual Ale Feast
- 28 Jan Presentation to the Town Council of the British Legion Scrap Book

5070 RENEWAL OF THE DISPERSAL OF GROUPS AND REMOVAL OF PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 16 TO THEIR HOME ADDRESS ORDER – ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ACT 2003 - PART 4 - RIPLEY MARKET PLACE - RENEWAL FROM 14 JANUARY TO 14 JULY 2008

It was reported that this Order which affects 18 Streets in Ripley was made on 15 July 2007 and expired on 14 January 2008. The Chief Executive of the Borough Council has delegated authority to deal with a Police request to extend the Order but wished to consult the Members of the Town Council before exercising that authority.

Violence and damage had been reduced by 43% and nuisance and disorder by 32% since the introduction of the Order. Warnings were issued on 115 occasions with only two arrests.

RESOLVED to confirm the support the renewal of the Order to 14 July 2008

5071 POLLING STATION REVIEW – SAINSBURY’S POLLING STATION TO REMAIN

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(Councillor Mrs L Joyes in the Chair)

RESOLVED 1) to note that despite the Town Council representations the Returning Officer’s application of the criteria for polling stations had decided that the benefits of staying at Sainsbury’s outweighed those of moving back to Dannah Street and

2) to express to the Returning Officer the Council’s extreme disappointment at the decision.

5072 APPROVAL OF PLANNING APPLICATION BY AMBER VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL FOR CINDERHILL OPENCAST SITE DERBY ROAD DENBY

RESOLVED to note that this application had been approved by the Borough Council.

**5073 BLACKSPOT LIGHTING SCHEMES - AVBC NEW APPLICATION CRITERIA RE PADLEY CLOSE AND FOOTPATH BETWEEN CODNOR AND WAINGROVES SCHEME (£9400 – TOWN COUNCIL CONTRIBUTION £2350)**

The Town Clerk reported that the Borough Council had introduced a revised criteria for assessing existing and future black spot lighting schemes. The new criteria meant that the only scheme submitted by this Council for Padley Close Ripley became illegible for consideration as black spot lighting scheme jointly funded with the Borough Council. The Council did have the opportunity of completing the scheme at full cost. (Estimate £1000)

It was also reported that the lighting scheme for the footpath between Codnor and Waingroves that this Council had agreed to finance with Codnor Parish Council had been approved for a 50% grant from the Borough Council as part of the Blackspot Lighting Programme. (Ripley Town Council contribution estimate £2350)

The Town Council Budget for 2008/2009 had been set at £2800 based on both schemes being accepted for 50% funding.

RESOLVED 1) to note that the Codnor-Waingroves footpath scheme had been approved for 50% AVBC contribution with an estimated Town Council contribution of £2350

2) to approve completion of the Padley Close Ripley lighting scheme at an estimated cost of £1000 subject to a 50% contribution request to Derbyshire County Council, the Highway Authority.

**5074 AVBC RESPONSE TO LAND DRAINAGE POLICY ENQUIRY (MINUTE 5040)**

RESOLVED to note that the Borough Council had indicated that there were no plans to review the current land drainage policy.

**5075 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND RURAL COMMUNITIES (NERC) ACT 2006 AFFECTED DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER (DMMO) APPLICATIONS RE RIPLEY NO 65 (STONEY LANE) (REF 37133) AND RIPLEY NO 35 (PARK LANE) (REF 37143)**

RESOLVED to note that Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 had provided for the extinguishment of any public motor vehicle rights which may have existed over these two routes.

**5076 APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR – AUDIT COMMISSION APPOINTED FOR DERBYSHIRE TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS**

RESOLVED to note that the District Auditor based at the Bolton Office had been appointed External Auditor for all Derbyshire Parish/Town Councils.

5077 CHAMBER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE SUB-COMMITTEE – 22  
 JANUARY 2008 - MINUTE 4/2008 – CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON FRIDAY 5  
 DECEMBER

RESOLVED to note that Amber Valley Borough Councillor Hayes had verbally confirmed that arrangements had been made with the Market Traders Organisation to allow the Christmas Lights to be switched on at 6.30 pm on Friday 5 December 2008.

5078 2007 POPPY APPEAL – RIPLEY HEAGE AND AMBERGATE - £16763.07

RESOLVED 1) to note that the final total of the 2007 Poppy Appeal was £16763.07 (£14517.92 – 2006) and

2) to congratulate Colin Picken the Poppy Appeal Co-ordinator on this magnificent total and to ask him to pass on the thanks of the Town Council to his many helpers.

