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Ripple Annual Parish Meeting

For the communities of Ryall, Holly Green, Ryall Grove, Naunton, Ripple,
Uckingham and Stratford Bridge
held on 18th May 2018 commencing at 7.00pm
at
Ripple Parish Hall

Minutes

Present: Cllrs Blake, Aldridge, Jones, Baum, Sutton and Wilson.
In Attendance: Mrs V Portch - Clerk

Also present: Approximately 80 residents, Cllr Paul Middlebrough, Cllr Jeremy Owenson, Sue White - Ripple WI, Richard Rand & Rev Barry Unwin – St Marys Church, Brian Goddard – RP Footpaths, West Mercia Police

Welcome from Cllr Nicholas Blake, Chairman of Ripple Parish Council (RPC)

Cllr Nicholas Blake welcomed Ripple Parish residents to the Annual Parish Meeting. Chairman introduced the RPC Councillors present and Clerk and thanked all the attendees for coming.

To consider and approve Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 19 May 2017

Minutes of last year's meeting were provided to attendees of the meeting. Approval was proposed by Cllr Owenson, seconded by Cllr Jones. Chairman signed the minutes.

Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report

(delivered by hand to all residents in the Parish in advance)

Chairman stated RPC have had another busy year dealing with various contentious planning issues. RPC remains committed to ensuring residents' interests are represented and considered. RPC welcome the input and support given by our residents. There are currently vacancies for councillors, anyone interested in becoming a councillor should contact any of the existing councillors for more information.

West Mercia Police Report

Sgt Simon Hallam provided an update on local policing, indicating that the parish was a low crime area. Members of the public are encouraged to report anything suspicious to the police in order that good local communications and information networks can be developed. Upton now has two CSO's and an officer on site, the area covered by the team is not insignificant and resources are spread thinly. Sgt Hallam advised that he had only been in post of a few weeks and was committed to supporting the rural community. New direct dial phone numbers were being issued to officers to promote direct contact with the public and body cameras were standard issue. In 2017/18 the ward had 30 recorded crimes, Upton upon Severn had 655. A new rural crime and

