

## RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 21 November 2006 at the Town Hall Ripley.

### PRESENT

Councillor C Cutting (in the Chair)

Councillors G Carlile, Mrs. P D Carlile JP, C A D Eley, I Fisher, S D Freeborn, W G Fryer MBE, M B Gent JP, Mrs. D D Goddard, R H Goddard, Mrs. J H Gregory, Mrs. I Harry, Mrs M E Kent, D R Neilson and F A Raphael.

Two members of the public were in attendance, one Press representative and PC John Fahey (881)

### MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No matters were raised by the public.

PC John Fahey gave a crime update for the area and agreed to process the concern of Members in respect of the continuing unsocial behaviour mainly between the hours of 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm in the Peartree Avenue, Slack Lane/Field Terrace area of Ripley and indiscriminate parking at the junction of Alfred Street and Nottingham Road Ripley and Jessop Street Waingroves.

#### 4731 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs J N Blake, Miss L D Cox, S M Daley, M C Hooley, M J Missett and M J E V Wilson.

#### 4732 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillor D R Neilson declared a personal interest as a County Council Public Transport Division staff member in the item recorded at Minute 4751.

#### 4733 MINUTES – 10 OCTOBER 2006

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 October 2006.

#### 4734 MINUTES - CHAMBER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE LIAISON SUB-COMMITTEE - 10 OCTOBER 2006.

RESOLVED to approve and adopt the Minutes of the Chamber of Trade and Commerce Liaison Sub Committee held on 10 October 2006 as shown at Appendix 1 to these Minutes.

#### 4735 MINUTES - AMBER VALLEY BOROUGH/PARISHES LIAISON COMMITTEE - 7 SEPTEMBER 2006

RESOLVED to note the Minutes of the Borough/Parishes Liaison Committee held on 7 September 2006.

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#### 4736 ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

#### 4737 TOWN MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was reported that the Town Mayor had attended the following function to represent the Town Council since the last meeting of Council: -

13 Oct	Amber Valley Stroke Club 20th Birthday Party
14 Oct	Heage St Lukes Church Pie and Pea Supper
15 Oct	AVBC Civic Service
15 Oct	High Sheriff's Legal Service
24 Oct	Fair Dinner Kestrel Marehay
25 Oct	Opening of Ripley Fair
29 Oct	Heanor and Loscoe Town Council Civic Service
4 Nov	Opening of Knightsbridge Place Shopping Mall
5 Nov	Town Council Civic Service All Saints Church
8 Nov	St John's, Community Centre Field Terrace
11 Nov	11.11.11 Remembrance - Ripley War Memorial
12 Nov	Remembrance Day Parade
15 Nov	Derbyshire Constabulary - Annual Parish Councils' Evening
19 Nov	Oakleaf Remembrance Service

#### 4738 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2006 - EQUIPMENT, ELECTRICITY AND STAFF PAYMENTS

RESOLVED that following consultation with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to authorise the Town Clerk and Chief Financial Officer to pay staff and to make equipment and electricity payments as they arise before next meeting of Council subject to all payments being reported to Council.

#### 4739 PARISH COUNCIL'S LIAISON COMMITTEE - (MINUTE 4696) - RESPONSE FROM THE LEADER OF AMBER VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

RESOLVED to note that the Leader of the Borough Council Councillor Alan Cox had expressed in a letter that he too was disappointed in the lack of cabinet members attending the Liaison Committee on 7 September and the lack of attendance in no way reflected on the importance that is attached to this meeting and was purely as a result of a combination of events.

#### 4740 MEMBERS ALLOWANCES - AMBER VALLEY REMUNERATION

## PANEL SCHEME FOR MEMBERS ALLOWANCES FOR PARISH/TOWN COUNCILS

RESOLVED 1) to note that Amber Valley Parish Remuneration Panel had approved recommendations for the implementation of Members Allowances by Parish and Town Council's in the Borough of Amber Valley

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2) that no action be taken on the recommendations and

3) that the matter be brought to the attention of the Council following the May 2007 Elections.

### 4741 AMBER F M - AMBER VALLEY COMMUNITY RADIO GROUP - APPLICATION FOR LICENCE TO OFCOM

RESOLVED 1) to note that the Amber Valley Community Radio Group had been granted a restricted service licence between 2-29 December in order to trial a community radio format for Amber Valley on 87.9FM and had requested that they be informed of significant Town Council events as a further channel of communication in Amber Valley and

2) to offer every support to the Group and the Town Clerk includes the Radio Station in the Press Circulation List of the Council until the end of the year.

