

**Minutes of the Meeting of Ripple Parish Council
held at Beechwood Residential Care Home on 15th October 2018 at 7.00pm**

Minutes

Present:- Cllrs Aldridge, Blake, Dearden, Jones, Sutton and Weyman
County Councillor Middlebrough, District Councillor Owenson,

In attendance:- Mrs V Portch – Clerk and 16 members of the public.

1. Apologies - To receive apologies and to approve reasons for absence.
Cllrs Sutton and Weyman left the meeting to attend a meeting of the Trustees of Upton Library. Prior to their departure the co-opting of Mr Tim Armitt and Mrs Maggi Davis to Ripple Parish Council was unanimously agreed. Mr Armitt and Mrs Davis were asked to join the Parish Councillors with immediate effect.
Proposed by: Cllr Jones Seconded by: Cllr Blake
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. NoneCouncillors 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 10th September 2018 were approved by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.
Proposed by: Cllr Aldridge Seconded by: Cllr Dearden
4. Report from District Councillor.
The two green field sites in Naunton were discussed, Cllr Owenson explained aspect of the SWDP to those present. Cllr Owenson provided an update in response to a residents concerns regarding the planning application for holiday chalet development on the site at Bow Lane and clarify the situation regarding the Naunton sites.. Cllr Owenson
5. Report from County Councillor.
Cllr Middlebrough advised that Stratford Bridge Lane was on the highway repair list but was not a priority repair. The clerk request a new grit bin be considered at the junction of Ryall Road/A4104. Last year during icy weather vehicle struggled to negotiate the slope. The bus services were under further review First Group were in discussion with WCC. 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 and MHDC website. Discussions regarding Section 106 funds for Recreation Ground refurbishment project and location of an appropriate landscape architect. Investigation into funding and grants available to assist with the refurbishment of the Recreation Ground. Discussion with Strensham Services management regarding on-going concerns regarding littering. Discussions and meeting with management of McDonalds at Strensham Services, agreement to carry out a Litter Pick on a mutually convenient Saturday afternoon in November to be confirmed. It was agreed at meeting to hold the litter pick on Saturday, 24th November at 2.00pm. Meeting at The Recreation Ground, The Bridge Magazine is undergoing a "facelift" and will be presented in a new A5 format. The editor has provided a proof advert (as per previous years - subject to the amendment of the website) for inclusion for the next year at a cost of £100.00 for a quarter page. Previously circulated letter from RCA Regeneration to be considered regarding land at Green Lane Naunton. Review of annual insurance renewal, decision to be made by Councillors with regard to the "loyalty" discount offered by Zurich insurance for 3 or 5 year term. Three year term unanimously agreed by those present. Preparation of a further application to MHDC for the pruning of 1 x Ash tree with TPO, following the refusal of the application submitted by Boulton Tree Services. Check Grit Bin supplies and follow up with WCC the repositioning of Saxon Lode Bridge bin before it slides down the embankment. 104



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. Vice Chairman to obtain further quote for removal of dead tree on the bend near noticeboard in Naunton, initial quotation considered too expensive. Discuss option as to how to obtain landscape proposals for recreation ground and attention to tree with TPO.

Finance:

Cheques from last meeting distributed. Ledger updated.

Approval of Invoices

Chq No	Payee	Amount	Purpose
1234	The Bridge	£60.00	2017/18 Advertising
1235	Upton Town Partnership	£15.00	Upton News Subscription
1236	M Tomkins	£132.00	Lengthsman - September
1237	Smartcut Ltd	£856.80	7/9 & 19/9 Grass Cuts
1238	The Bridge	£100.00	2018/19 Advertising
1239	Cancelled	£0.00	
1240	J Shelton	£65.84	Shelving for Naunton Tardis
1241	Zurich Municipal	£574.67	Insurance (3 yr Rate)

Proposed by: Cllr Aldridge Secoded by: Cllr Jones

Urgent Decisions:

None

Staff and Training:

Cllr Blake reported that he and Cllr Jones had undertaken a review with the clerk.

Planning:

Cllr Jones provided an update on planning matters.

The access issues onto the A4104 from the emergency entranceway for the site providing 70 houses was raised with District Councillor Owenson who agreed to investigate further and report back.

