

**Minutes of the Meeting of Ripple Parish Council  
held at Ripple Parish Hall on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 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**

1. **Apologies –Apologies for absence**  
None.  
The Chairman welcomed Cllr Sutton.

**Cullimore Mineral Extraction Planning Applications**

(Gloucestershire & Worcestershire)

The meeting was addressed by a Twyning resident who was a founder member of the "RAGE" residents group. The group have successfully campaigned against previous application for mineral extraction in the Twyning area. Various aspects of the current applications were briefly discussed together with the processes and actions previously undertaken to engage with local residents and raise awareness of the long term implications of the current application. It was agreed that RPC would liaise with the various campaigners and it was strongly suggested that a local residents action group be set up. RPC would include an additional notification to all residents to be distributed with the newsletter. Responses required to WCC by 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020, Cllr Jones to draft a response on behalf of RPC. Cllr Jones expressed concerns about the Minerals Plan and 5<sup>th</sup> call for sites. It is apparent that the area of Uckinghall and Ripple will be surrounded by excavation if all the sites put forward are approved and worked. Cllr Middlebrough advised a joint briefing would take place on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020, between 1.30pm – 3.00pm at Gloucester. (Subsequently amended to 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Clerk to contact WCC (S. Aldridge) to request a meeting to discuss the application further. Ongoing liaison between RPC and Twyning PC and local residents to formulate responses to both planning applications.

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.*

**Minutes**

3. The minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019 were presented to the meeting and approved by those present and signed by the Chairman. All  
Proposed by: Cllr Jones    Seconded by: Cllr Baum

**To receive report from District Councillor**

4. Cllr Owenson provided an update on MHDC issues. MHDC had achieved a 25% reduction in emissions since 2005 and the district recycling had significantly increased. The SWDP was out for consultation. The Planning application for Bluebell Farm on the A38 commercial units was out for comment, Cllrs expressed some concerns over the traffic speed on the A38 and potential for accidents with traffic entering and exiting the site. Cllr Owenson

**To receive report from County Councillor**

5. Cllr Middlebrough advised that Cemex would be putting in a planning application for a Rowing Lake on Fish Meadow, Upton Upon Severn in January 2020. In response to concerns about the Bluebell Farm application, it was suggested that the new roundabout would potentially reduce traffic speed on the A38. A new broadband service from Airband was being publicized from the Ketch to Upton Upon Severn. Cllr Middlebrough

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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. 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 winter newsletter and proofing of copy. Liaison with Smartcut and footpaths officer, Mr Goddard. Discussion with applicant for lengthsman vacancy, meeting with and appointment of Ben Perry as Lengthsman. Liaison with WCC regarding P3 and Lengthsman scheme funding.

<u>Cheque No</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
001281	£2,570.40	Smartcut Ltd	Grasscutting – 2,15 30 Aug, 10,30 Sept & 16, 28 Oct 2019
001282	£162.00	Smartcut Ltd	Temp Lengthsman duties

Proposed by: Cllr Jones Seconded by: Cllr Weyman

**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 to review actions for the provision of the winter newsletter. Chairman attended Upton Town Partnership meeting. Discussions with suppliers and WCC regarding provision of litter bins.

**Finance:** Cheques from last meeting distributed. Ledger updated.

**Urgent Decisions:** It was agreed that a replacement printer should be obtained and confirmed that a laptop could be obtained (laptop purchase previously approved at RPC Council members unanimously)

Two Cheques raised and signed by Cllrs Aldridge and Jones.

<u>Cheque No</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
001279	£100.00	The Bridge Magazine	Advertising 2020
001280	£250.00	Ripple WI	APM Catering Services

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**Staff and Training:** Nothing to report.

**Planning:** Cllr Jones provided an update of the current planning matters.

<u>19/01730/LB</u>	Ryall Farm House Ryall Road Ryall Upton Upon Severn WR8 0RH	Re-capping and re-pointing works to 3no chimneys. Leadwork to 1 no chimney.	Pending decision RPC Unanimously recommend approval
<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 RPC submitted additional submission. Pending new SWDP
<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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Additional Item – Consultation Request received in respect of proposed Gravel extraction by  
Cullimore Group on Bow Lane

**To receive report from Footpaths Officer**

7. Mr Goddard was unable to attend the meeting due to personal commitments and had advised the clerk that he would like to step back from his duties. The clerk will seek to recruit a replacement. Cllr Sutton indicated that he would like to consider taking on the role.

**Update on Appointment of Lengthsman**

8. The clerk reported that a new Lengthsman had now been recruited. WCC had been notified. It was proposed and agreed unanimously by all present that the Lengthsman would be asked to provide additional hours above those contracted for an initial period in order that projects that are in need of attention could be carried out. Councillors are asked to notify the clerk of any particular items in order that the Lengthsman can be advised. Clerk

**Flooding and Emergency Plan Review**

9. The current plan was distributed for review prior to the meeting. Following recent flash flooding notices had been posted on the website and Facebook page advising residents that sandbags are obtained directly from MHDC not RPC. Clerk will review certain contact details on the plan and update accordingly. Clerk

10. **Bow Lane Gravel Extraction Update – Cullimore & Cemex Plans**  
Discussed at the commencement of the meeting. Please see above. Cllr Aldridge/Jones

**Annual Newsletter Distribution Arrangements**

11. The Newsletter content had been compiled and proof copy prepared. Two additional consultation handouts would be included with the distribution. A further handout would be prepared and included for distribution alerting residents to the Cullimore Mineral Extraction and subsequent landfill. Cllr Jones to draft and clerk to arrange printing. All

12. The clerk will deliver copies to Councillors for distribution. **Councillor comments and items for next agenda** All  
Cllr Baum raised a query as to who would be responsible for new planting on the A4104. It would impact on the view of Fish Meadow if not managed.

The crossing of the A4104 was being assessed by WCC to potentially be incorporated with the new roundabout development.

Cllr Armitt requested that residents are requested not to park on the verges of Ryall Road. Clerk to make a request to Fortis Housing management to request their tenants to comply with the request. Cllrs Aldridge, Baum and Weyman requested the clerk to make a booking to visit the Recycling Centre on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

Mrs Rand thanked RPC for appointing her as their representative on the Ancient Parish of Ripple Trust. A meeting of the Trustees was held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

Chairman thanked the local resident who had written offering to replace damaged bridge on a footpath if WCC could supply materials. The matter would be flagged to WCC, due to HSE constraints without appropriate WCC approval and supervision these works could not be undertaken independently.

Date of Next Meeting – 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020

