

**Minutes of the Meeting of Ripple Parish Council
held at Beechwood Residential Care Home on Monday, 8th July 2019 at 7.00pm**

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Aldridge, Armitt, Baum, Davis, Jones, Sutton
District Councillor Jeremy Owenson, County Councillor Paul Middlebrough, Footpaths Officer – Mr Brian Goddard and 5 members of the public
In attendance Mrs V Portch - Clerk

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| 1. | Apologies
Apologies received from Cllr Weyman, reason approved. | Clerk |
| 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
<i>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.</i> | All |
| 3. | Minutes
The minutes of the meeting held on 10 th June 2019 were presented to the meeting, approved by those present and signed by the Chairman.
Proposed by Cllr Davis Seconded by Cllr Baum
To receive report from District Councillor
Cllr Owenson requested support from RPC regarding the application on Strensham Road, Cllr Jones advised that RPC had no objection and would respond to that effect.
It was anticipated that Cllr Jones would attend the Planning Committee meeting to support. Enforcement continued to monitor the Pennywell development. It was anticipated that the playground would be completed by the end of July. Complaints had been received from Hillview Gardens residents regarding the ground levels and drainage. Enforcement officer will review. Cllr Aldridge confirmed that Pennywell residents would be welcomed to any meeting. Cllr Owenson to extend invitation.
To receive report from County Councillor
Cllr Middlebrough provided an update regarding the first stage of the Library review. Worcs City Council had provided £157,000 for St Johns Library. It was the intention of the county council to become tougher on utility companies and contractor who overrun the their projects. Cllr Sutton requested a specific figure for the A4104 works, a gross figure would be appreciated. Cllr Middlebrough would investigate and update. | All |
| 4. | | Cllr Owenson |
| 5. | | Cllr Middlebrough |

Progress reports from:-

Clerk:

General administration of correspondence emails and post. Uploading of documents to WCC website. Follow up on matters arising from Annual Parish Meeting. Material collated and prepared in response to FOI request, preparation of bundle to be delivered to resident and despatch by recorded delivery. Communication with WCC Highways regarding on-going issues raised at on site meeting in Ryall several months ago and matters regarding a residents request to take on mowing a verge and overgrown foliage obstructing the highway. Discussion with the Uckinghall Play Area committee. Preparation of meeting calendar for 2020.

Management:

The Management Group, comprising Cllrs Aldridge and Jones met with the clerk to review on-going issues and set the agenda for this meeting. Review of minutes of last meeting and those of the Annual Parish Meeting. Review of matters arising from the Annual Parish Meeting and FOI documentation. Chairman attended Upton Town Partnership meeting. The WCC Transport Plan Consultation submission from RPC was discussed and it was agreed a response would be drafted by Cllr Davis and



reviewed at the September meeting. The chairman expressed thanks to the clerk for the work undertaken in the preparation of the FOI request and advised the meeting of the situation.

Finance:
Cheques from last meeting distributed. Ledger updated.

Chq No	Payee	Amount	Purpose
001267	Ripple Parish Hall	£ 24.00	Hall Hire
001268	PKF Littlejohn	£480.00	Audit Fees 2018
001269	Smartcut Ltd	£856.00	Grass Cutting x 2
001270	Peter Gallagher	£120.00	Replacement of cheque

Proposed by Cllr Armitt Seconded by Cllr Baum

Urgent Decisions:

It was agreed to draw a cheque in the sum of £24.00 payment to Ripple Parish Hall in lieu of the hire of the hall for the Kung Fu class which clashed with the APM.

Staff and Training:

Nothing to report.

Planning:

Cllr Jones provided an update on the current planning applications.

Application Number	Location	Proposal	Status
19/00913/CAN	Glover Hill Farm Uckinghall Tewkesbury GL20 6EP	Undertake various tree works, as detailed on application form and in accompanying documents	Pending decision
19/00936/GPDE	16 The Woodlands Ryall Upton Upon Severn Worcester WR8 0PQ	Prior approval for larger home extension - Proposed single storey rear extension	Pending decision
19/00275/HP	Glover Hill Farm Uckinghall Tewkesbury GL20 6EP	First floor rear extension	Pending decision
19/00692/HP	The Willows Strensham Road Naunton Upton Upon Severn Worcester WR8 0QA	Demolition of existing single storey extension and creation of a new two-storey side extension	Pending decision
19/00584/CM	Grove House Yard Tewkesbury Road Upton Upon Severn	Planning application made under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) to vary Condition 2 of planning permission ref: 14/00045/CM 'Proposed extension to existing waste transfer station building' to amend the design of the building extension and omission of the proposed 2 metre high wall.	Pending decision

