



RIPPLE PARISH COUNCIL Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting held 26 July 2021 at Ripple Parish Hall

Present: Cllrs. M. Peters (Chairman), R. Jones, K. Weyman, M. Davis, M. Baum, R Sutton (LEFT AT 21:39) and T. Armitt, C. Cllr M Allen, D. Cllr J Owenson

Attendees: Clerk/RFO M Hinde, and 3 members of the public

26.07.21.1 The Chairman will formally ask if anyone is intending on recording or filming the meeting.

There were no requests to film or record the meeting.

26.07.21.2 To receive comments from the public - no decisions will be made on issues raised. Any items requiring decisions will be added to the agenda for the next meeting (NB Councils cannot lawfully decide items of business that are not specified on the agenda (LGA1972 Sch 12, paras 10(2)(b) and Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88 LJ Ch 119)

Member of the public 1 raised the point that one residence in the parish has put a picket fence around a communal grass area extending their garden. Cllr Allen advised he would look into this.

26.07.21.3 To note apologies for absence

Cllr Cozens sent apologies as she is currently isolating.

26.07.21.4 To receive declarations of interest for items on the agenda below (Localism Act 2011) and to confirm the meeting quorate

There were no declarations of interest, and the meeting was declared quorate.

26.07.21.5 To receive County Councillors report and agree actions

Councillor Allen confirmed the following points:

- A38 Roundabout – now started. Advanced notice and increased signage has been promised before any road closure.
Cllr Allen confirmed that he would find out how long the temporary traffic lights would be in position for following a question from Cllr Armitt.
Cllr Armitt also asked for confirmation on how long the work will take as the council were previously informed the work would be started and finished in the same year and are now being advised the roundabout will not be completed until August 2022. To this Cllr Allen advised these type of questions can be asked at the next CLG meeting on 15th September at 16:00.

Cllr Sutton commented that the people of Ryall are concerned that moving the A38 will increase the incentive for people to cut through Ryall Road. Cllr Allen has raised this concern and has been assured there will be increased signage to prevent this.

- Saplings – The county council has now agreed to replace the saplings on the A4104 in late October.
- Buses – Councillor Allen spoke to the Managing Director of Worcester First who is concerned that they are currently running at 45% of pre covid levels which is not sustainable. Cllr Allen has requested a the one bus a week going to Worcester includes Ripple. The costings on running a bus to Tewkesbury has also been requested. If funding could be secured there would need to be a trial in order to ensure it is sustainable.
- Speeding – The 8 County Councillors for the Malvern Hills District have met on 22.06.21 and are agreeing a joint approach however it is now understood that certain councillors have pulled out of the arrangement. A motion at WCC was put forward to demand the Police and Crime Commissioner take action. This was unfortunately voted down.
- Flood Hardstanding Money – Cllr Allen confirmed this had been received and that he would like to be informed when the hardstanding is going in.
- Flood Money – each County Councillor has been given a grant for residential protection and the prevention of flooding. Cllr Allen confirmed he had been given a grant of £40,000 of which £8000 is for local business, £13750 for flood protection for private residents. Ripple need to think of flooding projects to use some of the remainder of this money
- S106 Money – This has been referred to a private solicitor to resolve. The last correspondence with the solicitor was December 2020. The money has been delayed as the original planning numbers were mixed up when the planning application went in.
- Overgrown Vegetation – Cllr Allen met with the liaison officer to look at two spots a resident raised concerns over. The liaison officer was not concerned about the grass as it was not deemed a threat to life. The branches on the pear tree were considered a concern and so a letter has been sent to the property concerned. The liaison officer was also concerned about the tree near the bridge which shows evidence of vehicle strikes. At the moment there is confusion who is responsible for the land but once this is determined a letter will be sent.

26.07.21.6 To receive District Councillors Report and agree action

- Defibrillator – MHDC are reviewing defibrillators in the district since a councillor had a heart attack on the cricket pitch and defibrillator saved his life.
- SWDP – the opportunity to put through planning proposals. There have been a couple of challenges through developers due to contributions to

infrastructure. One challenge was successful as MHDC were unable to prove 5 year land supply.

- Community Development – The District council starting to invest in asset based community development. The council can put money into the hands of spirited members of the public who can take initiative and develop ideas more efficiently than parish councils such as footpath organisations and library.
- Cllr Peters advised that a member of the public had complained to him about the number of lorries going through Uckinghall for the last couple of months causing damage to the road. There is a lot of soil going into the farm which is more than is deemed necessary for the agreed planning permission. Cllr Owenson advised he would look into this.

