



## **RIPPLE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of the Meeting of Ripple Parish Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at Ripple Parish Hall

**Attendees:** M. Peters (Chairman), M. Baum, T. Armitt, M Davis, K Weyman & M England

**Present:** Six members of the public

- 05.12.22.1 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.
- 05.12.22.2 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)**  
None Received
- 05.12.22.3 To note apologies for absence**  
Apologies received from Cllr D Long
- 05.12.22.4 To receive declarations of interest for items on the agenda below (Localism Act 2011) and to confirm the meeting quorate**  
Cllr Peters declared an interest in 16b as it is his property, and the meeting was declared quorate
- 05.12.22.5 To confirm and agree minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17 October 2022**  
Council **APPROVED** minutes from 17 October 2022  
**Proposed** Cllr Armitt      **Seconded** Cllr Davis
- 05.12.22.6 The Chairman will pass thanks onto Roger Sutton after his departure from the council**  
The chairman formally acknowledged Roger Sutton contribution to the council and passed on his thanks for all his hard work.
- 05.12.22.7 To receive Clerks Report and agree actions**  
The Clerk's report was received as per **APPENDIX 1**  
Council **APPROVED** the clerk to take out the Astropay prepayment card.  
Councillors Davis and Armitt **AGREED** to complete the Internal control procedure.  
Council **AGREED** to continue with the quarter page advertisement in the Bridge magazine.
- 05.12.22.8 To receive County Councillors report and agree actions**  
County Councillors report was received as per **APPENDIX 2**  
Action - Clerk to ask Lengthsman if it would be possible to move VAS to other end of Ryall Road
- 05.12.22.9 To receive District Councillors Report and agree actions**  
Cllr. Owenson confirmed that Malvern Hills Council had been awarded a reasonable sum of money by the Government under the levelling up agenda. They have used some of the funds to employ a New Active Travel Office who will try to encourage walking and cycling. As part of this fund Cllr. Owenson suggested it may be worth getting Malvern Hills to consider if they can contribute to community bus.  
Malvern Hills District Council also have funds towards the cost-of-living crisis for

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struggling residents.

It was also confirmed that Malvern Hills District Council (MHDC) are still trying to purchase Malvern Hills District College. If they are unable to purchase Cllr Owenson has asked the council to look at a plan b.

Finally, Cllr. Owenson confirmed that the budget crunch was coming up looking at the cost of diesel and staff costs there is already a hole in the budget of £500k.

Cllr Davis asked about a safe bike route from the Ripple Parish to Upton. Cllr Owenson advised that travel is a county council responsibility and that County need a better active travel policy. MHDC will only be able to make an impact on new design of new developments.

- 05.12.22.10 Finance, all documents circulated prior to the meeting**
- 05.12.22.10a To approve Bank Reconciliation and Budget Monitoring Report Up to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022**  
Council **APPROVED** bank reconciliation and budget monitoring report as per **APPENDIX 3**  
**Proposed** Cllr Armitt **Seconded** Cllr England
- 05.12.22.10b To consider and resolve to agree Payment List and payments made since last meeting.**  
Council **APPROVED** payment list as per **APPENDIX 4**  
**Proposed** Cllr Baum **Seconded** Cllr Davis
- 05.12.22.11 To consider and resolve to agree 2023/24 budget/precept**  
Council unanimously **APPROVED** the budget as per **APPENDIX 5** and set the precept at £24140 which was a 2% increase to keep costs low for the community during the cost of living crisis.
- 05.12.22.12 To discuss a policy for how the council will handle the defibrillators in the parish and agree actions**  
Council **AGREED** that there is an independent check of the defibrillators to understand what is required to maintain them.  
Council **AGREED** to buy the pads and battery for the Bluebell £100.
- 05.12.22.13 To review the quote for the installation of the litter bins and agree actions**  
Cllr Owenson **AGREED** to help the council look for another contractor. To be reviewed at the next meeting.
- 05.12.22.14 To discuss the increased amount of traffic using Ryall Road and agree actions**  
Cllr Armitt advised that as many complaints as possible should be sent to the Police and Crime Commissioner to try and get their attention.  
The council requested that the Clerk write to Platform housing to advise the council will be writing to residents to stop them driving over the verges.  
The council also requested that the Clerk contact MHDC about a replacement no access sign as there is only one sign at the A4104 end of Ryall Road.  
Speedwatch confirmed they have recorded traffic at 49mph.
- 05.12.22.15 To receive an update on the recreational ground application**  
Cllr Davis confirmed that the application has been completed and submitted to Natural England. Cllr Davis **AGREED** to forward the completed application to councillors so they could review estimated costs.  
The council requested this is added to the next agenda to approve costs.