### 4742 DRAFT EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL PLAN: PUBLIC CONSULTATION

RESOLVED to note the Draft East Midlands Regional Plan that had been issued for public consultation contained the wide range of changes facing the East Midlands such as climate change, traffic growth and the demand for new housing and for affordable housing, the need for more and better jobs and the need to protect and protect our precious environment.

### 4743 REFUSAL BY AMBER VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL OF PLANNING APPLICATION AVA/2006/0392 - CHANGE OF USE FROM RETAIL TO AN AMUSEMENT CENTRE AND INSTALLATION OF NEW SHOP FRONT - CELLARS LTD 41 OXFORD STREET RIPLEY FOR OAK AUTOMATICS (MINUTE 4688)

RESOLVED 1) to note that the Borough Council had refused this application to which the Town Council had raised objections and

2) that if the refusal is appealed before the next meeting of Council that the Town Clerk in consultation with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor ensure that the Town Council's objections are represented at any appeal hearing.

4744 BLACKSPOT LIGHTING - COMPLETION OF SCHEME TO PROVIDE TWO ADDITIONAL LAMPS AT SLACK LANE NETHER HEAGE

RESOLVED to thank the County Council for the prompt attention in completing this scheme before the start of British Winter Time at a cost of £1648.32p.

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4745 RIPLEY ALL SAINTS CHURCH FLAGPOLE REPLACEMENT - REQUEST FOR GRANT

RESOLVED to approve a grant of £150 towards the cost of a replacement flagpole at All Saints Church Ripley.

4746 CLAIM TO ADD A FOOTPATH FROM BUTTERLEY HILL TO GREENWICH CROSSING AND CLAIM TO ADD A BRIDLEWAY FROM NOTTINGHAM ROAD TO BUTTERLEY HILL - PROPOSED DCC ORDER UNDER THE WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

RESOLVED to inform the County Council that the Council strongly support the claim to add a footpath from Butterley Hill to Greenwich crossing and claim to add a bridleway from Nottingham Road to Butterley Hill.

4747 DERBYSHIRE MINERALS AND WASTE DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK - STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT - PUBLICATION OF THE INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

RESOLVED to note that the Inspector had published his report on the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) on 31 October 2006 and had concluded that the report should proceed to adoption.

4748 DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCIL'S

RESOLVED to note the information contained in Circulars 37/06, 38/06 and 39/06 and the Executive Committee Minutes of 9 September and the 60th AGM Minutes of 9 September 2006.

4749 FINANCE

RESOLVED 1) to authorise the under mentioned payments: -

Town Clerk's Salary (Nov& Dec)	£1386.00
Inland Revenue (Nov & Dec)	£684.70
PCS Edmundson (Xmas Lights)	£662.54

OKW Enclosures Ltd (Xmas Lights)	£783.94
STWA (Measured Drainage -3 Grosvenor Road)	£20.99
Calgary Just Companies (Generator - Minute 4725)	329.00
AVBC (Trade Refuse Collection - Xmas Lights)	£64.63
Information Commissioner - Renewal	£35.00
Symanhire (Xmas Lights)	£605.31
BTH (Xmas Lights)	£58.95
Irvine Martin (Xmas Lights)	£54.29
Lamps and Tubes (Xmas Lights)	361.90
Total	£5046.25

2) to note the income received since the last meeting: -	
Interest	£262.00
Total	£262.00

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3) to note the 2006/2007 Budget Review/Risk Assessment Report for the period to 31 October 2006 and

4) that the Budget proposals for 2007/2008 as detailed at Appendix 2 to these Minutes be circulated for public consultation including the Council's Newsletter and a Press Release be issued to make the public aware of the availability of the document.

#### 4750 HEAGE AND AMBERGATE PUBLIC TOILETS PROVIDED BY AMBER VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

RESOLVED that this matter be deferred until the January meeting of Council.

#### 4751 BUS SHELTER OPPOSITE THE WINDMILL INN HEAGE (MINUTE 4867)

RESOLVED that this matter be deferred until the January meeting of Council.

#### 4752 REPLACEMENT GLASS - BUS SHELTER - MAREHAY MINERS WELFARE DERBY ROAD RIPLEY

RESOLVED 1) that in view of the urgent need to repair the damaged/missing glass at this bus shelter to consider this matter as an urgent item and

2) to authorise immediate repair in the sum of £80 + VAT.

