



RIPPLE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held 16 January 2023 at Ripple Parish Hall

Present: Cllrs. M. Peters (Chairman), M. Baum, T. Armitt, M Davis, D Long, M England, K Weyman, C Cllr M Allen

Attendees: Clerk/RFO M Hinde, Paul Turner and 1 member of the public

The Chairman opened the meeting by advising that item 20 would **NOT** be discussed and would be removed from the agenda.

- 16.01.23.1 The Chairman will formally ask if anyone is intending on recording or filming the meeting.**
There were no requests to record or film the meeting
- 16.01.23.2 To receive comments from the public - no decisions will be made on issues raised. Any items requiring decisions will be added to the agenda for the next meeting (NB Councils cannot lawfully decide items of business that are not specified on the agenda (LGA1972 Sch 12, paras 10(2)(b) and Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88 LJ Ch 119)**
There were no comments from the public.
- 16.01.23.3 To note apologies for absence**
Apologies received from D. Cllr J Owenson,
- 16.01.23.4 To receive declarations of interest for items on the agenda below (Localism Act 2011) and to confirm the meeting quorate**
There were no declarations of interest, and the meeting was declared quorate
- 16.01.23.5 To review co-option application and agree actions**
Council **AGREED** to co-opt Paul Turner and his acceptance of office was signed.
- 16.01.23.6 To confirm and agree minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5 December 2022**
Council **APPROVED** minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2022
Proposed Cllr Armitt **Seconded** Cllr Baum
- 16.01.23.7 To receive Ancient Parish of Ripple Trust Report**
The Ancient Parish of Ripple Trust Report was received as per **APPENDIX 1**
- 16.01.23.8 To receive Clerks Report and agree actions**
The clerks report was received as per **APPENDIX 2**
Council **AGREED** to contact Platform housing to see if they could create more parking in order to prevent residents driving over grass verges.
- 16.01.23.9 To receive County Councillors report and agree actions**

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The County Councillors report was received as per **APPENDIX 3**

16.01.23.10 To receive District Councillors Report and agree actions

The District Councillors report was received as per **APPENDIX 4**

16.01.23.11 Finance, all documents circulated prior to the meeting

16.01.23.11a To approve Bank Reconciliation and Budget Monitoring Report Up to 6th January 2023

Council requested the clerk look into why the totals on the bank reconciliation differ from the budget monitoring report.

16.01.23.11b To consider and resolve to agree Payment List and payments made since last meeting.

Council **APPROVED** Payments List totalling £535.38 as per **Appendix 5**

Proposed Cllr Baum **Seconded** Cllr Armitt

16.01.23.12 To discuss a temporary replacement for the Clerk and agree actions

Council **AGREED** to advertise to recruit a temporary replacement for the clerk. The Clerk should arrange an advert with CALC, GAPTC and on the Facebook page.

Proposed Cllr Davis **Seconded** Cllr Armitt

16.01.23.13 To discuss purchase of a mobile phone for the Clerk and agree actions

The council reviewed 3 quotes for the purchase of a mobile phone

Supplier	Price
Currys	£159
Amazon	£199.99
Argos	£189.99

Council **AGREED** to purchase from Currys

16.01.23.14 To review quotes for the installation of the litter bins and agree actions

Council reviewed 2 quotes as a third quote could not be obtained.

Supplier	Price
Keith Ballard	£3880.38
Andrew Burford	£2100.00

Council **AGREED** to proceed with the quote from Andrew Burford.



16.01.23.15 To review the quotes for servicing defibrillators and agree actions

Council reviewed the following 2 quotes as there were no responses from the suppliers contacted:

Supplier	Price
AED Expert	£139.00+VAT
Safelincs	£105.00 + VAT

Council **AGREED** to proceed with Safelincs

16.01.23.16 To review costs for the recreational ground application and agree actions

Cllr Davis confirmed the total cost to the council for rewinding the recreation ground would be £2323. Cllr Davis also explained this cost included grass cutting and the removal of the overhanging tree branch which the council will need to pay for anyway.

Council **AGREED** to proceed with the project at the cost of £2323.

Cllr Armitt proposed a hardstanding path was added to the back of the fence area for push chairs and wheel chairs.

Council **AGREED** to add this to the next agenda.

16.01.23.17 To review quotes for the replacement tree at The Beeches

Council **AGREED** to purchase a Double Hawthorn Tree from Roots at the cost of £60.

16.01.23.18 To discuss the internal control review and agree actions

Cllrs Davis and Armitt completed the internal control review and confirmed they were happy with the processes in place.

16.01.23.19 To discuss the replacement of noticeboard in the bus shelter in Ryall and agree actions

Cllr Baum confirmed that if the council covered the cost of the raw material her husband would repair the noticeboard.

16.01.23.20 To discuss the following planning applications/appeals made since the last meeting and agree actions:

16.01.23.20a M/22/00883/OUT 70 Dwellings NE Upton Marina

This item was removed from the agenda

16.01.23.21 To receive agenda items for the next meeting of the council

Adding a hardstanding footpath to the recreation ground

16.01.23.22 Date of Next Meeting : Parish Council 6th March 2023



APPENDIX 1

ANCIENT PARISH OF RIPPLE TRUST

Report for Ripple Parish Council of a meeting held on Tuesday the
8th November, 2022

All the Trustees were present. Clive Astin, chairman, reported that John Willis, Honorary Trustee, had sadly given his resignation because of increasing ill-health.

