

**Meeting of Ripple Parish Council held at Beechwood Residential Care Home
on Monday, 28th October 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

- Present Cllrs Aldridge, Armitt, Baum, Jones, District Cllr Owenson (Arrived 7.20pm – Departed 7.45pm),
County Cllr Middlebrough
In attendance Mrs V Portch – Clerk and 1 member of the public
1. **Apologies**
Apologies for absence received from Cllrs Davis, Sutton and Weyman, reasons 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. 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. **Minutes**
The minutes of the meeting held on 9th September 2019 were approved by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.
 3. Cllr Jones requested an addition to comments on Bow Lane planning to confirm that a further submission would be made to MHDC illuminating the proposed SWDP downgrading of Ripple to a category 4 settlement and the statement that Traveller sites should not be located on the boundaries of such classified locations.
Proposed: Cllr Armitt Seconded: Cllr Aldridge
To receive report from District Councillor
Cllr Owenson apologized for late arrive due to business commitments. He provided an overview of the Parish Forum whose emphasis was on environmental issues. Section 106 funds in Welland had been put towards a community orchard, Earls Croome were no longer mowing the green and turning it into a wild flower meadow. The housing allocation for the SWDP was being taken up by Wychavon with 5k homes at Worcester Parkway, 3k at Throckmorton airfield and 1k at Rushwick. Residents were encouraged to respond to the consultation. Ripple had been regarded as a Category 4 settlement in the new plan.
To receive report from County Councillor
 4. Cllr Middlebrough advised that an invoice for £140k had been issued to Taylor Wimpey for the outstanding section 106 funds, no funds had been received to date. The A4104/A38 roundabout had received budgetary approval and the scheme agreed as a three leg roundabout. The Upton Library had had a trustees meeting and it has been confirmed the Police do not have a lease and will move to the Fire Station. The library was negotiating to be issued a 25 year lease on the building in due course in order to provide it with ongoing stability and the opportunity to offer a larger range of community facilities.
 5. Cllr Middleborough kindly agreed to fund the purchase of a litter bin to be placed beside the bench on the A4104 approaching Upton. RPC wish to express their thanks for this gesture.

P. Portch

Progress reports from:-

Clerk:

General administration of correspondence emails and post. Uploading of documents to WCC website. Follow up on on-going matters. Communication with WCC Highways regarding on-going issues raised at on site meeting in Ryall several months ago. 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. Preparation of Annual Newsletter.

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. Discussions regarding provision of litter bins following on from APM.

Finance:

Cheques from last meeting distributed. Ledger updated.

Cheques were presented for signature:

Chq No	Amount	Payee	Purpose
01277	£16.79	Namesco Ltd	Doman Renewal
01278	£20.00	Royal British Legion	Wreath

Proposed by: Cllr Armitt

Seconded by: Cllr Jones

Urgent Decisions:

It was agreed to transfer the sum of £5,000.00 to the RPC deposit account from the current account. Transfer subsequently arranged by Clerk. Unanimously agreed by all present.

Proposed by: Cllr Jones Seconded by: Cllr Aldridge

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Staff and Training:

Nothing to report.

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.

Application No	Location	Proposal	Status
<u>19/01106/LB</u>	Ripple Hall Station Road Ripple Tewkesbury GL20 6EY	Formation of new door and erection of partition wall to form larder. Removal of walls to create larger rooms forming cinema and snooker room. Removal of wall to create enlarged bathroom/wet room and replacement of rooflights in Orangery roof.	Pending decision
<u>19/01297/FUL</u>	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
<u>19/01062/FUL</u>	Envex Depot Tewkesbury Road Upton Upon Severn Worcester WR8 0PX	Redevelopment of Existing Depot to Provide 2 no. Commercial Buildings comprising 11 no. B8 (storage or distribution) units	Pending decision
<u>19/01103/FUL</u>	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
<u>19/00955/RM</u>	Land At (Os 8594 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

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Cllr Jones provided an update on the current planning matters. The SWDP consultation would be responded to formally by RPC confirming their support of the plan. Concerns are still to be raised regarding the removal of the high grade agricultural land. Cllr Jones to circulate a response.

It is proposed that Ripple be downgraded to a Category 4 settlement and Uckinghall will be uncategoryed as off the scale and considered as open countryside. Gipsy and traveler sites under the new proposals can only be located in category 1, 2 or 3 settlements. The revised plan awaits adoption.

7. To receive report from Footpaths Officer
 No report received, apologies due to personal circumstances received from Mr Goddard.

Update on Appointment of Lengthsman
 Clerk advised that following a meeting with a potential candidate arrangements had been made for the candidate to meet with the previous Lengthsman for a guided tour of the parish and explanation of the tasks required. On appointment the lengthsman will be asked to undertake a number of tasks and general "housekeeping" duties to remedy those which have not been addressed during the period the post has been vacant.

Subsequent to the meeting the clerk can confirm the appointment of a new Lengthsman – Mr Ben Perry.

Update on Smartwater Initiative
 Consultation with residents to be included with the annual newsletter.

9. Bow Lane Gravel Extraction Update – Cullimore & Cemex Plans
 Nothing to report. No submissions yet.

Annual Newsletter Arrangements 2019
 Clerk reported that copy from various contributors had been requested and was being collated. Two consultation documents would be included with the newsletter. It was agreed following request from Cllr Armit that a request to residents not to park on the verges in Ryall/Holly Green would be included. The clerk will ask Fortis Housing to tidy the two empty properties frontages.

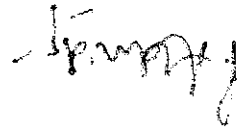
Councillor comments and items for next agenda
 Cllr Jones requested formal thanks be conveyed to WCC Highways for the excellent job carried out on the re-surfacing of Stratford Bridge Lane. Clerk confirmed that this had already been done by email to Highways Officer responsible for the parish.

Meeting concluded at 8.25pm

Public Questions

Mrs R Rand thanked RPC for her appointment to The Ancient Parish of Ripple Trust as the RPC representative. A trustees meeting would take in November and Mrs Rand would report back.

Phil Aldridge – Chairman
Ripple Parish Council



Signed:-

28th October 2019

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