

Meeting of Ripple Parish Council

Held at Ripple Parish Hall on 10th December 2018 at 7.00pm

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Aldridge, Armit, Blake, Davis, Jones, Sutton & Weyman, County Councillor Paul Middlebrough, Mrs F Blake (minute taking) and two members of the public.

Action By

1. Apologies

Apologies received from The Clerk, Mrs Victoria Portch, Cllr Deardon and District Councillor Jeremy Owenson, reasons for absence approved.

2. Declaration 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. 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 12th November 2018 were approved.

Proposed by: Cllr Aldridge, seconded by: Cllr Armit

4. **Report from District Councillor.** No report received.

Cllr Owenson

5. Report from County Councillor.

Cllr Middlebrough reported that he had requested a drop kerb be provided on the A4104 as previously discussed to assist pedestrians. The grit bin at Uckinghall railway bridge is to be addressed before it slips down the embankment into the field. Signage into Naunton unclear at night. Councillor Middlebrough will set up a meeting between himself, Hannah Davies at Highways & Councillor Blake to discuss these and other issues.

Cllr
Middlebrough

WCC budget was under pressure, 60% of the budget being spent on 1% of the population (vulnerable young, old & social care) other services such as libraries and buses are under pressure. WCC's Council Tax is likely to increase by 4% for the Financial Year 2019/2020. There will be a meeting at Upton Library at 12 noon 7th January 2019 when Councillor Hodgson, the WCC Portfolio Holder for library services will be present. Councillor Middlebrough considers that the approach taken to the County's library services should be more imaginative and he encourages residents to attend the meeting on 7th January and express their views.

The bus service is being reviewed as are the funding arrangements but there will be no improvement in the short term.

In response to a question by Councillor Jones re: 106 Agreement Funding, WCC's solicitors are in correspondence with Taylor Wimpey.

The regular meeting with Cemex for 18th December has been postponed.

6. Ripple Parish Council Group Reports

a. Clerk

General administration of correspondence emails and post. Minutes of last meeting. Uploading of documents to WCC website. Discussions regarding Section 106 funds for Recreation Ground refurbishment project and potential other projects. Discussion with Strensham services management regarding joint Litter Pick. Preparation of Annual Newsletter and updating of New Resident Welcome leaflet. Preparation of draft budget for review. Communication with solicitors regarding Title Registration of Recreation Ground. Ongoing communication with resident bordering Recreation Ground to obtain

confirmation of approval to prune hedge. Setting up of new “@rpcworcs.co.uk” email accounts for all councillors.

b. Management:

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, review of comments from WCC & MHDC regarding request for confirmation of receipt of funds from Taylor Wimpey (CIL/Section 106 contribution). Chairman attended Upton Town Partnership. Chairman, Vice Chairman, Cllr Aldridge and clerk met to discuss SWDP and review draft budget for 2019/20. Discussion regarding review of trees within parish to be undertaken by Cllr Dearden.

c. Finance:

Smartcut invoice £1285.20 Proposed by Cllr Aldridge, seconded by Cllr Weyman. Approved. Lengthsman invoice £171 Proposed Cllr Armit, seconded Cllr Sutton. Approved.

Cheques from last meeting distributed. Ledger updated.

d. Urgent Decisions:

Payment of clerk’s expenses of £214.29 over 6 months agreed by Cllrs Blake, Jones and Aldridge. Proposed by Cllr Davies, seconded by Cllr Jones. Approved.

E. Staff and Training:

Training schedule requested from CALC for new Councillors.

f. Planning:

Ripple Parish Council – Planning Applications as at 4th December 2018.

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Status</u>
18/01689/RM	Land At (Os 8604 4120) Ryall Court Lane Holly Green Upton Upon Severn	The reserved matters is to include details of appearance, layout, landscaping and scale following a grant of Planning Permission 15/00751/OUT for the proposed development of 6 no dwellings. Comments to Cllr Jones. Action All	Pending decision
18/01711/CAN	Cobwalls Uckinghall Tewkesbury GL20 6ES	Fell one beech tree	Pending decision
18/01550/FUL	Holly Bank Ryall Road Holly Green Upton Upon Severn Worcester WR8 OPG	Proposed new dwelling and garaging	Pending decision
18/01542/FUL	Unit G Grove House Yard Tewkesbury Road Upton Upon Severn	Extension of Office Building	Pending decision
18/01193/FUL	Land at (OS 8622 4044) Ryall Meadow Ryall Upton Upon Severn	New 5 bedroom dwelling including garage and associated landscape	Pending decision
18/00792/FUL	The Retreat Ferry Lane Uckinghall Tewkesbury GL20 6ER	Change of Use from ancillary accommodation to holiday let.	Pending decision
17/00372/OUT	Land North East of Upton Marina, East Waterside, Upton Upon Severn, Worcester WR8 OPB	Outline planning application for the erection of up to 70 residential units with all matters reserved except for means of access.	Pending decision

A barn construction, previously turned down by the Sewerage Works in Rectory Road, Ripple may be resubmitted for approval. Cllr Jones will contact Ian Hiscox at MHDC Planning. Cllr Jones

Travellers Site, Ripple/Twyning border and commercial activities – Cllr Jones will follow up with Twyning Parish Council & Tewkesbury Borough Council. Cllr Jones

7. Footpath Officer's Report Cllr Blake

Mrs Rand commented that Cemex have done a good job tidying up the public footpaths leading to & from the processing plant and should be congratulated.

8. Section 106 Funding Update & Recreation Ground Landscaping Cllr Blake

A meeting has been set up for 12th December 2018 with Mrs Carol Unwin, a qualified landscaping architect, to progress this.

9. St Mary's Church, Ripple Cllr Blake

No further information. The Chairman will follow up.

10. Bow Lane Gravel Extraction

Both Worcestershire & Gloucestershire County Councils are dealing with this application in parallel.

11. RPC Budget 2019/2020

The proposed budget was discussed and it was agreed the precept should be increased by £1,732.74 to £19,060.18 pa. The election expenditure was reduced to £1,250 and the VAS sign is removed from the budget. The budget will be finalised at the 14th January 2019 meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor Blake and seconded by Cllr Jones and approved that up to £300 should be spent from the 2018/2019 budget on land registry searches to establish land ownership and trees growing in open spaces in the Parish.

12. SWDP Update

Cllr Jones had included a statement on the economic impact of Airbnb and also the requirement to ensure superfast broadband is provided in any future development applications.

The document will be submitted to SWDP Coordinating Group. Cllr Blake

Proposed Cllr Blake, Seconded Cllr Jones. Approved.

13. Winter Newsletter/Welcome to Ripple Leaflet

Distribution list agreed. All

14. Review of Ripple Emergency Plan

This was reviewed and subject to deleting Appendix (C) – equipment and verifying whether West Mercia Inshore Rescue was still operating and including the RPC Facebook address. Clerk

The plan was approved. The purchase of Aqua sacks to be investigated in the event of flooding.

15. UVT – Library Update

There have been meetings to consider options for libraries in the County & Upton's in particular. Cllr Weyman stated it is essential that there is a professional librarian's input into whatever service is provided.

The current consultation document on library services in WCC is to be revised and simplified.

16. Ripple Litter Pick 23rd November 2018

It is disappointing that only two Councillors and the Clerk participated. However, several residents did litter pick and staff at Strensham Services also participated.

The next litter pick will be held toward the end of March 2019.

17. Webmail addresses for Councillors

Details were circulated to those present. The Clerk and Cllr Jones are willing to provide assistance in setting this up, if required.

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Date of next meeting Monday, 14th January 2019 at Beechwood Residential Care Home.