#### 4753 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Receipt of the following items was reported for the information of Members:

- (a) Mid Derbyshire Citizens Advice Bureau Annual Report 2005/6
- (b) Derby and Derbyshire Minerals Allocations Development Plan

- Document - October Latest News
- (c) Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site Annual Report 2005/2006
- (d) Oakleaf Remembrance Service - 19 November 2006
- (e) DCC Be Safe-Be Bright-Be Seen Campaign 2006
- (f) Amber Valley Arts Newsletter - Autumn/Winter 2006/7
- (g) Timelines - Encounter Ripley Railway - Ripley Library 16&30 November 2006
- (h) Amber Valley Access Group AGM Papers - 9 November

#### 4754 DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL GRITTING ROUTES

RESOLVED to note that the Gritting Routes Map for 2007/8 circulated to Members did not show that Brook Street, Parkside and Park Road Heage receive precautionary treatment and this matter would be corrected in the next edition.

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#### **APPENDIX 1**

Minutes of a meeting of the CHAMBER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE LIAISON SUB-COMMITTEE held on 10 October 2006 at the Town Hall Ripley.

PRESENT

#### RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Councillors Mrs J N Blake, G Carlile, C Cutting and S M Daley.  
Mr B Ward

#### AMBER VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Mr Layton Davis - Principal Town Centres Officer

#### CHAMBER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE

Messrs J Davey (Amber Value) and P Maciejewski (Romac Motor Factors)

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillors A Cox and S Hayes (Amber Valley Borough Council) Mr D Clarke and M Dudley.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Member of the public was present.

#### 8/2006 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillor S M Daley declared a personal interest in the item recorded at Minute 19/2006 (2) as a Board Member of Alfreton Shopmobility.

9/2006 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED that Councillor C Cutting be appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year

(Councillor C Cutting thereupon occupied the Chair)

10/2006 APPOINTMENT OF VICE - CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED that Mr P Maciejewski be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year

11/2006 MINUTES – 24 JANUARY 2006

RESOLVED to confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Chamber of Trade and Commerce Liaison Sub Committee held on 24 January 2006 and to note that the recommendations contained therein were approved and adopted by the Town Council.

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12/2006 OFFICIAL SWITCH-ON 2006 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

RESOLVED 1) to note that the Christmas Lights switch-on by the Town Mayor would co-incide this year with the Late Night Shopping Event on Friday 1 December at 6.30 pm with the Carol Service being led by the Clergy of Ripley and the music being provided by Heage Band

2) to recommend to Council that 500 Carol sheets be provided and the back page list the 2006 Christmas Programme in Ripley

3) to recommend to Council that the lights be lit between  
3.00pm and 11.00pm daily until 1 January 2007

4) to note that the Ripley Town Centre Forum had agreed a £450 contribution to the electricity costs incurred by the Town Council and

13/2006 BAND CONCERTS

RESOLVED to recommend to Council that band concerts of seasonal music be held in Ripley on Saturday 9 and 16 December between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon and that the programme include as many sessions and locations as the budget will allow.

14/2006 ADDITIONAL MARKETS

RESOLVED to note that no additional Markets were planned this year the Christmas Markets therefore were on 22 and 23 December 2006 only.

15/2006 CHRISTMAS TREE – MARKET PLACE

RESOLVED to note that the Christmas tree would again be provided by Harlite Installations Ltd.

16/2006 PUBLICITY - CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES

RESOLVED 1) to note that the Borough Council's publicity arrangements would continue  
2) that a suitable press release be issued by the Town Clerk .

17/2006 PARKING CONCESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS PERIOD

RESOLVED to note that the Borough Council had approved 2006 Christmas parking concessions to allow free car parking in pay and display car parks in the Borough for the period 18 December 2006 - 1 January 2007 inclusive and that pay and display meters would be covered over for that period.

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18/2006 RIPLEY SHOWCASE - ADVERTISING MAGAZINE

RESOLVED to note that subject to advertising revenue being received it was anticipated that 10000 copies of an advertising magazine sponsored by local businesses was to be printed by the Borough Council.

19/2006 TRADE AND CHARITY STALLS

RESOLVED to note 1) that other than the established approval for attendance by the Peak Rail Charity stall that all Trade franchises for the Christmas Lights Switch-on and Late Night Shopping event be subject to the approval of the Borough Council.

2) that Alfreton Shopmobility had recently received Lottery funding to extend its operation to Ripley, Alfreton and Belper and would be mounting a display on the night of the Late Night Shopping Event.