The proposed recipients for the annual Christmas gifts were approved.

A number of applications for student grants had been received. These were discussed and grants approved. With limited funds available there is a set amount beyond which grants cannot be given.

Various property matters and possible insurance cover were discussed.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 18th April, 2023.



APPENDIX 2

Clerks Report

VAT - Claim sent in for VAT which was missed before I started totalling £1060.68

Verges – Letter sent to residents regarding driving over grass verges.

No Access Sign Ryall Road – Ordered from WCC and should be delivered and installed by 15th February



APPENDIX 3

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MARTIN ALLEN

REPORT TO RIPPLE PARISH COUNCIL JAN 2023

MONUMENT/ARTWORK ON THE NEW ROUNDABOUT

Cllr Mike Rouse, head of highways at WCC and the Officer Nick Churchill met us

at the roundabout just over a week ago. Although WCC now have a policy on artwork on or near roundabouts, the Officers had not responded well, and Cllr Rouse apologised on behalf of WCC and has left Mr Churchill to coordinate a new response from the Safety Team at WCC. It was explained because of the Services that run under the Roundabout nothing would be allowed to be mounted on the roundabout. We are now looking to the land East of the Northern Arm. It is a wide area which gives hope something can be done.

I will of course keep you informed when I know more.

A4104 HOLLY GREEN CROSSING

The work is now programmed in to commence on March 13th with traffic lights in use. Then from the 27th of March there will be overnight closures to install the Refuge Island. The total length of time for the work to be done is three weeks depending upon the weather.

There will be a widened footway off the Ryall Road to take pedestrians to the crossing point. The footway running on the north side towards the new roundabout is to be sided out and repaired or replaced as required, up to Ryall Court.

At my request Pedestrian Crossing signs are to be installed.

The "Departure from the standard" has been approved. There should be a clear line of sight in both directions of 80m, WCC are accepting a departure to 60mish.

Interestingly the speed review shows that the average speed at Holly Green near the Ryall Road is 35mph or less. The result of this measurement has strengthened the case to allow the reduction in line of sight.

The Refuge will have two Mains Powered Lit Bollards.

A normal refuge island would cost a maximum of 15 to 20 thousand, the work here is complex, and the cost has now come in excess £78K, I have asked for a full costing as and when it becomes available.



COMMUNITY BUS TO TEWKESBURY

I have secured funding for the bus until the end of March 2023.

Residents just need to phone and book a seat. Please use it if you can.

RYALL EAST QUARY APPLICATION – Nr Ripple and Uckinghall.

I have spoken to officers at WCC, and they are still waiting for the applicant to send in more information.

NAUNTON

Mrs Sam Amos and Cllr Maggi Davis have asked for help re the road into Naunton of the A38 and other things. WCC have agreed to the following work.

'Horse & rider' warning signs will be added to the existing 'Pedestrians' warning signs at both ends of the village. There will also be a left bend warning sign placed at the southernmost bend immediately before the start of the 30mph zone. The works order has been placed and the contractor should get the signs installed in approximately 3 months' time (weather and their program permitting).

I have asked for another site meeting with the relevant Officers to see if we can get a speed reduction into Naunton, this meeting was refused, it was made clear to me that WCC policy is that Country Lanes are to be 60mph and the current administration will not change the policy.

VERGE MASTERS NAUNTON

On 20.01.23 I emailed RPC asking that they talk to the two residents at September Cottage and Three Ways about a Verge Master going on the Verge. To others are to go

on the right-hand side before the bend.

Warmest Regards

Cllr Martin Allen

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APPENDIX 4

Update from MHDC

We have just put out a press release stating we will need to make savings. Unfortunately, the document setting this out has not yet been published for the Exec committee. I cannot believe that MHDC are now publishing press releases before councillors have even seen the reports, but that is the nature of the current administration.

Long and short is, we need to make about £2m savings, and will need to take about £2.5m out of reserves, to stay solvent. This equates to about a third of our reserves being used up, and a cut of 20% on Council services. I have suggested we look at the funding for certain Green initiatives, a so called "Bonfire of the Vanity Projects", but it would appear that our leadership would rather save the environment than save the council.

I suspect that things on the table will be a reduction in waste collection services (to promote recycling!), reduction in Enforcement, increase in pricing for parking, garden waste, etc. These are likely to come out in February so I will update when I see this, unless you read it in the press before I have been told!

On local issues, Enforcement are still stretched, but I am monitoring local concerns incl Green Lane Farm. The paddock at Naunton has now had the asbestos reported to the correct agency.



APPENDIX 5

Payee	Reason	Amount
Lengthsman	December Timesheet	320
Clerk Expenses	Mileage + Stationary	17.38
Community Heartbeat Trust	Annual Support Naunton Defib	198
Total		£535.38