

**Minutes of the Meeting of Ripple Parish Council  
held at Beechwood Residential Care Home on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.00pm**

**MINUTES**

Present: Cllr Blake, Aldridge, Weyman and Sutton

In attendance: Mrs V Portch (Clerk) Ten members of the public

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence received from Cllrs Jones, Dearden, District Cllr Owenson and County Cllr Middlebrough. Reasons approved.

2. Declarations of Interest:

a. To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature. None

b. To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature. None

Councillors who have declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, or an Other Disclosable Interest which falls within the terms of paragraph 12(4) (b) of the Code of Conduct, must leave the room for the relevant items.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018 were presented and approved by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by: Cllr Weyman Seconded by: Cllr Aldridge

4. To receive report from District Councillor.

The Chairman proved a report submitted by Cllr Owenson, details included MHDC decision to provide homes for 50 Syrian refugees. MHDC was in the process of distributing an update flyer to households. Plans to withdraw from the Hub and relocate to an onsite purpose built facility at Malvern were underway.

Cllr Owenson

5. To receive report from County Councillor.

The Chairman proved a report submitted by Cllr Middlebrough, details included the setting up of a 363 User Group to explore options with the First Group to reinstate or amend the bus service. Cllr Weyman volunteered to represent the Parish. Cllr Sutton stated that item 2 of the response to the revised timetable was incorrect – the service had been previously amended to accommodate a service via Earls Croome and Kinnersley. Given the communities of Naunton and Ripple are of similar size it was felt reasonable that an alternative route could be devised to accommodate these areas. Cllr Weyman reported that the first Monday on the month service from Ledbury to Cheltenham was still running despite no timetable being available. Cllr Middlebrough indicated that divisional funds might be available to subsidise the service, the precept could also be used and Cllr Weyman would explore other Parish Councils input when the User Group meets.

Cllr Middlebrough

6. Progress reports from:

Clerk:

General administration of correspondence emails and post. Administration of Lengthsman Scheme. Minutes of last meeting. Uploading of documents to WCC website. Discussions regarding Section 106 funds for Recreation Ground refurbishment project and potential other projects. Discussions with local resident regarding issues relating to enforcement action on Bow Lane and dangerous dogs and pigs and land cleared on Bow Lane. Liaison with Ripple Parish Hall Committee and West Mercia Police regarding launch of rural crime awareness initiative, Horse Watch and Farm Watch local scheme. Liaison with Ripple Parish Hall Committee regarding proposals for a commemorative event on 11th November 2018 at Parish Hall. Discussion with Strensham services management regarding Litter Pick.

Management:

Management Group met to review on-going issues and set agenda for this meeting. Review of minutes of last meeting. Discussion regarding feasibility of potential projects for Section 106 funding within parish, review of comments from WCC & MHDC regarding request for confirmation of receipt of funds from Taylor Wimpey (CIL/Section 106 contribution). Chairman attended Upton Town Partnership. Chairman and Vice Chairman met with MHDC to discuss proposals for

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recreation ground and attention to tree with TPO.

Finance:

Cheques from last meeting distributed. Ledger updated.

Chq No	Payee	Amount	Purpose	Proposed	2nd
1226	Beechwood-Sanctuary Care	£50.00	Donation for Room Hire	PA	RS
1227	Smartcut Ltd	£1285.20	2, 13 & 27/6	PA	RS
1228	Smartcut Ltd	£428.40	12/7	PA	RS
1229	Smartcut Ltd	£856.80	10 & 25/8	PA	RS
1230	Cancelled	0.00			
1231	M Tomkins	£195.00	Lengthsman - July	KW	PA
1232	Worcs CALC	£866.76	Subscription	NB	KW
1233	Royal British Legion	£18.50	Wreath	PA	KW

Urgent Decisions:

None.

Staff and Training:

Nothing to report.

