

**Meeting of Ripple Parish Council
held at Ripple Parish Hall on Monday, 9th September 2019 at 7.00pm**

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.

MINUTES

- Attendees Cllrs Aldridge, Armit, Baum, Davis, Jones, Weyman, District Cllr Owenson, County Cllr Middlebrough and 6 members of the public.
In attendance Mrs V Portch -Clerk
1. Apologies
Appologies received from Cllr Sutton reason for absence approved.
 2. Declarations of Interest: All
 - 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

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. Cemex Update on Bow Lane Gravel Extraction Proposal
Cllr Aldridge introduced representatives of Cemex who provided an overview of the proposed plans for a further application, yet to be submitted for aggregate extraction approximately 400k tones over an 18 month period on Bow Lane near the proposed Cullimore extraction site. Concerns were expressed by those present and it was indicated that the current reinstatement works on previous extraction in the locality by Cemex had not been carried out well or in a timely manner. It was suggested that a condition of any potential future permissions should include specific requirements for reinstatement. Cllr Aldridge/
Mr James
Carling &
Mr Shaun
Denny
 4. The Cemex representatives requested residents put forward suggestions for the use of the land on completion of the extraction. These to be submitted to RPC for onward transmission. The local residents present expressed their concerns about further mineral extraction and the impact it would have. Local residents and Cllrs made it very clear that the land was of the highest quality agricultural land and could never be reinstated to the same quality once quarried. However preference to restore to low grade arable land was a preference to a landfill site as proposed by the Cullimore application. Cemex would appreciate suggestions from residents with regard to any community contribution that could be made, i.e. tree planting, leisure facility possible community building.
Minutes All
 5. The minutes of the meeting held on 8th July 2019 were approved by those present and signed by the Chairman.
Proposed: Cllr Jones Seconded: Cllr Weyman
To receive report from District Councillor
Cllr Owenson advised that the SWDP was under review, the proposed housing development sites would be confirmed. The playground at the Pennywell site had been completed, enforcement were still investigating the site levels and Cllr Owenson would report back. Likewise the drainage issues were still under investigation. Cllr Owenson
 6. To receive report from County Councillor Cllr
Middlebrough
Cllr Middlebrough provided clarification on the SmartWater initiative that West Mercia Police had invited parishes to join. The scheme would run until 31.03.2020, a 70% take up of all residents was required to qualify for the 25% discount offering each household a kit at a cost of £8.40. However, 75% of the total cost would be required to be paid up front. Cllr Armit expressed concerns that the administration of the scheme would be an onerous and time consuming exercise and to obtain the necessary take up percentage to qualify would be potentially challenging. WCC legal department were involved in resolving the non payment of funds by Tayler Wimpey in respect the the Pennywell development.
Cllr Middlebrough left the meeting to attend Kempsey meeting.

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Progress reports from:-

Clerk:

General administration of correspondence emails and post. Uploading of documents to WCC website. Follow up on on-going matters arising from Annual Parish Meeting. 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. Checking of "RPCWorcs" email facility. Preparation of meeting calendar for 2020. Preparation of content and topics for proposed autumn newsletter. Liaison with Smartcut to cover lengthsman's duties for various overgrown footpaths in the absence of Mr Goddard. Discussion with applicant for lengthsman vacancy.

It was unanimously agreed that Mrs Robina Rand would be appointed Nominated Trustee on behalf of RPC for the Ancient Parish of Ripple Trust.

Proposed: Cllr Baum Seconded: Cllr Jones

Management:

The Management Group, comprising Cllrs Aldridge and Jones met with the clerk met to review on-going issues and set the agenda for this meeting. Review of minutes of last meeting and to review actions for the provision of an autumn newsletter. Chairman attended Upton Town Partnership meeting. Chairman and Clerk attended Cemex Liaison Group Meeting. Cllr Jones and Weyman attended the funeral service of Mrs Gillian Sutton.

Finance:

Cheques from last meeting distributed. Ledger updated.

Chq No	Payee	Amount	Details
1271	Worcs RSPCA	£50.00	Donation
1272	Zurich Insurance	£583.86	Insurance
1273	MHDC	£36.00	Election Fee
1274	Cancelled		
1275	Smartcut Ltd	£856.80	5/7 & 16/7 Grass Cuts
1276	Upton Glass & Glazing	£233.64	Naunton Bus Shelter Repair

Urgent Decisions:

It was agreed to draw a cheque in the sum of £50.00 by way of funeral donation in memory of Mrs Gillian Sutton. As per family wishes this was to be made payable to Worcestershire RSPCA. (Agreed unanimously by Cllrs by email)

Staff and Training:

Nothing to report.