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>RPC Submission</u>
<u>18/01399/CAN</u>	Thoulds Farm Uckinghall Tewkesbury GL20 6ES	Undertake works to one maple and one oak, as detailed on application form	Pending decision	Unanimously Agreed
<u>18/01071/FUL</u>	Land At (OS 8726 3749) Bow Lane Ripple	Change of use of land and the erection of two timber lodges for holiday use including laying of hardstanding and installation of package sewage treatment plant	Pending decision	Unanimously Agreed
<u>18/01207/FUL</u>	Bramble Farm Naunton Upton Upon Severn Worcester WR8 0PZ Just Received:-	Change of use of an agricultural barn to stables (retrospective) and the construction of a manege.	Pending decision	Unanimously Agreed
<u>18/01431/OL</u>	Silver Mead Bow Lane Ripple Tewkesbury GL20 6EW	Installation of single wood pole with stay wire support to provide a single supply	Pending decision	No Objection Unanimously Agreed

Cllr Jones asked Cllr Owenson for clarification on the planning status of the emergency access to the 70 home site on the A4104. It was understood by RPC that this access was only to be permitted if the A4104 was flooded. Given the current works to raise the height of the A4104 to remove the issue of flooding it would appear that the access would no longer be required. Cllr Owenson agreed to review the matter and report back.

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| 7. | To receive report from Footpaths Officer
No report provided.
Section 106 Funding Update & Recreation Ground Landscaping
Cllr Jones reported on his ongoing discussions with MHDC regarding the availability of Section 106 funds and the process of submitting a project for consideration. It was agreed that the refurbishment of the Recreation Ground should be submitted as a community project. A landscape architect would be engaged to provide a report on the costs involved and stability and sustainability of the foliage located on the bank. | Chairman/Mr
Goddard |
| 8. | The funding has been received by MHDC from Taylor Wimpey for the Upton Playground. WCC have yet to respond regarding the funds for the bus stop on Ryall Road. | Chairman/Cllr Jones |
| 9. | St Marys Church Ripple
Chairman reported that the findings of the Quinquennial Inspection were yet to be made available. The matter of support for the maintenance of the church would be revisited when the official report was made available. | Chairman |
| 10. | Bow Lane Gravel Extraction Update
Clerk had contacted Cllr Murray of Twynning Parish Council to request an update, no response received to date. | Chairman |
| 11. | Trees in Parish Ownership
Cllr Blake updated details of the review he had carried out with a local resident. Cllr Dearden agreed to take on responsibility for overseeing the parish trees and would review the current concerns with Cllr Blake. Ownership of the trees illuminated as causing concern would be investigated. Cllr Jones provided an overview of the quotation provided by Boulton Tree Surgeons. It was unanimously agreed that three elements covered in the quotation should be carried out. The element covering the removal of the dead tree beside the telephone kiosk in Naunton would not be carried out as it was felt to be too costly at £480.00 + VAT.
Proposed by: Cllr Aldridge Seconded by: Cllr Dearden | Chairman/Cllr
Dearden & Clerk |
| 12. | Autumn/Winter Newsletter
Clerk reported copy for newsletter was being collated and requested those members who had not yet provided their contributions do so promptly. | Clerk |
| 13. | Adoption of New Councillors
Covered previously, Mr Armitt and Mrs Davis were co-opted to Ripple Parish Council.
Meeting concluded at 8.45pm. | Chairman |
| | Date of Next Meeting – Monday, 12 th November 2018 | All |

Public Question Time:

From 7.00pm residents are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on this agenda, or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chairman, before the start of the Parish Council Meeting.

Concerns were raised by several local residents about the recent suggestion of development of land in Naunton for housing. Cllr Blake advised that RPC has been contacted by the potential developers agent and an invitation had been extended to attend the November meeting to present the proposals. Cllr Owenson advised that Naunton was categorized as "open countryside" and he was not aware of the land being included in the WCC call for sites.

Residents of Bow Lane expressed concerns about the planning application to build two holiday chalets on the plot opposite Silver Mead. Cllr Jones confirmed that permission had been previously granted and lapsed. The possibility of the properties being used as permanent residences was raised and Cllr Jones suggested that MHDC should consider the requirement for a letting diary to be kept and made available for inspection. The residents were in favour of such a requirement.

The Lengthsman expressed concerns regarding the damage caused by hedge cutting in various locations within the parish. The phone cabinet adjacent to Ripple Parish Hall had sustained damaged and would be reported to BT by the clerk. The Legthsman would attempt to tape over the damage to avoid water ingression.

Cllr Sutton requested that WCC Highways Department give serious consideration to the safety aspects of the pathways on the newly refurbished A4104. There were major issues involving the safe passage of pushchairs and wheelchairs along the pathway and crossing the road was extremely challenging. Cllr Weyman concurred and added that cycling along the route was also very hazardous.

A resident of Bow Lane Ripple advised Cllr Owenson that he had received a letter from the MP regarding the responsibility for dealing with the loose dogs and pigs. The resident offered to provide Cllr Owenson with a copy in order he could review the information. The issue of speeding traffic on the A38 was raised, Cllr Middlebrough who advised that the Safer Roads Partnership should be contacted. Speed enforcement vans were now deployed to Clifton. The clerk to contact West Mercia Police and Safer Roads Partnership Team.

Signed: 

Date: 15th October 2018.

Nicholas Blake – Chairman Ripple Parish Council