- 05.12.22.16** To discuss the following planning applications/appeals made since the last meeting and agree actions:
- 05.12.22.16a** **19/0081/TWNAJM Land at Bow Farm Bow Lane Twyning Tewkesbury**  
Cllr Baum confirmed that this application was from the Gloucester side and still pending.
- 05.12.22.16b** **21/01976/HP Thoulds Barn House Uckinghall Tewkesbury GL20 6ES**  
Council **APPROVED** this application
- 05.12.22.16c** **19/01297/FUL – Land at (OS 8726 3749) Bow Lane Ripple**  
The Council confirmed they had requested further information but had not received a response.
- 05.12.22.16d** **M/22/00937/LB – Holly Green Cottage, Holly Green, Upton Upon Severn**  
Council **APPROVED** this application.
- 05.12.22.16e** **M/22/01534/LB – Ripple Cottage, The Cross, Ripple, Tewkesbury GL20 6EZ**  
Council agreed to **APPROVE** this application
- 05.12.22.16f** **M/22/01533/HP - Ripple Cottage, The Cross, Ripple, Tewkesbury GL20 6EZ**  
Council agreed to **APPROVE** this application
- 05.12.22.17** **To receive agenda items for the next meeting of the council**  
Recreational Ground Cost Review  
Clerks Position
- 05.12.22.18** **Date of Next Meeting: Parish Council 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**Meeting Close – 20:37**



## APPENDIX 1

### Clerk Report December 2022

**Grass Cutting** – Invoice has been sent to MHDC for £1543 for the 2022 Grass cutting costs.

**Pre Payment Card** – I can not take out another Pockitt card. I could take out an Astropay card instead which as far as I can see is free.

[Debit Card - AstroPay | Simple, Money](#)

<https://www.astropay.com/astropaycard/?lang=en#1657722074581-5cdd0063-df0f>

**Internal Control Form** – The internal control form needs to be completed again by 2 councillors.

**The Bridge Magazine** – would the council like to continue with their ¼ page advertisement in The Bridge for £70



## **APPENDIX 2**

### **COUNTY COUNCILLOR MARTIN ALLEN**

#### **EMAILED REPORT TO RIPPLE PARISH COUNCIL DECEMBER 2022**

##### **VETERANS BUS PASS**

A few days before Remembrance Sunday, as your County Councillor, I presented a motion at full council for the County Council Administration to seek to provide to all Veterans who live in Worcestershire, free bus travel commencing from the start of the financial year 2024. I am thrilled to say that every county Councillor in attendance voted in favor of the motion. By delaying the commencement date until April 2024, I wanted to ensure that the ruling party would have time to budget for this and to get everything in place. As far as I know Worcestershire will be the first county council in the country to support our veterans in such a way, I hope it will not be the last.

Most veterans have retired and already get a pensioner's bus pass, but a limited few younger one, often disabled with a physical injury or PTSD don't. I wanted to make sure that we showed them that they are not forgotten and ignored. The county council have just spent £15m or more on a footbridge in Worcester, I hope you feel a little should be

spent on our veterans. In time, I would like to see free bus travel for our emergency services and nurses, but like anything, we need to start the journey first.

##### **MONUMENT/ARTWORK ON THE NEW ROUNDABOUT**

Just tonight I have seen the email from WCC turning down the application, I am disgusted

at their response, I will be contacting Cllr Mike Rouse to make a complaint and ask for this matter to be handled in a more professional manor.

##### **A4104 HOLLY GREEN CROSSING.**

25.11.22 I had another Teams with Tina; the final design drawings are to be completed on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December 2022. We are still waiting for a "Departure from the standard" this should give a clear line of sight in both directions of 80m, and we are looking at departure to 60mish.