5079 SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME 2008

RESOLVED 1) to note the 2008 Summer Entertainment Programme detailed at Appendix 2 to the Minutes and

2) to note that the total cost to the Council for the 14 Saturday performances was £1515.00 and sponsorship was being sought to support that level of programme

3) to approve the payment of the £110 balance to secure the 24 August concert in Crossley Park Grandstand by The Gentle Jazzmen and

4) to approve a grant of £50 towards the Brass Band Concert held at the Waingroves Show Lunchtime Roast on 13 July 2008.

5080 RETURN OF RIPLEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION  
 SCRAPBOOK 1950-1980 TO RIPLEY.

RESOLVED 1) to note that through the good offices of Mr Eric Frearson of Ripley a Scrapbook of the Ripley Royal British Legion Women's Section had been presented to the Town Mayor by the Chairperson of the Royal British Legion County Committee On 28 January 2008 and

2) that arrangements had been made for the Scrapbook to be viewed at Ripley County Library for the next six months prior to being placed in the Local Studies Section of the County Council Library Heritage Service.

## 5081 DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

RESOLVED to note the information contained in Circulars 5/2008, 6/2008, 7/2008, /2008 and 9/2008.

## 5082 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT/INCOME

RESOLVED 1) to authorise the under mentioned payments: -

Cheque No 502564	TownClerk's Salary	£772.76
Cheque No 502565	Inland Revenue	£217.96
Cheque No 502548	Staples (PrinterCartridges)	£64.59
Cheque No 502549	AVBC (Book preparation and promotion posters)	£2723.06
Cheque No 502550	A M Hall Ltd (Footpath 61 Maintenance)	£293.75
Cheque No 502551	Harlite (Xmas Lights)	£882.17
Cheque No 502561	Lady Jowitt (Insurance – 3 Grosvenor Road)	£129.93
Cheque No 502562	Shelter Maintenance Co (Marehay Bus Shelter)	£6.78
Cheque No 502563	Symanhire (Xmas Lights)	£326.37
Cheque No 502554	T Coope (Xmas Lights)	£689.06
Cheque No 502555	C Monks (Xmas Lights)	£556.99
Cheque No 502556	G Ford (Xmas Lights)	£568.62
Cheque No 502557	M Fox (Xmas Lights)	£624.27
Cheque No 502558	C Willgoose (Xmas Lights)	£652.93
Cheque No 502559	K Carter (Xmas Lights)	£782.51
Cheque No 502560	Inland Revenue (Xmas Lights Staff)	£1092.80
Cheque No 502566	AVBC (Newsletters 21 and 22)	£1377.20
Cheque No 502567	PcsEdmundson (Xmas Lights)	£94.00
	Total	£11855.75

2) to note the following income:-

Book	£36.00
DCC Footpath M/ce	£156.25
Total	£192.25

3) to note the Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment to 31 January 2008.

### 5083 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED to note that Councillors R A P Phillips –Forsyth and M J Godfrey had attended the Business Engagement Forum held on 29 January (see Minute 5067).

### 5084 GOODS VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION FOR 3 VEHICLES AND ONE TRAILER – MANOR FARM PARK LANE HEAGE FOR ROBERT WARD OF FORWARD FENCELINE LTD

RESOLVED 1) to consider this matter as urgent in view of the requirement for objections to be received by the Traffic Commissioner before the next meeting of Council and

2) to object to this application on the grounds that Park Lane is an unadopted road with no public access for vehicles and a cart track/bridleway used by horses, cyclists and walkers with the obvious pedestrian/vehicle conflict.

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### 5085 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The following items were reported for the information of Members: -

- (a) Amber Valley News Releases
  - (i) Flushed with success
  - (ii) Come along to the Amber Valley Funding Event
  - (iii) Green Grants Up for Grabs
  - (iv) Invitation to network with businesses
  - (v) Protect your property from the threat of flooding
  - (vi) Play your part in maintaining Council standards
  - (vii) Developing Social Enterprises in Amber Valley
  - (viii) New Operators to run Alfreton Market Hall
  - (vix) Ten days for just ten pounds
  - (x) Stay warm and well this Winter
  - (xi) Come and Celebrate the Chinese New Year
- (b) CPRE Planning Seminar by Planning Aid - 26 April Village Hall Findern
- (c) Borough Council Election 2008 Timetable -
- (d) Calor Derbyshire Village of the Year 2008

**APPENDIX 1**

Minutes of a meeting of the CHAMBER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE LIAISON SUB-COMMITTEE held on 22 January 2008 at the Town Hall Ripley.

**PRESENT**

Councillor RAP Phillips-Forsyth - Ripley Town Council (in the Chair)

**AMBER VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Councillors S Bradford and S Hayes

**RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

Councillors R P Ashton, Mrs. J N Blake, D Bowley, Mrs. E A Bowley, G Carlile, S D Carter, M J Godfrey, Mrs. L Joyes, M C Joyes, Mrs. C J Manterfield, and Mrs. A S Ward.