7. To receive report from Footpaths Officer.  
The Chairman proved a report submitted by Mr Goddard. After training with WCC Mr Goddard was now qualified to use a strimmer. Materials were being obtained from WCC and the hacking back of vegetation and replacement of Waymarkers was underway.  
Replacement Noticeboard in Ripple.  
The Chairman proposed the replacement of the Ripple noticeboard as soon as possible, the owner of the property to which the board is attached would be approached to confirm they had no objection to a replacement being installed. Greenbarnes, suppliers of the previous noticeboards would be asked to quote for the replacement item.  
Chairman/Mr Goddard
8. Section 106 Funding Update & Recreation Ground Landscaping.  
Cllr Jones had been in discussion with MHDC and WCC to establish what funding was available. It was understood that Section 106 funds were attached to the development at Upton Marina. It was yet to be confirmed by the council finance department whether the funds set out as part of the Planning Permission granted to Taylor Wimpey in respect of the Pennywell Development had been deposited with the authority.  
Chairman/Cllr Aldridge
9. St Mary's Church Ripple.  
The Quinquennial Review was due to be undertaken, the results would provide an indication of the costings and funds required to maintain and repair the fabric of the building. As and when figures are available support from the community will be canvased. A new Church Warden, Eleanor Grigson had been appointed.  
Chairman/Cllr Jones
10. Bow Lane Gravel Extraction Update.  
Nothing to report.  
Chairman
11. Trees in Parish Ownership.  
The Chairman had carried out a review of trees in the parish with a resident. Cllr Dearden had agreed to take responsibility for the ongoing review and maintenance plan. Cllrs Blake and Jones had met with the tree surgeon contracted to undertake the work on the Ash Tree subject to the TPO on the recreation Ground. The quotation from the contractor to be circulated and Cllrs are requested to review and comment. MHDC's representative had attended the meeting and provided suggestions on the most appropriate way for the works to be undertaken.  
Chairman/Cllrs Owenson & Middleborough
12. Dates for 2019 Meetings.  
The dates for 2019 meetings were approved.  
Chairman
13. Autumn/Winter Newsletter.  
Items for inclusion in the newsletter were requested to be submitted to the clerk.  
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14. 11/11 Commemoration Event.  
Following discussion with Earls Croome and Hill Croome Parish Councils it had been decided to cancel the joint commemoration event. Subject to the approval of the Church Warden of St Mary's it was hoped that there would be an exhibition at the church instead.  
Chairman
15. Litterpick in Conjunction with Strensham Services & MHDC.  
It was agreed to hold a litter pick in conjunction with the management of Strensham Services. A mutually convenient date would be agreed. MHDC will be notified and as in the past equipment  
Chairman

will be booked for use at the event.

17. Adoption of New Councillor.

Chairman

The Chairman reported that Mr Phillip Lester had expressed a willingness to join the Parish Council. Mr Lester was on holiday and unable to attend this meeting. It was unanimously agreed to co-opt Mr Lester on his return.

Proposed by: Cllr Blake Seconded by: Cllr Aldridge

Councillor comments and items for next agenda.

It was agreed that the date of the October meeting would be amended to 15<sup>th</sup> October, subject to Ripple Parish Hall being available. Cllr Weyman reported that there had been no further progress with regard to The Library. Cllr Sutton expressed concern regarding the parking of vehicles on the corner of Ryall Road and The Beeches. The management of The Beeches Residential Care Home would be requested to ask visitors to use the on site car park rather than obstruct the junction.

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Cllr Aldridge reported that Facebook now had 117 followers, the Speed Watch scheme continued to operate, the figures were showing that the majority of vehicles were abiding to the speed limit. However, one vehicle was clocked at 57mph! Cllr Blake reported that a resident of Naunton had expressed the wish to establish a book exchange in the Naunton Phone Box. The cost to install racking was estimated not to exceed £100. Cllr Blake proposed that this scheme be adopted.

Proposed by: Cllr Aldridge Seconded by: Cllr Weyman

Meeting concluded at 8.25pm

Date of Next Meeting – Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Public Questions:

A resident requested an update as to the maintenance of the trees within the parish. The Chairman reported this was a work in progress and Cllr Dearden would be reviewing.

A resident of The Beeches provided an update regarding the ongoing weekend noise issues. MHDC have arranged for the situation to be assessed by the Noise Regulatory Service. Residents have been asked to report when the noise levels are excessive or continue past the 11pm licenced time. The Chairman confirmed that the matter had been raised with the district councilor and would be followed up.

A request was made for the pruning of overhanging foliage on Ryall Road and the surrounding footpaths receive attention. The Chairman agreed that if residents would supply details of specific locations the clerk would write to the householder and request they attend to the matter.

A resident made the request that the road signs on the Ryall Road are cleaned and further investigations are made into how speed can be reduced on the Ryall Road. The Chairman advised that various options had been explored, speed bumps were not an option due to the lack of street lighting. A time scale for completion of the bus stop adjacent to the Pennywell development was requested. The Chairman advised that this was something Cllr Jones was pursuing with MHDC.

A resident adjacent to the Recreation ground requested an update on the proposed redevelopment of the area. The Chairman advised that the result of the public consultation was unanimously against the provision of a play area. The preference was to maintain the area as an open space RPC were keen to provide a viewing area offering seating in order that the views towards the river and Upton could be enjoyed. An application for Section 106 funds would be submitted when costings have been calculated.

It was reported that the leaking pipes close to the Cemex plant had been repaired, however the brambles were in need of cutting back. The Cemex Plant Manager will be requested to attend to the required maintenance.

Signed:



Date: 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

**Nicholas Blake – Chairman Ripple Parish Council**