



## **RIPPLE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

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

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

**Present:** Nine members of the public

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

There were no requests to record or film the meeting.

**05.09.22.2** **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)**

**Residents from Furrow Close** – General concern was expressed at the planning application and the proposed development adjacent to the close, notably around road access, drainage, and the pressure it would place on the general amenities. Residents also question the need for the development and there was short discussion about the MHDC 5 year housing supply strategy. Equally, the application appears to reference a bus service, yet the service is sporadic at best and equally limited in terms of destinations.

The Chair thanked residents for their comments. The matter was not being discussed as per meeting agenda but stated that the comments would be noted for when it does come before council.

**Resident 1** – Raised concerns about the continual speeding in Ryall Road.

**Resident 2** – Questioned whether any further sites within the parish had been identified for development.

**05.09.22.3** **To note apologies for absence**

Apologies received from Cllr D Long and Michelle Hinde Clerk/RFO, minutes to be taken by the Chairman.

**05.09.22.4** **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.



- 05.09.22.5 To confirm and agree minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16 August 2022**  
Council **APPROVED** minutes of the parish council meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2022  
**Proposed:** Cllr Armitt                      **Seconded:** Cllr Weyman
- 05.09.22.6 To receive Clerks Report and agree actions**  
The Clerks report was received as per **APPENDIX 1**  
Council **APPROVED** the increase in the Clerk's Home Working Allowance.  
Council also **APPROVED** the pre-payment card for the Clerk's use and Pockitt was chosen as the preferred supplier.  
**Proposed:** Cllr Armitt                      **Seconded:** Cllr Baum
- 05.09.22.7 To receive County Councillors report and agree actions**  
The County Councillors report was received as per **APPENDIX 2**
- 05.09.22.8 To receive District Councillors Report and agree actions**  
Cllr Owenson provided an update on progress with the Malvern College site. A special meeting had been called and interest in acquiring the site by a private investor is part of the consideration currently before Worcestershire County Council. There was brief discussion about the proposed boundary changes within MHDC, with the outcome due later this month.
- 05.09.22.9 To discuss the council purchasing a heated cabinet and service for the Ripple defibrillator.**  
Council **AGREED** to pay for the unit to be serviced. However, there was a question about whether the cabinet needed to be heated, the unit installed in Naunton didn't need to be located within a heated cabinet. It was therefore proposed that the council take advice from the engineer who services the Ripple unit, and we ask them to make a recommendation on the type of cabinet required.  
**Proposed:** Cllr Davis                      **Seconded:** Cllr Weyman
- 05.09.22.10 Finance, all documents circulated prior to the meeting**
- 05.09.22.10a To approve Bank Reconciliation and Budget Monitoring Report Up to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022**  
Council **APPROVED** bank reconciliation and budget monitoring report  
**Proposed:** Cllr Davis                      **Seconded:** Cllr Baum
- 05.09.22.10b To consider and resolve to agree Payment List and payments made since last meeting.**  
Council **APPROVED** payment list as per **APPENDIX 3**  
**Proposed:** Cllr Davis                      **Seconded:** Cllr Baum
- 05.09.22.11 To review litter bins quotes and agree actions**  
Council **AGREED** to purchase 3 240L Bins and 5 Topsy Royale Bins.
- 05.09.22.12 To discuss the recreational ground proposal and agree actions**  
The re-wilding of the recreational ground was discussed. Whilst broadly in favour with the proposals, the council felt it should nevertheless honour its promise made in a previous newsletter to consult with residents on whether they were supportive.

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Time is clearly of the essence, and it was agreed that Cllr Davis would prepare a short article to be included on the website and posted on the noticeboard, to get resident feedback. The topic could then be considered at the October meeting.

**Proposed:** Cllr Davis                      **Seconded:** Cllr Weyman

- 05.09.22.13 To discuss the council newsletter and agree actions**  
Council AGREED it should publish a newsletter mid-October. Members were asked to let Cllr Baum have any topics/content to be included.
- 05.09.22.14 To discuss the crossing on the A4104 and agree actions**  
This was covered in Cllr Allen's report.
- 05.09.22.15 To review the lengthsman budget and agree actions**  
The lengthsman's budget was felt to be appropriate and consistent, and council were in agreement.  
Council asked though whether it was possible to get advance notice of the work to be carried out by the lengthsman, as visibility of tasks has often been a source for challenge.
- 05.09.22.16 To review quotes for the removal of the dead tree in Ryall and agree actions**  
Council agreed to request more quotations as they felt those provided were too expensive.
- 05.09.22.17 To discuss flooding hardstanding and agree actions**  
Cllr Peters highlighted that he was still seeking the landowner's permission to proceed with the hardstanding. He will update Cllr Allen in due course.
- 05.09.22.18 To receive an update on the artwork to be installed on the A38 roundabout**  
Cllr Davis shared that Hanley Castle students have been invited to submit designs and ideas for the artwork. Also, the award winning Pershore blacksmith Steven Ellis Cooper has expressed interest in being involved in the project.  
Upton Town Council has indicated it will also provide funding of c.£4,000 from its Civic Fund.
- 05.09.22.19 To discuss the following planning applications/appeals made since the last meeting and agree actions:**
- 05.09.22.19a M/22/01005/HP The Cottage Naunton Upton Upon Severn Worcester WR8 0PZ**  
The council recommended **APPROVAL** to this application.
- 05.09.22.20 To receive agenda items for the next meeting of the council**
- 05.09.22.21 Date of Next Meeting : Parish Council 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022**
- 05.09.22.22 To discuss councillor position in confidential session**  
Council AGREED that as per legislation any councillor who does not attend a meeting within a 6 month period should be removed from the council to allow others to apply.