**RIPLEY AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE**

D Clarke (W E Clarke and Sons), M Dudley (The Martyn Dudley Studio) and S Massey (Whites Jewellers)

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Mr B Ward

**1/2008 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS**

Councillor G Carlile declared a personal interest as a Director of Derby and Derbyshire Economic Partnership in the matter recorded at Minute 11/2008.

**2/2008 PUBLIC SPEAKING**

No Member of the public was present.

**3/008 MINUTES – 27 NOVEMBER 2007**

RESOLVED to confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Chamber of Trade and Commerce Liaison Sub Committee held on 27 November 2007 and to note that the recommendations contained therein were approved and adopted by the Town Council.

**4/2008 LATE NIGHT SHOPPING AND CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON AND CAROL SERVICE 2007**

Members of the Chamber of Trade and Commerce praised the Town Council on the very high standard of the Christmas lighting display in Ripley for Christmas 2007. Amber Valley Borough Council had made a grant of £500 towards the electricity costs of the lighting display.

Amber Valley Borough Council had contributed £1500 towards the costs of the Late Night Shopping Event organised by the Chamber of Trade. The combination of the Late Night Shopping Event promoted by the Town Centre Forum and the Christmas Lights Switch-on arranged by the Town Council being held on a Tuesday had been a change from the established

practice of the events being on different nights or on a Friday. Over 500 people attending the switch-on and carol service. Feedback from the Traders indicated that the combined events had provided a convivial atmosphere for people to shop in the Town on that evening.

**RESOLVED** 1) to note the praiseworthy comments of the Chamber of Trade on the 2007 Christmas lighting display in Ripley

2) to recommend to Council that the Christmas Lights switch-on and Carol Service return be on Friday 5 December if arrangements can be made to satisfy the Market Traders and if not Tuesday 2 December 2008 with the Late Night Shopping Event being on the same night

3) to recommend to Council to continue the Saturday morning Brass Band concerts of carols around the Town and

4) to recommend to Council to express to the Borough Council satisfaction of the parking concession arrangements made for 2007.

#### 5/2008 20MPH SPEED LIMIT AND ZEBRA CROSSING ON CHURCH STREET

It was reported that the Chamber of Trade had requested the Town Council's support in achieving a 20mph Speed Limit and Zebra Crossing on Church Street. The County Council as Highway Authority had been contacted and the response received indicated that they did not consider that this request should be considered further unless there was support from and active enforcement by the Police.

**RESOLVED** 1) to recommend to Derbyshire County Council that when the survey of the area is undertaken that road signing should also be looked at to take traffic out of the Town Centre (A610 etc) and

2) to request the Police to have a more active presence in enforcement in the Town Centre

#### 6/2008 HANGING BASKETS AND PLANTERS

**RESOLVED** to note that the Borough Council had reported that hanging baskets were provided on lamp posts around the Market Square during the Summer and the existing planters will be restocked with summer bedding once the frosts have finished and due to cost constraints it was not possible to consider additional sites.

#### 7/2008 BANNERS AND STREET FURNITURE UPKEEP

**RESOLVED** to note that if the Town Council were to promote any particular aspect of life in the area it would be at the Town Council's cost and details of those costs be reported at the next meeting.

## 8/2008 AMBER VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL TOWN CENTRE POLICY

The Chamber of Trade representatives expressed their concern that they had lost a communication link with the Borough Council now that the Town Centres Team had been Disbanded that had left the group without leadership.

The Business Engagement Forum did not provide the same link as the Officers had a quite different remit.

RESOLVED recommend to Council to inform the Borough Council that this Council consider the disbandment of the Town Centres administrative team a retrograde step.

## 9/2008 CAR PARKING CHARGES – PROPOSED CASH BACK SCHEME

Councillor Blake reported that Amber Valley Borough Council and Sainsbury's had agreed to roll out the promotional refundable ticket to all Borough Council car parks in the Town and that the cash back scheme had already been introduced in Nottingham Road and Church Street car parks in Ripley.

RESOLVED to note that when town centre car park machines needed stocking the Borough Council would implement the up to two hours parking refund offered by Sainsbury's in all the Borough Council's car parks in Ripley.

## 10/2008 CLEANLINESS OF THE TOWN

It was reported that the Chamber of Trade had requested details of street cleaning because of their dissatisfaction with the cleanliness of the streets particularly first thing in a morning.

RESOLVED 1) to note that the Borough Council had responded by informing the Town Clerk that the daily cleaning crew tackled early morning litter etc before the Lengths person under the direction of the Area Team Leader carried out routine cleaning and

2) that the Officer at the Borough Council who supervises Town Centre cleaning be identified to the Chamber of Trade representatives to allow quick communication when problems occur.