26.07.21.7 To discuss the defibrillator provisions in the parish and agree action

Council **AGREED** to support the request for a defibrillator in Naunton to be cited in the phone box.

Council **AGREED** it would make a contribution towards the cost of a Defibrillator in Naunton but wanted to understand what other sources of funding might be available (e.g. British Heart Foundation, charities and residents) before agreeing on an amount. Cllr Owenson agreed he would also make a contribution and indicated a figure in the region of £500.

Proposed by Cllr Jones Seconded By Cllr Baum

Cllr Davis has agreed to work out the costings.

Cllr Baum proposed that the council purchase the replacement pads for the defibrillators located at Beechwood and the Bluebell. Which was seconded by Cllr Jones.

The council unanimously **AGREED** to purchase the pads.

26.07.21.8 To confirm and agree minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28 June 2021

Council **APPROVED** minutes from meeting held on 28 June 2021.

Proposed Cllr Jones Seconded Cllr Davis

26.07.21.9 To receive Clerk's report and agree actions

Clerk's report was given as per Appendix 1

- 26.07.21.10 Finance, all documents circulated prior to the meeting**
- 26.07.21.10a To approve Bank Reconciliation and Budget Monitoring Report Up to 16th July**
Council **APPROVED** Bank Reconciliation and Budget Monitoring Report as per APPENDIX 2
- 26.07.21.10b To consider and resolve to agree Payment List and payments made since last meeting**
Council **APPROVED** payment list and payments from last meeting
- 26.07.21.11 To discuss a replacement noticeboard in Ripple and agree actions**
Council **AGREED** to replace the noticeboard in Ripple with the reclaimed VAT.
Proposed by Cllr Jones Seconded Cllr Peters
- 26.07.21.12 To discuss the bus service in the parish and agree actions**
Council agreed that Cllr Allen had covered this item.
- 26.07.21.13 To discuss leaving areas on the recreation area for wild flowers and wildlife and agree actions**
Council **AGREED** that Cllr Baum would add to the summer newsletter for people to comment as it was not included in the existing plan for the recreation area.
- 26.07.21.14 To discuss the replacement memorial trees and agree actions**
Council **AGREED** to replace the memorial tree with a 6 foot cherry tree.
Proposed by Cllr Davis Seconded by Cllr Baum
- 26.07.21.15 To discuss new street name request for Land at (Os 8604 4120) Ryall Court Lane, Holly Green, Upton Upon Severn and agree actions**
Council **AGREED** they were happy with the name Copperfields
- 26.07.21.16 To discuss the money received for flood relief and agree actions**
Council **AGREED** the Clerk should get quotes for hardstanding.
- 26.07.21.17 To discuss councillors biographies for the website and agree actions**

Councillors **AGREED** to write biographies for the website

26.07.21.18 To discuss the housing needs survey and agree actions

Council **AGREED** to invite Rachel Tooth to the September meeting.

26.07.21.19 To discuss the following planning applications/appeals made since the last meeting and agree actions:

26.07.21.19a 21/01092/FUL Land at (Os 8751 4007) Strensham Road Naunton

Consultation response previously circulated to Members and forwarded to MHDC under delegated powers.

26.07.21.19b 21/01043/FUL Land at (OS 8594 4112) Holly Green, Upton

The council had no objection to this application

26.07.21.19c 21/01194/FUL Land at (IS 8594 4112) Holly Green Upton

The council had no objection to this application

26.07.21.19d 21/01214/OL Land at (Os 8630 4134) Holly Green Upton

The council had no objection to this application

26.07.21.20 To review the newsletter and agree publication

Council **AGREED** the newsletter should be updated with the following:

- MHDC Boundary review
- Roundabout
- Saplings

26.07.21.21 To discuss MHDC Local Government Boundary review consultation and agree Actions

The council **AGREED** this needed further discussion and should be added to the next agenda.

26.07.21.22 Presentation of leaving gift to Phil Aldridge and Victoria Portch.

The council presented the leaving gift they privately funded to Phil Aldridge and thanked him for all his hard work. As Victoria Portch was unable to attend her leaving gift will be delivered to her house.

26.07.21.23 To receive agenda items for the next meeting of the council



Council to decide on response MHDC Boundary response and agree actions.

