

Minutes of the Meeting of Ripple Parish Council held at Ripple Parish Hall on Monday, 5th December 2016 at 7.00pm

Present:- Cllrs Aldridge, Baum, Blake, Cox, Jones, Sutton, Weyman and Wilson
Mrs V Portch (Clerk), 2 members of the public

Minutes

1. **Apologies**-To receive apologies and to approve reasons for absence.
None
2. **Declarations of Interest** - None
3. **Minutes** - Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 17th October 2016. Agreed.

4. **Report from District Councillor**
Proposed by: Cllr Jones
Seconded by: Cllr Aldridge
Cllr Owenson

Cllr Owenson reported that Bluebell Farm application had been refused on Appeal. The closure of the rear entrance to Hanley Road Car Park was a ongoing matter UTP are leading the discussions with MHDC, the Chairman advised that all local parishes had expressed the wish for the entrance to be re-opened, Ryall Road traffic issues are a police matter, Cllr Sutton suggested the Speedwatch scheme could assist if residents are prepared to become involved. The Chairman requested Cllr Wilson might receive the financial assistance from the ward budget should permission to erect a sign be obtained.

5. **Report from County Councillor**
Cllr Sutton reported that Jerry Brienza had left the WCC Highways department to work within Wychavon. A visit had been made to the junction of the A38/Bluebell to review traffic parking concerns, at the time of the visit there was no traffic obstruction. An invitation to attend the Gygaclear open meeting on 10 January 2017 at Bushley. Cllr Sutton pointed out that Ripple and Uckingham were not featured on the coverage area. RPC's offer to facilitate a meeting for local people to meet with Gygaclear had been declined by the company in favour of the Bushley venue.

6. **Report from Mrs Robina Rand on Footpaths**
Mrs Rand reported that the Cemex works had commenced and the footpath diversion signs are currently very confusing. A request for the signage to be removed would be made to WCC. No further updates have been received in respect of the Ferry Lane issues. Hedges to the footpath at located at the rear of The Elgar had been cut back making access more easy.

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Progress reports from:

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Clerk
 General administration of correspondence, emails and post.
 Administration of Lengthsman Scheme. Minutes of last meeting.
 Facilitation, preparation and submission of planning application responses. Ongoing communication with MHDC and WCC regarding highways issues and approval to place stepping stones to bus shelters. Ongoing discussion with residents, MHDC, WCC and local police regarding parking at the A38 junction with The Bluebell and on The Beeches. Attendance of initial meeting of the Cemex Ryall North Community Liaison Group. Discussion with Superfast Worcestershire and Gygaclear regarding broadband upgrade. Preparation of newsletter and arranging for print proof of Welcome Pack.

Chairman
 Management Group
 Management Group met to review on-going issues, and set agenda for this meeting. Further discussions and review of Section 106 funding, bus services and transport assistance for Naunton, Ripple and Uckingham residents since the route changes. Chairman attended meetings to review options for bus services and Upton Town Partnership meetings to consider the Hanley Road Car Park closed entrance issues.

Clerk
 Finance Group
 Cheques from last meeting distributed. Meeting with Chairman and Vice Chairman to review budget prior to this meeting.

Clerk
 Urgent Decisions:
 Payment of cheque 001161 in the sum of £17.00 to Royal British Legion for Remembrance Day wreath, cheque 001162 in the sum of £201.00 payable to M Tomkins, Lengthsmans invoice for October 2016. Proposed by: Cllr Cox
 Seconded by: Cllr Weyman
 Planning Group
 Cllr Jones advised the meeting of the revised planning response process as per previously distributed process chart. The following applications were reviewed.

Application Number	Address	Description
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16/01566/HOU	The Old Rectory, The Cross, Ripple, Worcestershire, GL20 6HA	Proposed orangery (Amendment to application 14/00958/HOU). Response to be submitted
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16/01406/FUL	Ryall Chase, Holly Green, Upton Upon Severn, Worcestershire, WR8 0PD	Tractor store and barn. Response Submitted
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16/01498/NF	Land At (Os 8620 4094), Ryall Road, Holly Green, Upton Upon Severn, Worcestershire.	Without planning permission, the unauthorised raising of the levels of the ground on the Land. Draft response circulated to Councilors for comment
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16/01298/FUL	Land At (Os 8620 4094), Off Ryall Road, Holly Green, Upton Upon Severn, Worcestershire.	Proposed works to public open space area (on Phase 1 and 2) to include engineering works to change land levels, formation of raised bund, as proposed drainage, betterment and amendment to agreed design of gas tanks (including 2 additional tanks) to be partly, not fully, submerged, together with landscaping, extension of
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footpath (to link the 2 play areas) and amended boundary treatments.