Interestingly the speed review shows that the average speed at Holly Green near the Ryall Road is 35mph or less. The result of this measurement has strengthened the case to allow the reduction in line of sight.

Should the Safety Team sign off the design the following work is now programmed:

Work will commence on 13<sup>th</sup> of March 2023.

It will take approximately three weeks.

There will be two weeks of controlled lights, followed by a week of overnight closures.

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The Refuge will have two Mains Powered Lit Bollards.

Can I just ask no one gets too excited, the Safety Team may not agree to the work.

We can but hope.

JAMIE CASTLE is the head Network Engineering Team. (safety people for highways)

SARA GILLMORE IS HEAD OF SAFTY FOR HIGHWAYS.

VASS UNIT

Now it is up and working, can we fix a date for a meeting and photo for WCC?

KETCH ROUNDABOUT

The Ketch Roundabout is finally just about finished.

RYALL ROAD SPEEDING

This remains a Police matter to enforce. WCC are unable to do more unless street lighting is installed on the Ryall Road and there would have to be a public consultation to get agreement for the street lights to be installed.

UPTON A38/A4104 ROUNDABOUT

I have asked about the markings on the road, namely the lack of right arrows and I have been told that WCC are not going to change the markings.

WCC Highways have said that they are correct and legal.

I have also raised the issue about the narrow footpaths, again I have been told this was part of the original planning application and it will not be altered.

There are about to be some overnight closures in December to do various jobs that remain outstanding.

COMMUNITY BUS

The Upton Shuttle is now running as from 7<sup>th</sup> of October.

Every Friday morning to take residents in and out of Upton.

Also the Upton to Tewkesbury bus is still running until Christmas, this can pick residents enroute. Residents just need to phone and book a seat. Please use it or lose it for good.

RYALL NORTH (FISH MEADOW, ROWING LAKE)

This was approved by an unanimous vote by the County Council Planning Committee, what was important for me was the following facts.

1. The mineral to be extracted does is not the high-end quartz and the size of the particulates produced here will be over 30 microns. It's the 10 to 2.5 microns that kill.

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2. The landowners have offered a greater area of land that the Festivals currently have. so they can in fact increase the size of their festivals if they wish.
3. Double the number of trees lost, will be planted.
4. The very poor-quality hedge rows will be replaced to a high standard.
5. The minerals will be barged down the Severn, saving 8 lorry trips be barge trip.
6. The strong possibility that Upton will get an International Standard Rowing Lake within just a few lakes, is an opportunity that won't come to Upton again.

#### BOW FARM MINERAL EXTRACTIONS

This also came before WCC planning committee earlier in November 2022.

I could not support this terrible scheme, which gives nothing back but the potential of illness.

1. Quality Agricultural land is to be decimated.
2. The high-quality Quartz is known to produce the cancer killing particles between 10 and 2.5 microns.
3. The potential loss of jobs to the local economy has not been calculated.
4. During the committee meeting I was stopped by the Chairman from asking anymore questions. At that moment if felt democracy fell.
5. I was allowed to sum up at the end and I had 5 points in planning law that were then ignored. Some of which I had not been allowed to explore.

We can hope that as the Bow Farm application comes before Gloucestershire on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January 2023 that their committee is more enlightened. I have been working with Cate Cody who is the County Councillor for that area trying to provide any help I can.

Even if the Gloucester CC turn down the application, I believe that the applicant of Bow Farm will then seek to barge the materials out of the site. Cemex have proved that it is possible to do.

RYALL EAST – Nr Ripple and Uckinghall.

The Ryall East extraction minerals extraction application is expected to come before the Planning Committee in the early part of next year. With the committee's attitude of not willing to hear all the evidence for the Bow Farm application, I will leave it to you to consider what may happen.

