

**Minutes of the Meeting of Ripple Parish Council  
held at Ripple Parish Hall on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 7.00pm**

**Minutes**

Present: Cllrs Aldridge, Blake, Dearden, Jones, Sutton and Weyman  
In Attendance: Cllr Paul Middlebrough & Mrs V Portch (Clerk)

Action

1. **Apologies** - Apologies for absence received from Cllr Owenson. Reason 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** - To consider the approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2018 were approved by the meeting and signed by the chairman.

Proposed by Cllr Aldridge Seconded by Cllr Jones

4. **To receive report from District Councillor**

The chairman read a report provided by Cllr Owenson. The application for the Alpaca farm will be on the agenda of the Southern Area meeting. It was proposed that RPC would attend and make representations. Cllr Middlebrough had facilitated a meeting with the First Group to discuss the bus services to be held at County Hall, on 19th July at 10.0am. The petition organised by Cllr Owenson has been presented to Cllr Middlebrough. Cllr Blake would attend on behalf of RPC and provide comments on the proposed roundabout option for the junction of A38 and A4104. No further information available regarding the Bow Lane gravel extraction application. The issue raised by Cllr Blake on behalf of a resident regarding the new 50mph road markings and the noise nuisance create was under investigation and would hopefully be resolved promptly. It was noted that the traffic lights on the A4104 are not related to the raising of the road, they are as a result of Severn Trent works to repair a water leak. Cllr Middlebrough kindly offered to make a contribution from his ward fund towards the WW1 commemoration activities planned within the parish. The proposed combined management of the Fire and Police services by the Police commissioner were no further advanced. A judicial review had been lodged and the outcome awaited.

Cllr Blake

5. **To receive report from County Councillor**

Cllr Middlebrough provided an update on the proposed gravel extraction plans from the site off Bow Lane and provision of a processing plant to the rear of Puckrup Golf Course (Tewkesbury/Gloucestershire). To date no formal application had been received following the scoping. It was anticipated that an application would be submitted before the end of the year and appropriate consultation would follow. The County Councillor kindly offered financial support from his funds to assist in the provision of a commemoration of 100 years of the end of World War 1, it was agreed that Ripple Parish would discuss the possibility of a combined celebration to commemorate the event with other local parishes. A church service at St Mary's, wreath laying service at the war memorial followed by a public event at the village hall would be explored.

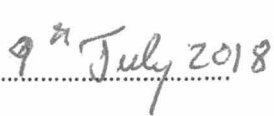
Clerk/  
All Cllrs

8. **Ripple Annual Parish Meeting review**  
Feedback from the Annual Parish Meeting was very positive, the meeting was well attended and provided plenty of debate.
9. **Bow Lane Gravel Extraction Update** Cllr  
Middlebrough  
Covered by County Councillor's report.
10. **Section 106 Funding – Recreation Ground**  
The initial review of the consultation on the recreation ground indicated that residents were not in favour of a childrens' playground, a preference to retaining the peaceful open space was indicated. Cllr Jones would update the MHDC planning officer concerned with an amended draft proposal in the region of £60,000 in order that the potential project could be attached to the 70 houses at Upton Marina application. Cllrs  
Blake/Jones
11. **Councillor comments and items for next agenda**  
It was agreed that a new laptop computer should be purchased, together with the appropriate Microsoft Office Professional software and antivirus software. Clerk  
Proposed by Cllr Blake Seconded by Cllr Jones  
It was agreed that the domain "rpcworcs.co.uk" should be purchased and email accounts for each councillor set up. Clerk  
Proposed by Cllr Jones Seconded by Cllr Aldridge  
It was agreed that RPC would assist West Mercia Police in facilitating a meeting for all parish residents to promote the new initiatives to help protect the rural community. To include Horse Watch, Rural/Farm Watch, Smartwater. Clerk  
Cllrs Sutton and Jones attended the recent UTP meeting, Cllr Sutton confirmed that the High Street in Upton would be closed for the Blues Festival. Cllr Sutton had met with the Chairman of UVT and requested a meeting of the committee, as yet this was not forthcoming. A further request would be made by Upton Town Council to UVT. Cllrs  
Sutton/  
Weyman  
Cllr Weyman enquired if anyone was aware of a direct bus service between Worcester and Gloucester via Ryall. A local resident had requested the timetable should be posted on the noticeboards. No Councillors were aware of any such service.  
It was agreed that Faye Dearden should be co-opted as a member of RPC. Documentation completed and signed.  
Proposed by Cllr Jones Seconded by Cllr Blake  
Clerk requested Cllrs review the "Welcome Leaflet" and advise of any updates they think appropriate. All Cllrs  
Cllr Aldridge suggested that consideration be given to holding meetings at Beechwood Residential Care Home. Cllr Blake advised that the venue was under new management but a request would be made. Cllr Blake