## 11/2008 AMBER VALLEY GREEN COMMERCIAL CENTRES

It was reported that Amber Valley Partnership (AVP) - The Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) for Amber Valley have made a bid to the Derby and Derbyshire Economic Partnership (DDEP) for £450k to support small businesses for spending between April 2008 and March 2010. The grant covers five aspects: - Refurbishment of premises, Neighbourhood Recycling, Business Improvement Network, Shop Front Grants and Resource Efficiency Grants.

All projects will be available in the whole of Amber Valley but it is hoped to use existing business network groups in Ripley as the pilot

If the bid is approved AVP need a vehicle to discuss implementation of their bid. Ripley Business Engagement Forum serviced by the Borough Council meet with businesses and other representatives (The Town Council have two representatives on that group) to discuss business issues. Ripley Town Council liaises with the Town's Traders through a Sub-Committee who meet the Chamber of Trade twice a year to discuss mainly the Christmas Lights. It had been suggested that the Forum and the Sub-Committee could combine to process the work that a successful grant application would provide

The meeting was informed that at the Town Council Meeting earlier that evening the Town Council had discussed this matter and had agreed that they would not wish to see any change to the existing roles and responsibilities of the two bodies subject to the Chamber of Trade Representatives expressing any contrary views at this meeting.

RESOLVED to support the views of the Town Council in recommending no change to existing arrangements

12/2008      DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on Tuesday 14 October 2008 unless there is sufficient business to warrant the calling of a meeting before that date.

## Appendix 2

**2008 SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Entertainment</b>	<b>Times</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Sat 7 June	Heage Windmillers	11.00am-1.30pm 3x25 mins	a
(First session In conjunction with the Blessing of the Ripley Well Dressing at 11.00am)			
Sat 14 June	Shirland Welfare Training Band	11.00am-1.30pm 3x25 mins	fcd
<b>Sun 15 June</b>	<b>Shirland Welfare Training Band</b>	<b>3.00pm - 5.00 pm</b>	<b>CPB</b>
Sat 21 June	Nostalgic Sounds 1 Fair Organ & 2 Street Organs	11.00am-1.30pm	bcg
Sat 28 June	Ashover Junior Band	11.00am-1.30pm	fcd
<b>Sun 29 June</b>	<b>Welbeck Estates Brass Band preceded by Heage Windmillers</b>	<b>3.00pm - 5.00 pm 1.45pm – 2.45 pm</b>	<b>CPB</b>
Sat 5 July	Bowmer and Kirkland Heage Band	10.00am - 12.30 pm	befg
<b>Sun 13 July</b>	<b>Huthwaite Prize Band preceded by Heage Windmillers</b>	<b>3.00 pm - 5.00 pm 1.45 pm – 2.45 pm</b>	<b>CPB</b>
<i>14-20 July</i>	<i>"Ripley Music Festival" with various local groups</i>	<i>Details in local press nearer the date</i>	
<b>Sun 27 July</b>	<b>Holymoorside Band</b>	<b>3.00 pm - 5.00 pm</b>	<b>CPB</b>
Sat 19 July	Ripley Folk Friendly Dance Group	11.00am-1.30pm	bcg
Sat 26 July	Patrick Cooke - Organ Grinder	11.00am- 1.30pm	fcd
Sat 2 Aug	Cliff Carlton Punch and Judy	11.00am-1.30pm	a
<b>Sun 10 Aug</b>	<b>Long Eaton Silver Prize Band</b>	<b>3.00 pm - 5.00 pm</b>	<b>CPB</b>
Sat 16 Aug	Uncle Michael the Clown	11.00am-1.30pm	bcg
Sat 23 Aug	Patrick Cooke - Organ Grinder	11.00am- 1.30pm	abg
<b>Sun 24 Aug</b>	<b>The Gentle Jazzmen</b>	<b>3.00 pm - 5.00 pm</b>	<b>CPB</b>

Sat 30 Aug	Nostalgic Sounds 1 Fair Organ & 2 Street Organs	11.00am-1.30pm	efd
Sat 6 Sept	Ashover Training Band	11.00am-1.30pm 3x25 mins	beg
Sat 13 Sept	Uncle Michael the Clown	11.00am-1.30 pm	aeg
Sat 20 Sept	Ripley Folk Friendly Dance Group	11.00 am - 1.30 pm	adg

(All events will appear on the Town Council Web Site [www.ripley-derbyshire.gov.uk](http://www.ripley-derbyshire.gov.uk))

#### Code for 2008 Sites

- a Town Hall Steps outside Tourist Information Office
- b Market Place near Thorntree Inn Beer Garden Wall
- c Co-operative Store Car Park
- d Oxford Street(Derby Road Junction)
- e Grosvenor Road (Nottingham Road Junction)
- f Church Street(Wilko Pavement)
- g Chapel Street/Church Street junction at Lidl
- CPB Crossley Park Bandstand