

**Minutes of the Meeting of Ripple Parish Council  
held at Ripple Parish Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.00pm**

**MINUTES**

*Present:- Cllrs Aldridge, Armitt, Blake, Davis, Dearden, Jones, Sutton and Weyman*

*In Attendance:- Mrs F Blake (Minute Taking) and 2 Members of the Public*

*CALC Training Session for Councillors will take place directly after Public Question Time*

1. Apologies - Apologies for absence and reasons approved from Cllr Middlebrough and Cllr Owenson.
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.  
Cllr Jones declared a long standing acquaintance with the owner of Application 19/0074/AGR.  
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> February 2019 were approved by the meeting and signed by the Chairman after correcting the spelling of Cllr Armitt. All  
Proposed By: Cllr Weyman    Seconded By: Cllr Davis
4. To receive report from District Councillor. Cllr Owenson  
Cllr Owenson is on holiday but reported there are several enforcement issues under way. This includes Ryall Grove, a site in Naunton and the Taylor Wimpey development. The play area on the Taylor Wimpey site is due to be completed at the end of March. Cllrs expressed their concern that Cllr Owenson has not attended an RPC meeting since November 2018. The Chairman will write to Cllr Owenson to encourage his future attendance.
5. To receive report from County Councillor. Chairman  
Cllr Middleborough  
Report from Cllr Middlebrough:-  
As part of the final phase of the flood alleviation works in Upton-Upon-Severn, a series of night closures on the A1404 will be taking place later this month. The closures will take place from 8pm to 6am from Monday 18 March to Thursday 21 March. A diversion route will be in place for vehicles which takes them over Carrington Bridge in Worcester. Pedestrians and dismounted cyclists will be able to use a temporary footway which has been built next to the current highway, and this will also have lighting.  
These works will move the project closer to overall completion before the Upton festival season.  
The Worcestershire 5G consortium, led by the County Council and Worcestershire LEP, just launched the first-ever British 5G factory trials at the Worcester Bosch factory.  
The switch on, which took place at Worcester Bosch, allows the UK to strive firmly ahead of its European peers in the race for 5G, and through the collaboration of partners, Worcestershire will be at the heart of the technological advance.  
These trials mark the start of Britain's historic journey to reap the benefits of

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'Industry 4.0', and will see smart factories being created.

Worcestershire is updating its Graduated Response guidance to support children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

Parents, carers and professionals working with children and young people with SEND have been encouraged to help shape the Worcestershire SEND Graduated Response guidance.

The Graduated Response document is intended to be used as a tool for schools and settings and those partner agencies working with them. It is also intended to be an information source for parents, carers and young people to inform and guide in relation to the education of children and young people with SEND.

Assistive technology devices like Alexa are being used by Worcestershire County Council to enable people to live as independently as possible. Assistive technology refers to devices or systems that support a person to maintain or improve their independence, safety and wellbeing. As part of the plan to tackle pressures within adult social care. We are one of the few Councils in the country investing in this type of technology.

Investment in assistive technology averages just £7 per week, saving the council around £90 a week compared to home care. Where the technology prevents residential care, the saving rises to £140 a week. Worcestershire County Council has been working with partners Worcestershire Telecare to pilot a range of different technology as part of a person's care package.

Cllr Jones proposed that RPC thank WCC and Severn Trent for all the good work done on the pavements on the Ryall Road.

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. Application drafted and submitted to Fortis. Sadly RPC do not meet Calor application criteria due to mains gas being in locality of site. Further communication with solicitors regarding Title Registration of Recreation Ground and ownership of the bank adjoining the Recreation Ground. Ownership of bank and adjoining land now established. 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. Recruitment of new Lengthsman advertising and contact with other local parishes. Attended Cullimore public exhibition regarding sand and gravel extraction at Bow Lane. It was agreed that Mr M Cullimore be asked to attend a meeting with RPC Councillors. Discussion with Cemex regarding potential funding application and assistance with Recreation ground renovation project.

#### **Management Group:**

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. Meeting arranged for 18<sup>th</sup> March with WCC Highways to review various issues and formalise request for pedestrian crossing on A4104.

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## Finance & Approval of Invoices:

Cheques from last meeting distributed. Ledger updated.