Planning:

Application Number	Location	Proposal	Status
19/01297/EUL	Land At (Os 8726 3749) Bow Lane Ripple	Change of use of land to use as residential caravan site for one Gypsy family with 2 caravans, including no more than one mobile home, laying of hardstanding and erection of ancillary amenity building.	Pending decision
19/01292/HE	Long Meadow Uckinghall Tewkesbury GL20 6ES	Proposed rear single storey extension and painting of existing woodwork	Pending decision
19/01184/HE	124 The Beeches Holly Green Upton Upon Severn Worcester WR8 0GQ	Proposed single storey rear extension and additional parking area to existing driveway.	Pending decision
19/01062/EUL	Envex Depot Tewkesbury Road Upton Upon Severn Worcester WR8 0PX	Redevelopment of Existing Depot to Provide 2 no. Commercial Buildings comprising 11 no. B5 (storage or distribution) units	Pending decision
19/01102/EUL	Land At (Os 8622 4044) Ryall Meadow Ryall Upton Upon Severn	New four bed dwelling arranged over two storeys, together with a lower ground level to account for the sloping site. Ancillary accommodation to include garage with parking, cycle storage and workshop, together with carport, driveway and associated landscaping.	Pending decision
19/00711/HE	Ryall Place Ryall Court Lane Holly Green Upton Upon Severn Worcester WR8 0PF	Erection of two storey rear extension including alterations to roof and part demolition of existing rear extension, erection of orangery proposed to west elevation and erection of detached garage including demolition of existing garage.	Pending decision
19/00259/DM	Land At (Os 8554 4112) Holly Green Upton Upon Severn	Reserved matters submission including details of appearance, layout, landscaping and scale for the proposed development of 6 no. new dwellings as approved under planning reference 15/00617/OUT.	Pending decision

7. To receive report from Footpaths Officer
No Report received. Clerk to invite an update for the next meeting and request suggestions for appropriate rubbish bins as discussed at APM. Mr Goddard
8. Update on SmartWater Initiative
See County Councillors report. Cllr Middlebrough
- Proposed RPC Meeting Dates 2019 / 2020
The following dates were agreed by those present 28th October 2019, 9th December, 13th January 2020, 24th February, 6th April, 18th May, 22nd May, 29th June, 27th July, 7th September, 19th October, 30th November. Clerk

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10. Bow Lane Gravel Extraction Update – Cullimore
Nothing to report. Cllr Aldridge
Funding Opportunities:-
S106 and Other Options for Recreation Ground
11. Worcs CC Community Solutions Funding Scheme Cllr Aldridge
Cllr Aldridge reported that an application for funding had been submitted to Community Solutions. Further avenues of funding would be explored in order to improve the recreation ground.
Annual Newsletter Arrangements 2019
12. The Clerk provided an update on the arrangements for the preparation of the annual newsletter. Various local groups had already been contacted with a request for their input. All
Distribution would be by hand as usual.
13. Draft WCC Transport Policy Strategy Response Cllr Davis
Cllr Aldridge thanked Cllr Davis for the response to the WCC Transport Policy Strategy she had prepared. It was agreed that the response would be submitted on behalf of RPC.
Councillor comments and items for next agenda
It was agreed that with immediate effect the "rpcworcs" email accounts should be used by all councillors. The clerk had posted updated contact details on all noticeboards and the website.
14. The maintenance and upkeep works undertaken by the lengthsman were apparent and the grasscutting contractor would be asked to undertake the issues raised. A resident had raised a complaint regarding the verge on the A4104, it was suggested that any issues are reported via the "report it" facility on both county and district websites. The area is question All
was a WCC responsibility and would not be addressed by the contractors or Lengthsman as it was considered a H&S issue.
Cllr Armitt advised of a musical evening taking place at St Mary's Church Ripple at 7.00pm on Sunday, 15th September 2019.

The Meeting concluded at 9.05pm.

Public Questions:-

A resident of Bow Lane requested clarification on the recent application for a further traveler site on Bow Lane opposite Silvermead. Cllr Jones explained the previous planning history of the site. Concerns were expressed that the site was occupied over a Bank Holiday weekend and a planning application published after occupation. Cllr Owenson advised that no enforcement action would be taken pending the planning application process. Cllr Owenson advised that should any resident have concerns they should respond via the Planning Portal and lodge their comments. The SWDP required the county to provide sites and currently there was a shortfall of 11 sites in the 5 year supply.

Signed:-

**Phil Aldridge – Chairman
Ripple Parish Council**

28th October 2019