Defibrillators

26.07.21.24 **Date of Next Meeting : Parish Council Meeting 13 September 2021**

Meeting Closed 21:45

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APPENDIX 1

Clerks Report

- Legacy** The council has been left legacy payments from 2 residents totalling £4000. Bank details have been provided to the solicitor. Still waiting to see funds in the account.
- Scribe** In the process of setting up Scribe and entering past data. Cost codes and budget are now all setup. Payments to be added.
- Noticeboard Backing** This was ordered beginning of July but still chasing order confirmation and delivery date
- Lengthsman** Requested for the quote to be broken down for removing branch and repairing fence. Still waiting for this to be sent over.
- Saplings A4104** Spoken to Upton Clerk who confirmed that Upton would want their trees replaced as well. Since then spoken to Martin who advised they were discussing this again at their meeting.



APPENDIX 2

Ripple Parish Council Budget Monitoring Report 31.05.21	Budget 2020/21	Budget 2021/22	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	Accum. Payments to date	Bal. of Budget Remain
Subscriptions (CALC)	1,100.00	1200	1014.82												1014.82	185.18
Newsletter/Adverts/Flyers/Media	1,500.00	1500													0	1500
Donations	100.00	750	50												50	700
Insurance	600.00	600													0	600
Grass Cutting/Trees	4,500.00	5000	428.4	856.8	856.8										2142	2858
Lengthsman	3,000.00	3000	920												920	2080
Chairmans Allowance	100.00	100													0	100
Prof Fees/ Audit	700.00	750				240									240	510
Clerks Expenses	500.00	500				12.6	35.9								48.5	451.5
Clerks Wages	6,250.00	6250	539.34			1397.92									1937.26	4312.74
Annual Public Meeting	1,200.00	750													0	750
Fixed Assets	0.00	0													0	0
Hall Hire	250.00	250													0	250
Repairs	500.00	500			298.36										298.36	201.64
Vehicle Activated Sign	100.00	200													0	200
Recreation Ground Refurbishment		2000		1640											1640	360
Tree Survey/Maintenance		1500													0	1500
Website		1000													0	1000
Admin/Training		1000													0	1000
Clerks Equipment		1000			603.37										603.37	396.63
Total	20,400.00	27,850.00	2,952.56	2,496.80	3,409.05	35.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,894.31	18,955.69
27,850.00																27,850.00
RECEIPTS																
Precept	21,117.80	22014.51	11007.5												11007.5	11007.01
Deposit Interest	4.50	5	0.13	0.13	0.12	0.12									0.5	4.5
Lengthsman Scheme	2,500.00	2000													0	2000
Grants	500.00	500													0	500
Donations	200.00	200													0	200
Grass Cutting	2,750.00	2000													0	2000
Other Income	0.00	0				1500									1500	-1500
Total Income	27,072.30	26,719.51	11,007.63	0.13	0.12	1,500.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,508.00	14,211.51
26,719.51																26,719.51

Ripple Parish Council Bank Reconciliation at 16.07.21

Details - Parish Council Current Acc.	Receipts	Payments	To be Authorised
Worcestershire CC		1500	
Unauthorised Payments as Listed 26.07.21		2566.16	2566.16
Payments Made Since 30.05.21			
Chq 1307 Clerks Laptop		615.97	
Chq 1309 Clerk Salary		540.16	
Clerk Salary		857.76	
Chq 1306 Smart Cut		856.8	
Chq 1308 Richard Barnes		1640	
Chq 1300 Upton Glass		298.36	
PKF Littlejohn		240	
Smart Cut		856.8	
PATA		35.9	
Tota		1500	2566.16

BANK RECONCILIATION

Current Acc. Opening Balance 30.05.21	17410.28
Plus Receipts Above	1500
	18910.28
Less Payments above	8507.91
Closing Cash Balance	10402.37
Plus Payments to be authorised above	2566.16
Closing bal at bank at 16.07.21	12968.53

Current Account After Payments	10402.37
Deposit Account	15056.6
Closing Balance after all payments	25458.97

Uncleared Cheques

Number	Date	Payee	Value
1267	17/06/2019	Ripple Parish Hall	24.00
1270	08/07/2019	Peter Gallagher	120.00
1295	19/10/2020	Namesco	124.88
			268.88

Closing Balance After All Payments and Uncleared Cheques	25,190.09
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