20/2006 LATE NIGHT SHOPPING EVENT

RESOLVED to note that the following attractions would be provided in and around the Town Centre on the night of 1 December, the Late Night Shopping Event :- Market Place Charity Stalls, Children's Play Zone, Ram F M Promotion Vehicle, Fair

Rides, Barrel Organ, live music, American Adventure Stilt Walkers and children's activities in Ripley Church.

21/2006 INVITATION TO DERBYSHIRE INVESTMENTS TO BE REPRESENTED AT THE NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED to recommend to Council that Mr Gill of Derbyshire Investments be invited to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee on 23 January 2006.

22/2006 REFUSAL BY AMBER VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL OF PLANNING APPLICATION AVA/2006/0392 - CHANGE OF USE FROM RETAIL TO AN AMUSEMENT CENTRE AND INSTALLATION OF NEW SHOP FRONT - CELLARS LTD 41 OXFORD STREET RIPLEY FOR OAK AUTOMATICS.

The Sub-Committee were informed that the Town Council's objections to this Planning application had been sustained by the Borough Council Planning Board and the application had been refused. The applicants did have the right of appeal to the Planning Inspectorate.

RESOLVED 1) to agree to this item being discussed by the Sub-Committee as an urgent item in view of the significant nature of the decision in pursuit of the Town Council's policy of trying to retain retail outlets in Oxford Street - the main shopping street in Ripley

2) to recommend to Council that if the decision is appealed by the applicant and a date set for the appeal or the written representations:-

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(i) the Council consider engaging specialist planning expertise to present the Town Council's case if the appeal is subject of an Inquiry

(ii) the Town's Retail Traders be invited by the Town Council to make their own representations to the Appeal Inspector

(iii) that a Press Release be circulated to encourage public opposition to the proposal to include the wider area and

3) that in the meantime the Town Clerk undertakes a business analysis of the Town Centre streets in anticipation of an appeal.

23/2006 NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on 23 January 2007.

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## **Appendix 2**

# **BUDGET PROPOSALS 2007/2008**

### **Message from Councillor Geoff Carlile, Leader of the Council**

Ripley Town Council serves the Townships of Ripley, Heage, Nether Heage and Ambergate and 21 Members represent those areas and form the Town Council who meet generally on a monthly basis to control and manage the Town Council services and to provide the community with an economic and efficient platform to ensure the delivery of quality local services. The Council was the first Town Council to achieve Quality Status in Derbyshire.

It has been the policy of the Council not to increase its budget by more than the rate of inflation. This policy will continue to apply for the 2007/2008 Budget. If the proposals and service provision recommended in this document are approved the increase will be only 2.1%. The Council as part of the Quality Council initiative now publishes four times a year a newsletter informing residents of Town Council matters and the Town Clerk on behalf of the Council has assumed responsibility for the Remembrance Day Service in Ripley. The Councils Risk Assessment policies, efficiency savings and cost savings have allowed the Council to provide additional services whilst maintaining its policy of not raising the precept above the level of inflation. This policy and the population growth in the Town Council area has allowed the cost per elector to be reduced each year for the four years of this Council from £3.20 per elector in 2004/5 to £3.13 per elector in 2007/2008 if the proposed budget is approved.

No Council can meet all the aspirations of all residents for the services they are responsible but Councils' must act in a responsive way to local community needs and in doing so should ensure a degree of openness and accountability. A Partnership approach is being encouraged nationally for the provision and control of services to ensure that local people know who takes decisions on what service who to hold to account and who to complain to if any part of the service is deficient.

In the interests of this Partnership approach the Council are seeking the comments and opinions of the people in the communities which make up the Town Council area in respect of the 2007/2008 Budget before Members finalize the proposals at the Council Meeting to be held on 23 January 2007.

Ripley Town Council has a commitment to giving the community they serve the opportunity to comment before the Council finalize the Budget. Any comments should be made in writing to Brian Wood Town Clerk Town Hall Ripley DE5 3BT or **E-mail:** [woodbrileytowncouncil@btinternet.com](mailto:woodbrileytowncouncil@btinternet.com) before 5 January 2007.