Meeting concluded at 8.10pm

Date of next meeting – Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Signed: .....

Date: .....

**Nicholas Blake – Chairman Ripple Parish Council**

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6. **Progress reports from:**

a. **Clerk**

General administration of correspondence emails and post. Administration of Lengthsman Scheme. Minutes of last meeting. Preparation of documents for compliance with new Data Protection requirements effective from May 2018, creation of new mailing list from submissions. Uploading of documents to WCC website on-going as part of migration from existing website for compliance. Research into acquisition of domain. Discussions' regarding Section 106 funds for Recreation Ground refurbishment project and potential other projects. Preparation of grant application for further "Communications Hub" funding with Calor. Communication with Cemex regarding £250 grant allocation received. Investigation into appropriate leisure equipment suitable for the recreation ground. Discussions with local resident regarding issues regarding enforcement action on Bow Lane and dangerous dogs and pigs. Follow up on matters arising from Annual Parish Meeting. Liaison with West Mercia Police regarding launch of rural crime awareness initiative, Horse Watch and Farm Watch local scheme. Investigation into appropriate IT equipment for RPC and domain acquisition.

Clerk

b. **Management Group**

Management Group met to review on-going issues and set agenda for this meeting. Review of minutes of last meeting. Discussion regarding feasibility of potential projects for Section 106 funding within parish. Approval to submit grant applications for further funding for noticeboards from Calor initiative. Clerk attended Upton Police Station to meet with new officer and CSO and discuss proposed public meeting at Ripple Parish Hall to launch local rural crime awareness initiative. Chairman attended Upton Town Partnership.

Clerk

c. **Finance Group**

Cheques from last meeting distributed. Ledger updated. Uploading to website of approved financial documents.

d. **Urgent Decisions Group**

None

e. **Planning Group (schedule circulated)**

Cllr Jones reported that the application for 70 houses at Upton Marina was still outstanding. RPC had raised concerns regarding the implications of the raising of the A4104 and the proposed emergency access onto the A4104.

The application for the Alpaca farm at Naunton had been resubmitted, the barn has now been moved closer to the road, the cabin repositioned additional parking and tracks included on the plans. It was noted that the proposed track would be on top of the water pipes which are present on the property, RPC to request MHDC consult with Severn Trent.

Cllr Jones

Cllr Jones suggested that as the Pennywell development was coming to conclusion WCC Highways department should be approached regarding the installation of the bus stop. MHDC to be contacted with regard to the installation of the on-site playground, Cllr Owenson to be asked to follow up.

It was agreed that Cllr Jones would issue a letter to Taylor Wimpey formally expressing concerns regarding the safety issues relating to the attenuation ponds on site, copy to be provided to MHDC.

Cllr Sutton advised that a further application to re-arrange the site at the Dig Away site had been submitted. (Located in Earls Croome Parish)

f. **Staffing and Training Group**

Nothing to report.

7. **To receive report from Footpaths Officer**

Nothing to report from Mr. Goddard regarding the footpaths.

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