

**Minutes of the Meeting of Ripple Parish Council  
held at Ripple Parish Hall on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7.00pm**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Cllrs Aldridge, Blake, Jones, Weyman and Wilson  
**In attendance:** Mrs. V Portch (Clerk), MHDC District Cllr Owenson, WCC County Cllr Middleborough (Arrived at 7.30pm) and four members of the public.

Action By

**1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Sutton, 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**

(Circulated in advance via email) The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017 were unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by Cllr Jones      Seconded by Cllr Aldridge

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

Cllr Owenson reported that following on from the public question raised by a resident of Bow Lane a meeting between the resident and the local police had taken place. The MHDC enforcement officer had visited the premises and a report awaited.

Cllr Owenson requested consideration be given to the provision of a Neighborhood Plan, it was suggested in conjunction with Upton and other surrounding parishes.

Concerns with regard to cost and time considerations were raised. It was suggested that contact be made with The Beechwood nursing home and The Wheelhouse with a view to being used a meeting venues.

Chairman/Clerk

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

Cllr Middleborough updated on the flood alleviation works on the A4104. The current works are scheduled for two weeks with the major project commencing in November, and completion at the end of March 2018. During the works there will be traffic lights not at peak times, and occasional night closures. WCC will consider a contribution to local traders or reduced parking cost scheme to compensate for disruption during the works. It was confirmed the works would not interfere with the school bus services. A local highways consultation summit was to be set up to represent the interest of UTC and local parishes; Cllr Wilson will attend on behalf of RPC. Chairman requested Cllr Middleborough progress the requests for refurbishment of parish footpaths and as a priority the resurfacing of Stratford Bridge Lane.

Cllr Middleborough

**6. Progress reports from: (Circulated in advance via email)**

a. **Clerk** - General administration of correspondence, emails and post. Minutes of last meeting, preparation and submission of planning application responses. Ongoing communication with MHDC and WCC highways department and County Councillor regarding the recent highways review and defects within Parish. Review of currently unsupported website with a view to replacement. Continued discussion with resident regarding ongoing dangerous dog and "free range" pig incidents in Bow Lane Ripple. Communication with Cemex regarding sponsorship for the Communications Hub. Preparation of content for autumn / winter newsletter. Note:- The original deeds to the recreation ground were passed to the chairman for review and safe keeping within his deed box. Cllr Blake reported the deeds had subsequently been passed to Cllr Jones for review. The documents were returned to Cllr Blake at the meeting on 16 October 2017 for safe custody.

Clerk/Cllrs

b. **Management Group** - Management Group met to review on-going issues, including noticeboard funding (confirmation regarding VAT reclaim situation) from Big Lottery, response awaited. Review of the proposed budget for 2018/19 ready for distribution to councillors and preparation of matrix for precept setting. Chairman attended Cemex Liaison meeting on 12th