Warmest Regards

Cllr Martin Allen

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**APPENDIX 3**

30 November 2022 (2022-2023)

**Ripple Parish Council**

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name and Role (Clerk/RFO etc)*

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name and Role (RFO/Chair of Finance etc)*

	<b>Bank Reconciliation at 30/11/2022</b>		
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2022		23,388.78
	<b>ADD</b> Receipts 01/04/2022 - 30/11/2022		30,476.77
			53,865.55
	<b>SUBTRACT</b> Payments 01/04/2022 - 30/11/2022		22,816.10
<b>A</b>	<b>Cash in Hand 30/11/2022</b> (per Cash Book)		<b>31,049.45</b>
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Petty Cash 09/09/2021	0.00	
	Deposit Account 30/11/2022	15,061.51	
	Current Account 30/11/2022	15,987.94	
			<b>31,049.45</b>
	Less unrepresented payments		
			31,049.45
	Plus unrepresented receipts		
<b>B</b>	<b>Adjusted Bank Balance</b>		<b>31,049.45</b>
	<b>A = B Checks out OK</b>		

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## PAYMENTS

Expenditure	Budget	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Variance
Admin/Training	1,000.00						16.99		20.99					37.98	962.02
Annual Public Meeting	750.00			225.00										225.00	525.00
BUS				100.00										100.00	-100.00
Chairmans Allowance	100.00														100.00
Clerks Equipment	1,000.00				90.99									90.99	909.01
Clerks Expenses	500.00	43.70	362.90	62.70	29.00	88.99	44.97	28.85	31.00					692.11	-192.11
Clerks Salary	6,250.00	720.16	720.16	1,075.96	981.35	745.64	769.64	825.23	1,062.74					6,900.88	-650.88
Defib	4,000.00							319.60						319.60	3,680.40
Donations	750.00						50.00							50.00	700.00
Grass Cutting/Trees	5,000.00	325.00	650.00			1,300.00	975.00	650.00						3,900.00	1,100.00
Hall Hire	250.00														250.00
HANDYMAN			60.00			450.00			590.00					1,100.00	-1,100.00
Insurance	600.00								608.51					608.51	-8.51
Lengthsman	3,000.00	640.00	320.00			320.00	320.00	640.00						2,240.00	760.00
Newsletter/Adverts/Flye	1,500.00		64.20					199.00						263.20	1,236.80
Prof Fees/Audit	750.00						200.00							200.00	550.00
Recreation Ground Ref.	2,000.00														2,000.00
Repairs	500.00	70.00												70.00	430.00
Subscriptions	1,200.00	53.75	833.26											887.01	312.99
Tree Survey/Maintenanx	1,500.00								190.00					190.00	1,310.00
Vehicle Activated Sign	200.00														200.00
Waste Bins								1.00	3,194.61					3,195.61	-3,195.61
Website	1,000.00														1,000.00

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**APPENDIX 4**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Ben Perry	October Time Sheet	£320.00
The Bridge	1/4 page advert for The Bridge	£70

**Total** **£390.00**

## APPENDIX 5

### PAYMENTS

	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total Spent/Forecast	Proposed Budget Total + Inflation
Subscriptions	1,200	887.01			1013
Newsletter/Adverts/Flyers/Media	1,500	263.20			301
Donations	750	50.00			58
Insurance	600	608.51			700
Grass Cutting/Trees	5,000	4,680.00	780		7300
Lengthsman	3,000	2,240.00	1600		4385
Chairmans Allowance	100			0.00	100
Prof Fees/Audit	750	200.00			230
Clerks Expenses	500	661.11			756
Clerks Salary	6,250	5,838.14	4136.88		10479
Annual Public Meeting	750	225.00			257
Hall Hire	250		100		114
Repairs/Handyman	500	580.00			662
Recreation Ground Refurbishment	2,000				0
Tree Survey/Maintenance	1,500				0
Website	1,000				0
Admin/Training	1,000	16.99			100
Clerks Equipment	1,000	90.99	24		131
BUS	0	100.00			150
Litter Bins					2000
Bench					500
<b>Total</b>					<b>29236</b>

### Receipts

	Budget	Actual	Budget
Precept	22,014.51	23,656.00	
Deposit Account Interest	5.00	2.30	5
Lengthsman Scheme	2,000.00	1,920.00	2391.37
Grants	500.00	1,550.00	500
Donations	200.00		200
Grass Cutting	2,000.00		2000
Other Income		3,346.86	0.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>5096.37</b>

Cant budget what will be received in other income

**Proposed Precept Payments- Receipts 24140.00 Percentage Increase 2.00%**

Reserves	Balance	Forecast	Predicted end of year balance
Current Account Balance	17076.68	13221.26	3855.42
Deposit Account	15061.51		15061.51
End of Year Reserves			18916.93

