

**Minutes of the Meeting of Ripple Parish Council
held at Ripple Parish Hall on 11th February 2019 at 7.00pm**

Minutes

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Present:- Cllrs Armit, Blake, Davis, Jones, Sutton and Weyman
County Councillor Middlebrough, 1 member of the public.
In attendance:- Mrs V Portch – Clerk.

1. Apologies
Apologies received from Cllrs Aldridge, Dearden and District Cllr Owenson reasons for absence 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. 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 11th January 2019 were approved by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.
Proposed by: Cllr Weyman Seconded by: Cllr Jones
4. Report from District Councillor. Cllr Owenson
Cllr Owenson was unable to attend due to business commitments.
5. Report from County Councillor. Cllr Middlebrough
Cllr Middlebrough advised that he would be meeting with WCC Highways to review the various issues raised. An apology was conveyed on behalf of WCC for the lack of communication regarding the works on Ryall Road, additional works were also being undertaken on the same site by Seven Trent Water. Cllr Middlebrough will keep RPC updated. The 3 pronged roundabout proposal for the junction of A38/A4104 was to be put to WCC for approval on 14th February with a view to commencement within the next two years. Speed monitoring will be undertaken on A38/A4104 when the works have been completed in order to assist with the Ryall Road crossing request. The previously discussed requirement for a safe crossing to be provided on the A4104 would be reviewed by WCC representatives. Cllr Sutton requested details of the cost of the A4104 scheme. Cllr Jones expressed concerns about the poor quality of the repair to the A38 carriageway near the Cemex site entrance.
6. Progress reports from:
7. **Clerk:**
General administration of correspondence emails and post. Uploading of documents to WCC website. Discussions regarding Section 106 funds for Recreation Ground refurbishment project and potential other projects. Communication with solicitors regarding Title Registration of Recreation Ground and ownership of the bank adjoining the Recreation Ground. Monitoring of new "@rpcworcs.co.uk" email accounts for all councillors. Communication with CALC regarding training for new councillors. Review of trees and hedges causing obstruction as requested by WCC, letters to residents to be issued requesting their co-operation. WCC's request to attend to seriously overgrown hedge at "Balmain" in Uckinghall successfully resolved (06/02/19). Recruitment of new Lengthsman advertising and contact with other local parishes.

Management:

Management Group met to review on-going issues and set agenda for this meeting. Review of minutes of last meeting. Further 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 meeting. Discussion regarding review of trees within parish to be undertaken by Cllr Dearden. Clerk has since received request from WCC to address overgrown hedges in Uckinghall. (Both reported to WCC earlier in 2018 but were not considered to be an issue by WCC).

Finance:

Cheques from last meeting distributed. Ledger updated.

It was unanimously agreed that the sum of £5,000.00 should be transferred from the deposit account to the current account.

Proposed by: Cllr Jones Seconded by: Cllr Armitt

Approval of Invoices

Chq No	Payee	Amount	Detail
1253	Harrison Clark Rickerby	£61.20	Land Registry Fees – Recreation Ground
1254	M Tomkins	£180.00	Lengthsman
1255	Smartcut Ltd	£428.40	Grass cutting

Proposed by: Cllr Armitt Seconded by: Cllr Davis

Urgent Decisions:

Purchase of 2 x £25.00 gifts on behalf of RPC for CALC staff retiring in March 2019.

Proposed By: Cllr Blake Seconded By: Cllr Jones

Staff and Training:

Clerk reported that CALC would provide a training session for RPC Councillors on 11th March to coincide with Parish Council meeting.

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. Response awaited.