To receive report from Footpaths Officer

7. Mr Goddard reported he was awaiting the delivery of an allocated strimmer from WCC. He had undertaken some limited path clearance. Footpath 548 located by the river Severn in Uckinghall had been closed by WCC following the collapse of the bank. WCC have inspected and advise that the matter would be reviewed by WCC legal department. An update would be provided when an opinion had been received from the legal team.
- Mr Goddard

Update on Matters Arising from Annual Parish Meeting:-

Trees -

8. Speeding – Speedwatch continued to monitor the speeds on Ryall Road. Cllr Armitt expressed concern about the excessive speeds on Ryall Road, Cllr Middlebrough agreed to arrange for speed monitoring to be undertaken. The new roundabout on A4104 was hoped to offer some reduction in the volume of traffic. A consultation with residents to be drafted to be distributed with the annual newsletter regarding the possible closure on the A38/Ryall Road junction.
- Cllr Aldridge

Rubbish Bins on/near Footpaths – It was agreed that the logistical challenges of collecting rubbish from bins on footpaths was not viable. Alternative locations to be suggested and clerk to investigate pricing of appropriate bins to be obtained and reviewed at a future meeting.

Update on Smartwater Initiative (End date March 2020)

9. The documentation provided was to be further reviewed by Cllr Middlebrough in order that the process for joining this initiative could be established. Cllr Middlebrough to report back.
- Cllr Middlebrough/
Clerk

10. Bow Lane Gravel Extraction Update
- Cllr Aldridge

Nothing to report. An approach subsequently received from Twynning Council to meet

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and review responses to the proposed works as and when any application is received.

Funding Opportunities:-

11. S106 and Other Options for Recreation Ground was discussed, the proposed project to provide enhanced facilities would only be financially viable if funds are made available from the Marina development. Cllr Aldridge

Worcs CC Community Solutions Funding Scheme to be investigated.

Review Working Group Membership

The membership of the working groups were reviewed and agreed by those present.

Group

Members

12. Upton Town Partnership Phil Aldridge
Planning Robin Jones
Marian Baum
Upton Villages Together – Upton Library Keith Weyman
Roger Sutton
Environmental & Transport Tim Armit
Maggi Davis Cllr Aldridge

Review of Draft Tree Policy

13. The Chairman thanked Cllr Jones for the draft document that had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. It was agreed that the document would be adopted. Cllr Jones
Proposed by Cllr Armit Seconded by Cllr Davis

Proposed RPC Meeting Dates 2020

14. The Chairman circulated a list of proposed dates for 2020 meetings. It was agreed that the meetings would take place every six weeks as a trial in order to provide more time and opportunity to obtain responses to matters arising. Clerk

9th September 2019, 28th October 2019, 9th December 2019, 13th January 2020, 24th February, 6th April, 18th May, 22nd May (APM), 29th June, 27th July, 7th September, 19th October, 30th November.

Councillor comments and items for next agenda

Cllr Aldridge reported that he had signed up to the "Next Door" app that had been promoted locally. It was agreed that it was appropriate for individual members of sign up should they desire but RPC would not subscribe.

15. Cllr Baum raised the question of "wild flower" verges. It was suggested that this could be considered as an option for the Recreation Ground. All
Cllr Armit raised concerns about the increase in dog owners who were failing to "pick up" after their animals. Additional signage and a Facebook reminder would be provided together with a further reminder in the Autumn/Winter newsletter.

Meeting concluded at 8.35pm

Next meeting will take place on 9th September 2019 at Ripple Parish Hall

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 local resident requested that the archaeological survey to be undertaken on the Bow Lane site prior to commencement of any works should be a "detailed" survey and the finding should be published and made available for public review. Cllr Middlebrough confirmed this would be the case. Cllr Jones advised that no details had appeared on the Gloucestershire or Tewkesbury websites.

Signed:-



**Phil Aldridge – Chairman
Ripple Parish Council**

9th September 2019