Chq No	Payee	Amount	Detail
1257	M Tomkins	£144.00	Lengthsman
1258	Mrs F Dearden	£33.00	Land Registry Searches

Proposed By: Cllr Armitt    Seconded By: Cllr Jones

## Urgent Decisions:

Cheque No. 1256 raised for Ripple Parish Hall in respect of room hire 2018.  
(Invoice supplied)

Proposed By: Cllr Armitt    Seconded By: Cllr Dearden

## Staff and Training:


Bespoke training from CALC arranged to coincide with March meeting provided by Mrs Gill Lungley of CALC.

## Planning:

Councillors are requested to review applications/documents online please. Please note that with immediate effect submission will be circulated by Cllr Jones for comment. Ripple Parish Council – Planning Applications Not Determined on MHDC Planning Website as at 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Status</u>
<u>19/00151/HP</u>	Rosedale House Ryall Lane Ryall Upton Upon Severn Worcester WR8 0PN	Extension to rear of existing detached garage.	Pending decision
<u>18/01491/HP</u>	1 School Lane Ripple Tewkesbury GL20 6EU	Erection of a 2 storey side extension.	Refused
<u>19/00040/FUL</u>	Land At (Os 8622 4044) Ryall Meadow Ryall Upton Upon Severn	New 5 bedroom dwelling including garage and associated landscape	Pending decision

A Tree Preservation Order on a Monkey Puzzle Tree at Malthouse Farm Uckinghall was discussed and it was agreed not to proceed with this.

8. To receive report from Footpaths Officer.  
No report provided. Chairman/  
Mr Goddard
9. Section 106 Funding Update & Recreation Ground Landscaping.  
Mr Mark Hammond of MHDC is consulting with colleagues on this and will respond in due course. Chairman/Cllr Jones
10. St Marys Church Ripple.  
Cllr Blake had met the PCC and has received "Friends of St Marys" constitution. The Friends welcome interested parties to support St Marys Ripple fund raising efforts. The recent quinquennial survey indicated that £250,000.00 (Two hundred and fifty thousand pounds) will be needed to restore and maintain the building over the next few years. Chairman
11. Bow Lane Gravel Extraction Update.  
Several Cllrs had attended the Cullimore Exhibition on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at Ripple Parish Hall. The Cullimore Group intend to put in a single plan to both Gloucestershire and Worcestershire County Councils. Chairman
12. Clerks Remuneration.  
The NALC Scale Ranges were evaluated. It was proposed that the New Spinal Column Point 6 (Formally SCP 17) would be applied to the clerk, i.e. £9.96 per hour. The WFH allowance would be increased by 2%. It was agreed that the Chairman  


clerk should be encouraged to gain further relevant qualifications.  
Unanimously agreed.

Proposed By: Cllr Armitt Seconded By: Cllr Jones

13. Lengthsman Recruitment & Grass cutting 2019.  
To date no replacement has been found for the Lengthsman. Smartcut are a fall back option but are more costly. Cllrs are asked to consider options and WCC will be approached for ideas. All
14. Litter Pick Spring 2019.  
This event will take place in April / May 2019. Chairman/Clerk
15. "rpcworcs" Email Accounts for Councillors  
Cllrs Sutton and Weyman are yet to be enrolled and Cllr Davis log in issues are resolved. The plan is to begin using the new email accounts during April 2019. Clerk
16. Local Elections – May 2019  
The clerk will be providing Cllrs and other interested and eligible parties with the relevant forms to enable them to stand for election as a Parish Councillor. (Documents distributed 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 for return to the clerk no later than 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019 for hand delivery to MHDC by 3 April 2019) Chairman
- The Chairman stated that he would not be standing for election as a Parish Councillor.
17. Councillor comments and items for next agenda.  
Cllr Dearden commented on the difficulty in identifying land ownership in the Parish, particularly verges. A private company will be asked to pursue this. Dog waste and responsible ownership notices were distributed for Cllrs to put up in their area, as appropriate. Clerk had previously placed notices at both entrances to the Recreation Ground and other locations. Cllr Dearden/Clerk  
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.

A resident raised the diversion of the Public Footpath at Ferry Lane which had been effected intentionally and without the permission of WCC. Clerk  
RPC will re-raise the matter with WCC.

Date of Next Meeting – Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – Ripple Parish Hall

Signed:



Date: 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019

**Nicholas Blake – Chairman Ripple Parish Council**

Mrs Gill Lungley from CALC presented on the role, responsibilities and expectations upon council members. The Councils Publication Scheme and role in Planning Consultation was also explained. Councillors were given a handout covering these points and recommended to read "The Good Councillors Guide 2018/2019". RPC thanked Mrs Lungley for her very useful presentation.