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## **RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

<b>PRECEPT 2006/2007</b>	<b>£50700</b>
<b>PROPOSED PRECEPT 2007/2008</b>	<b>£51760</b>
<b>PROPOSED INCREASE</b>	<b>2.1%</b>

**RATE OF INFLATION****3.6%****SERVICE****PROPOSED EXPENDITURE  
2007/2008****Christmas Lighting****£23500**

Christmas Lighting in Ripley has for many years been regarded as one of the best displays outside the two major Towns of Chesterfield and Derby. The Town Council also provide a Christmas Tree in the Market Place and an open air Carol Service accompanies the Annual lights switch-on. On two Saturday mornings prior to Christmas seasonal music is provided around the Town by local Brass Bands

The Town Council are committed to keeping Ripley as a vibrant shopping and entertainment centre for the benefit of residents and visitors alike.

**Footpath Maintenance****£1000**

The Town Council maintain the Definitive Map Footpaths in its area by agreement with Derbyshire County Council.

**Blackspot Lighting****£2000**

Blackspot Lighting has always been a priority of the Council and as schemes are identified they are added to a rolling programme of schemes jointly funded by the Borough Council and in some cases the County Council.

The Council will continue to work in partnership with the County Council and the Borough Council if further schemes are brought forward.

**Lighting Maintenance Charges****£500**

The County Council as street lighting authority have given notice that pressure on finance means that certain lighting schemes provided under the Blackspot Lighting Programme will in future not be adopted by the Authority unless this Council pay the annual electricity costs.

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**Environmental Improvements****£3000**

The Town Council consider environmental improvements as they arise.

**Grants to Voluntary Bodies****£3500**

Local clubs, organisations, groups and societies are given financial assistance to assist and encourage development of such groups.

**Amber Valley Community Transport****£930**

The Council recognise the intrinsic value of the worthwhile service provided by Amber Valley Community Transport Service and give a grant annually based on inflation increase only.

**Grant to Special Projects/Lottery Matched Funding****£1500**

This fund is used for one off specific projects of local benefit or to provide matched funding for Lottery bids in the Town Council area.

**Mayors Allowance****£1700**

As civic head of the Town the Mayor represents the Council at official functions and supports local Societies, Clubs, Organisations and Groups when on official visits. The Town Mayor also hosts a Civic Service, the Fair Dinner and a Civic Dinner.

**Administration****£28630**

The Town Council have the services of a part-time Town Clerk and Chief Financial Officer who has the normal computerised office aids and equipment. The Council has a web site and the Town Clerk has an e-mail address.

Other expenses include Membership of the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils. The Council also have a comprehensive Insurance Policy including Public Liability Insurance.

**Recreation and Summer Entertainment Programme****£2400**

The success of the Summer Entertainment Programme introduced in 1998 to provide entertainment in Ripley Town Centre between June and September has led to the programme becoming a permanent feature in the Town's calendar of events. Crossley Park has had the benefit of a number of concerts during the Summer sponsored by the Borough Council. Wherever possible the Council try and attract sponsorship from local businesses to reduce the overall cost to the Council.

The Council supports the Amber Valley Borough Council's recreation provision and in particular cases meets the needs of residents who have requested provision over and above that provided by the Borough Council.

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**Annual Remembrance Day Parade and Service****£900**

Council have assumed responsibility for the financial cost of running the Annual Remembrance Day Parade and Service. (Over 300 people attended the 2006 Parade and Service)

**Balances/Miscellaneous****£8000**

This budget head also allows for a contingency sum if unexpected expenditure arises and allows balances to accrue to accommodate four yearly election expenses etc.- 2007 is an election year.

**Town Council Newsletter****£4000**

The Council produce four times each year a Newsletter to keep the public informed of the Council's activities. One edition includes the Council's Annual Report.

**War Memorials****£550**

By statute the responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of War Memorials can be undertaken the District and the Parish/Town Council. The Borough Council currently has no budget for War Memorials. This Council therefore arranges each year for the cleaning of the Heage War Memorial and the Ripley War Memorial.

**Bus Shelter Maintenance****£150**

The shelter at Marehay Miners Welfare has been provided by the County Council on the understanding that this Council accept future maintenance a policy, which will be extended as new shelters are provided.

**Town Council Publication****£6500**

The Council are to produce a book on the history of Ripley, Heage, Ambergate and Street Lane (the Town Council area) highlighting the people of the area. This publication will be sold at an economic price to allow reprinting if required.

**Allotments**

The Council operate five allotment sites, four in Ripley and one in Heage on a self-financing basis.

**General**

**The total budget for 2007/2008 is £88760 (With the use of balances the proposed precept figure is £51760 an increase of 2.10%)**

**Brian Wood Town Clerk and Chief Financial Officer**