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>RPC Submission</u>
18/01491/HP	1 School Lane Ripple Tewkesbury GL20 6EU	Erection of a 2 storey side extension.	Pending decision	Recommend Approval
19/00040/FUL	Land At (Os 8622 4044) Ryall Meadow Ryall Upton Upon Severn	New 5 bedroom dwelling including garage and associated landscape	Pending decision	Recommend Approval
19/00048/FUL	Building At (Os 8738 3774) Station Road Ripple	Variation of Condition 2 on planning permission 15/01251/FUL (Change of use of existing storage building to a residential dwellinghouse (C3)) allowed on appeal to allow changes to layout and design.	Pending decision	Recommend Approval
18/01689/RM	Land At (Os 8604 4120) Ryall Court Lane Holly Green Upton Upon Severn	The reserved matters to include details of appearance, layout, landscaping and scale following a grant of planning permission 15/00751/OUT for the proposed development of 6 no dwellings.	Pending decision	

Cllr Jones had previously 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 had agreed to review the matter and report back.

The play area at Pennywell was under construction, no confirmation received to date as to whether the Section 106 funds had been paid by Tayler Wimpey. An update on the enforcement regarding the levels at the site was awaited from Cllr Owenson. 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.

WCC have yet to respond regarding the funds for the bus stop on Ryall Road.

Further details of the enforcement action on the car park site on the A38 were awaited.

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| 8. | Report from Footpaths Officer
Due to ill health Mr Goddard had been unable to monitor all areas of the parish. He would repair the signs damaged by recent hedge cutting and provide a full report in March. | Chairman/Mr Goddard |
| 9. | Section 106 Funding Update & Recreation Ground Landscaping
Cllr Jones provided an update on his on-going discussions with MHDC regarding the funding opportunities available to RPC and the process by which an application should be submitted. To date a definitive process for the delivery of an application had not been received. | Chairman/Cllr Jones |
| 10. | St Marys Church Ripple
Chairman reported that the findings of the Quinquennial Inspection were now available, a copy of the report has been supplied to Councillors for information. The Chairman had undertaken initial discussions with a representative of St Marys, the PCC would take the lead in setting up a support group to raise funds and public awareness. RPC would endeavor to support the PCC in their efforts. | Chairman |
| 11. | Bow Lane Gravel Extraction Update
Clerk had contacted Cllr Murray of Twynning Parish Council to request an update, no response received to date. A public exhibition on behalf of the Cullimore Group will take place at Ripple Parish Hall on 28 th February 2019. Clerk to post notices appropriately. | Clerk |
| 12. | Lengthsman and Grass cutting 2019
Notices and adverting had been placed in an effort to recruit a new Lengthsman. It was unanimously agreed that SmartCut Ltd would be contracted to continue with the contract for Grass cutting for 2019 season. The rate for each cut confirmed at £357.00 plus VAT. The company had indicated that they would be able to undertake the tasks of the Lengthsman subject to negotiation on fees. Confirmation to be obtained from WCC as to whether a commercial entity could undertake the role. Subsequently confirmed by WCC as acceptable. | All |
| 13. | Litter Pick Spring 2019
Clerk reported that a mutually convenient date was being arranged with the occupants of Strensham Services. | Chairman |
| 14. | "rpcworcs" Email Accounts
The clerk had supplied all Councillors with the set up information and passwords for their individual accounts. The clerk will assist any Councillor having issues setting up their account. | All |
| 15. | Local Elections 2019
The May elections will be reviewed further at the next meeting. | All |
| 16. | Councillor Comments and Items for Next Agenda
Cllr Sutton asked for confirmation that RPC would consider further funding for Upton Library in the future.
Cllr Armitt raised a question as to whether some form of traffic calming strips might be considered for the Ryall Road. This would be added to the list of matters to be reviewed with WCC. The clerk would contact the safer roads team with a view to speed monitoring.
Meeting concluded at 8.15pm. | Clerk |

Date of Next Meeting – Monday, 11th March 2019

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.

The Chairman introduced Mr Philip Arnold, resident of Uckinghall to the meeting.

Cllr Sutton reported that he had received a request from a Pennywell resident that WCC Highways Department give serious consideration to replacing the 30mph speed signs on the estate with 20mph. A lifebelt was requested for use near the attenuation ponds.

Signed:



Date: 11th February 2019



Nicholas Blake – Chairman Ripple Parish Council