



RIPPLE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held 6 March 2023 at Ripple Parish Hall

Present: Cllrs. M. Peters (Chairman), M. Baum, T. Armitt, M Davis, D Long, M England, K Weyman, P Turner, C Cllr M Allen, D Cllr J Owenson

Attendees: Clerk/RFO M Hinde, and 5 members of the public

06.03.23.1 **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

06.03.23.2 **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)**

Resident 1 - 14th April there will be a talk in Ripple Parish Hall Tony Spicer there will be refreshments and a walk around. The talk will require a donation to the church.

Resident 2 - Furrow Close plans changed minimally due to layout and it does not blend into the natural surroundings any better. Feels like the application has been resubmitted as untrue and cant understand why. How many reasons does a planning officer need to turn down the application? Does the planning officer visit the site?

Jeremy advised – only need one reason to turn the application down but the more reasons you put in the less chance you can win on appeal. There have been a lot of changes that the planning officer will consider including that there is no official document to demonstrate a social housing need. The planning officer will visit the site and if it goes to committee there will be a report.

Resident 3 – Raised concern about the safety of a play area next to the pond as it was only a few months ago that children died on ice in Solihull.

06.03.23.3 **To note apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence

06.03.23.4 **To receive declarations of interest for items on the agenda below (Localism Act 2011) and to confirm the meeting quorate**

Cllr England and Long declared an interest in agenda item 18c and the meeting was declared quorate.

06.03.23.5 **To confirm and agree minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16 January 2023**
Council APPROVED minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2023

Proposed Cllr England **Seconded** Cllr Turner

06.03.23.6 **To receive Clerks Report and agree actions**

Clerks report was received as per **APPENDIX 1.**

06.03.23.7 **To receive County Councillors report and agree actions**

The County Councillors report was received as per **APPENDIX 2**

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- 06.03.23.8 To receive District Councillors Report and agree actions**
 Malvern Theatre has received the £20m levelling up grant It was promised. The grant is to create an open air performance space. The Malvern theatre bid focused on youth theatre and community space
 If the government is going to keep providing money for community projects there may be funding fallout going forward. Put forward ideas for change so funding becomes available from MHDC.
- Elections – Ripple and Upton are now merging so you can collect 2 people. If voting in person need photo ID (Passport, licence, disabled badge etc...)
- Clr Allen left at 20:06
- 06.03.23.9 Finance, all documents circulated prior to the meeting**
06.03.23.9a To approve Bank Reconciliation and Budget Monitoring Report Up to 28th February 2023
 Council **APPROVED** Bank Reconciliation and Budget Monitoring Report.
Proposed Cllr Baum **Seconded** Cllr Armitt
- 06.03.23.9b To consider and resolve to agree Payment List and payments made since last meeting.**
 Council **APPROVED** payment list totalling £2112.60 in **APPENDIX 3**.
Proposed Cllr Turner **Seconded** Cllr Armitt
- 06.03.23.10 To discuss the clerks role and agree actions**
 Council confirmed the role had been advertised but they had not found a suitable candidate. Councillors agreed to keep trying to recruit between meeting.
- 06.03.23.11 To review the Upton Town Partnership and Upton Villages Library Together working groups and agree actions**
 Council **AGREED** to remove working groups Upton Town Partnership and Upton Villages Library Together from the website.
- 06.03.23.12 To review the councils Equality and Diversity Policy and agree actions**
 Council **APPROVED** the Equality and Diversity Policy with no amendments.
Proposed Cllr Long **Seconded** Cllr England
- 06.03.23.13 To review the Memorial Bench Policy and agree actions**
 Council **APPROVED** the Memorial Bench Policy with no amendments.
Proposed Cllr Weyman **Seconded** Cllr Baum
- 06.03.23.14 To agree the Tree policy and agree actions**
 Council **APPROVED** the Tree Policy with no amendments.
Proposed Cllr Weyman **Seconded** Cllr Baum
- 06.03.23.15 To appoint an internal auditor and agree actions**
 Council **AGREED** to appoint Oliver O’Kane as the internal auditor.
Proposed Cllr Armitt **Seconded** Cllr England
- 06.03.23.16 To discuss adding hard standing to the recreation ground and agree actions**

Council **AGREED** to put a hardstanding footpath along the fence wide enough for wheelchairs and pushchairs. Council **AGREED** before they could proceed they would need to get a survey of the area done to understand risk of flooding.

06.03.23.17 To discuss installing a bench on A4104 once the crossing is complete and agree actions

Council **AGREED** to purchase a bench Mr Teak – Oxford Extra Thick 3 Seater at the cost of £474.95 once the crossing was completed. They **AGREED** to allow for a contingency of 10% incase price increases whilst waiting for the work to be completed.

Proposed – Cllr Davis

Seconded – Cllr Baum

06.03.23.18 To discuss the following planning applications/appeals made since the last meeting and agree actions:

06.03.23.18a M/22/01866/RM Ryall Court

The council **OBJECTED** to this application on the grounds that the status of the plot was unclear as it was supposed to be a social housing plot.

06.03.23.18b M/22/01878/AGR Surmans Farm

The council **OBJECTED** to this application but were advised that their comments would not be taken into consideration as it was on agricultural land for agricultural use.

06.03.23.18c M/22/01073/FUL Furrow Close

The council sent in a further objection to the new layout.

06.03.23.18d M/22/00872/HP – Vine Tree House

The council had no objections to this application

06.03.23.18e M/22/01746/FUL The Stables, Station Road, Ripple

This one still needs to be reviewed by council.

06.03.23.18f 19/01297/FUL Land At (OS 8726 3749) Bow Lane Ripple

The council initially objected to this application but did not object to the new layout

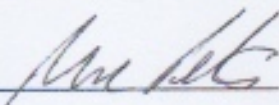
06.03.23.19 To receive agenda items for the next meeting of the council

None

06.03.23.20 Date of Next Meeting : Parish Council 17th April 2023

Meeting Close – 20:39

Signed



Dated 26-3-2023