16/01539/T/CN The Retreat, Ferry Lane, Uckinghall, Worcestershire, GL20 6ER
 Undertake works to six trees (walnut, Acer, Beech, Tamarisk, Apple and Indian bean tree), as detailed on submitted application form

16/01162/HOU Bryher Cottage, Ryall Grove, Upton Upon Severn, Worcestershire, WR8 0PP
 Response Submitted Single storey extension to existing detached building

16/01106/F/UL Sunnybank House, Ryall Road, Holly Green, Upton Upon Severn, Worcestershire, WR8 0PG
 Response Submitted Erection of a new domestic dormer bungalow and garage to the rear garden of the existing property on the site. Creation of a new garage and vehicle access to the existing property

16/00923/HOU Bramble Bank, Uckinghall, Tewkesbury, Worcestershire, GL20 6EP
 Response Submitted Retention of roof lights (as shown on roof plan drawing D5 and elevation drawing D6), glazed door in northwest elevation (as shown on elevation drawing D6), extended eaves (as shown on roof plan drawing D5 and north east and north west elevations drawing D6) and horizontal board cladding. (Part retrospective)

Staffing and Training Group
 Collation of Councillors' requests to attend MHDG training courses. Clerk to request 2017 training programme from CALC for Cllrs Aldridge and Wilson.

Task Group Reports:

Communities that are safe and feel safe
 Two burglaries had recently taken place within the Parish, the Chairman requested Cllr Wilson to further investigate the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and the West Mercia Police text alert service.

Flooding, Environmental Issues
 Cllr Weyman reported that the Upton Library Trustee meeting was only attended by three members, a further meeting would be scheduled for the new year when it was hoped more Trustees would be in attendance. The buildings cleaning, insurance and rates have been satisfied. Certain unidentified costs in respect of caretaking, rent default insurance, charges for meeting room hire and parking on site are yet to be resolved.

Budget for 2017 / 2018

A draft budget for 2017/18 was circulated to the meeting, following discussion it was agreed that a revised document would be circulated for review at the January meeting.

Approval of Invoices

Cheque No	Payee	Amount	Description
001163	Grant Thornton	£210.00	Audit Fees
001164	Penpal Studio	£892.00	Newsletter

Proposed by: Cllr Baum
 Seconded by: Cllr Sutton

Emergency Plan

The Chairman thanked Clls Baum and Wilson for their efforts. The document will be adopted by Ripple Parish Council and reviewed and updated as necessary on an annual basis.

Cllr Wilson

Clerk

Clerk

Cllr Weyman

Cllr Cox

Clerk

MSB

Date:

16/1/2017

Signed:

Nicholas Blake

Nicholas Blake – Chairman, Ripple Parish Council.

No items raised.

Public Question Time

Date of next meeting – 16th January 2017 at 7.00pm

Meeting concluded at 8.30pm.

Cllr Sutton raised the issue of the consultation on withdrawal of the BT telephone boxes. The ongoing maintenance and insurance liability implications of taking these items over was considered inappropriate.

Councillor comments and items for next agenda

Winter newsletters circulated to Councillors for distribution to residents throughout the Parish.

Winter Newsletter

Taylor Wimpey and Cemex for financial assistance.

Cllr Aldridge updated the meeting on the plans to obtain funding to replace the current dilapidated noticeboards. A Lottery Funding Application would be submitted and approaches would be made to

Renewal of Noticeboards

The draft document prepared by Cllr Baum was approved by the meeting, it was suggested that a print run (A3 folded format) of 100 be considered together with the possible inclusion of a map. Clerk to prepare a dummy/final proof copy for approval ready for printing and distribution.

New Resident Welcome Pack

Cllr Aldridge

Clerk

Cllr Aldridge

Cllr Baum

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