**APPENDIX 1**

**Clerks Report – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

**Correspondence** – 1 letter sent regarding overgrown vegetation

1 letter sent regarding closed post box

1 letter sent regarding councillor non attendance at meetings.

**VAS** – The fixings for the new VAS were missing. The Lengthsman has been chasing for them. I am currently chasing the lengthsman for an update. I have contacted the supplier myself and they have today sent me a list of what should have been included for Ben to mark exactly what is missing. I have sent it over to Ben and currently awaiting a response.

**Home Working Allowance** – Has increased from £24 to £27 are you happy to approve increase?

**Pre payment card** – will the council approve a pre payment card to be used by the clerk. Benefits will be that all invoices will be made out to parish council to allow all VAT to be reclaimed. Once the website is set up there will need to be a card linked for payments. Currently have one with my other council (Pockitt) where its topped up to a value of £100. Costs would be as follows:

<b>Company</b>	<b>Monthly Cost</b>
Pockitt	£1.99
Suits Me	£4.97 + Transaction Fee - £1.97
Soldo	£6



**APPENDIX 2**

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR MARTIN ALLEN**

**EMAILED REPORT TO RIPPLE PARISH COUNCIL SEPT 2022**

**KETCH ROUNDABOUT**

The Ketch Roundabout is just about finished.

**UPTON A38/A4104 ROUNDABOUT**

Work is still going on but is still going well.

**RYALL ROAD SPEEDING**

I have requested that the Ryall Road is now designated as a "Virtual Road Closure"

this means that all Satnav's will not send vehicles down this road unless the end destination is in that location. I am told this will reduce traffic, apart from the locals using the road.

The speeding problems continue on the Ryall Road. I have seen the Police there more than once carryout speeding checks. The request for Blue Signs from Marian has been turned down because blue signs are only advisory.

The following email has been received:

The 'access only' orders are regularly abused by drivers willing to take a chance; however, Bob Haynes (Police Traffic Management Advisor) recently raised this area, stating that local Police Officers have been on site stopping drivers. In addition to this, Bob has requested some improvements to the current signage, and it's been agreed to provide extra SLOW road markings on Ryall Road. These will be ordered shortly.

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#### A4104 AVERAGE SPEED CAMERAS

Can I suggest you write to the PCC asking that he comes to a parish council meeting to talk about speeding and to request that "Average Speed Cameras" are installed on the A4104 to cover the Ryall Road junction and the proposed Pedestrian Island that is going to be installed at Holly Green.

I will be very happy to add my name to your letter.

#### MONUMENT/ARTWORK ON THE NEW ROUNDABOUT

Can RPC give me an update.

#### A4104 HOLLY GREEN CROSSING.

As you know I have found the funding. Officers have been tasked with the design.

WCC are going to measure the Footfall to see how many people cross the A4104 from the Ryall Road/Holly Green.

It is hoped that the work will commence in March 2023, but WCC Safety Team have concerns about the Visibility Splays. If the Splays cannot be increase from

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the current 33 metres to at least 65 metres WCC Safety Team will stop the work progressing. I will let you know more when I have an answer.

#### HARDSTANDING FUNDS.

I would like an update from RPC about the Hardstanding funding that I provided.

#### VASS UNIT

As I have given you £1500 towards a new VASS unit. It would be good to meet onsite to see the unit in action.

#### COMMUNITY ACTION MINIBUS

With the woeful lack of buses, I felt I had to try and do something. Last year I set up a weekly Minibus on a Wednesday going to Tewkesbury. This is a ring and book service which costs about £70.00 each week.

Please use the service otherwise I will not be able to persuade WCC to keep part funding it.

#### BOW FARM GRAVEL EXTRACTION

Again, this been delayed in going to the Planning and Regulatory Committee we still do not yet have a date when it will appear. I understand the delay is a legal matter to do with a new extraction application "RIPPLE EAST" which very close to the Bow Farm site.

#### CEMEX Still no news in September 2022

WCC are now waiting for more information.

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RIPPLE EAST

The consultation period has now ended for this application.

What information I do have is that the new site proposed is north of Bow Farm, near Cemex, and immediately next to the east of Ripple. The extraction proposed is for sand and gravel, this is to be transported by barge and the site if passed it is expected to be in use for two years.

Regards

Cllr Martin Allen.





**APPENDIX 3**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Smartcut	invoice 18232 & 17999	1105
M Hinde	Mileage 28@0.45 and book of stamps and cartridge	39.97
Lengthsman	July Timesheet	320
<b>Total</b>		<b>£1,464.97</b>

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