

RIPPLE PARISH COUNCIL

Ripple Parish Hall, School Lane, Ripple, Tewkesbury, Glos. GL20 6EU

RIPPLE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 16 September 2024 at Ripple Parish Hall

Present: Cllrs. M Peters (Chairman), I Davis, M England, M Davis, CC M Allen(left at 19:35),

Attendees: Clerk/RFO M Hinde and 1 members of the public

Minutes of Ripple Parish Council Meeting

- 21.10.24.1** **To note apologies for absence and to confirm meeting is quorate**
Apologies were received from Cllr. P Turner and D.Cllr J. Owenson.
The meeting was declared quorate.
- 21.10.24.2** **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 (LGA 1972 Sch 12, paras 10 (2)(b) and Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88 LJ Ch 119)**
An email received from a resident to the Clerk regarding the housing development at Saxons Lode Uckinghall was read out. Council asked the Clerk to find out why they were not consulted on this application. Council AGREED they did not have a problem with the application as long as there was assurance there would be no contamination.
Resident 1 – Raised concerns for a drain near the phone box as there is a pumpkin field near by in Naunton. In all the recent rain a mass of mud formed over the drain causing water to run down the road. The resident asked if it would be possible to put some backing around the drain to prevent it from filling with earth. Cllr Allen advised he would submit a request however he would need some photos (Cllr M Davis agreed to send)
- 21.10.24.3** **To receive declarations of interest on the agenda below (Localism Act 2011)**
There were no declaration of interest.
- 21.10.24.4** **To confirm and agree minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th September 2024**
Council **APPROVED** minutes from 16th September 2024
- 21.10.24.5** **To receive Clerks Report and agree actions**
Correspondence received advising that the bank account is changing from a business account to a community account. In the process of working with Parish online in setting up new emails and website with a .gov.uk domain. The Clerk requested that photos were emailed to her for the website. Council AGREED to transfer the @rpcworcs.co.uk and rippleparishcouncil.co.uk to

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Parish Online for £25 each. The Clerk confirmed that the application for the £100 grant had been submitted.

21.10.24.6

To receive County Councillors report and agree actions
Cllr Allen report received as per **APPENDIX 1**

21.10.24.7

To receive District Councillors report and agree actions
None

21.10.24.8

Finance, all documents circulated prior to the meeting:

- a) **To approve Payment of October 2024 payment list below and those paid since last meeting, to note receipts and agree actions:**

Customer	Price
Clerk Mileage	£6.30
Smart Cut - 24015	£780
Total	£786.30

Council **APPROVED** payment list for a total of £786.30

- b) **To approve bank reconciliation up to 14th October 2024**

Council **APPROVED** bank reconciliation up to 14th October 2024 as per **APPENDIX 2**

- c) **To approve budget monitoring report up to 14th October 2024**

Council **APPROVED** budget monitoring report up to 14th October 2024 as per **APPENDIX 3**

- d) **To receive an update on bank signatories**

Cllr Peters confirmed that he had received an email and should have internet banking within 24-48hrs

- e) **To receive the external audit report from PKF Littlejohn**

Council received the external audit report as published on the website

21.10.24.9

To review quotes for the riverside embankment on the recreation ground and agree actions

Council **AGREED** to defer to the next meeting to see if more quotes could be obtained.

21.10.24.10

To discuss the request from the Churchwarden at St Marys Church Ripple for a donation towards the maintenance of the churchyard and agree actions

Council **AGREED** to defer to the next meeting and requested the clerk invite the Churchwarden to the next meeting.

21.10.24.11

To receive an update on Upton Library and to agree if the parish council will make a monthly donation

Cllr Peters confirmed he had looked into this and mechanisms were in place to take away previous concerns raised by the council.

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Council **AGREED** to make a donation of £500 to Upton Library up to April 2025

21.10.24.12

To discuss producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) and agree actions

Cllr England **AGREED** to look at forming a working group in order to produce a NDP with Earls Croome. Cllr England requested an agenda item is added to the next meeting for an update on working group.

21.10.24.13

Planning:

a) Planning Application Consultation M/24/00182/LB and M/24/00182/HP Ripple Hall, Station Road, Ripple, Tewkesbury, GL20 6EY

Description - Conversion of outbuilding into ancillary accommodation

Council had **NO OBJECTION** to this application

b) Planning Application Consultation M/24/01378/HP The Stables, Station Road, Ripple, Tewkesbury, GL20 6EY

Description - Installation of a domestic Air Source Heat Pump (12kW)

Council had **NO OBJECTION** to this application

21.10.24.14

To receive items for the next agenda

Donation to the Church YARD

Budget

NDP Working Group

Date of Next Meeting – 18th November 2024

Meeting Close: 20:12

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APPENDIX 1

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MARTIN ALLEN

REPORT TO RIPPLE PARISH COUNCIL OCTOBER REPORT 2024

Good evening,

COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

ON DEMAND BUS

My usual reminder that the service is running and asking you to promote it.

LIBRARY IN UPTON

I understand that you are discussing the matter tonight. If you can give funds each year this will help ensure that the library remains open.

RYALL EAST QUARY APPLICATION & RIPPLE SCHOOL LANE QUARY FOR MINERALS APPLICATION (CEMEX)

I have no more news that I gave you in my last report.

SLOW ROAD MARKINGS REQUEST AT NAUNTON

I understand that these have now been installed.

COUNTY COUNCIL VOTE FOR PAY INCREASE

At the last WCC council meeting, councillors voted for a 17% pay rise.

I was on annual leave, and I did not attend the meeting.

If I had, I do not believe I would have voted for such a large increase.

#8128 RYALL MEADOW FLOODING

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23/09/24 I reported blocked gullies in Ryall Meadow, mainly outside 29 and 30.

A works order has been raised and the gullies should be jetted by the 25th of October.

DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

DISTRICT COUNCIL VOTE FOR PAY AWARDS TO BE TAKEN OUT OF THEIR HANDS

Moving forward for the next four years, the independent pay review board recommendations will be accepted without Councillors having a say in it.

PLANNING MATTERS

SWDP-R UPDATE

In late September, MHDC members had an update emailed to them about the plan

Please see extracts below, which I feel are of interest to you.

The last two further pieces of evidence from the three district councils have now been submitted. These were the Economic Development Needs Assessment and revised Housing Trajectory

The one remaining piece of evidence is the transport modelling with Worcestershire County Council and National Highways. This work, which is outside of our direct control, is due to be completed by 2nd December, and will then enable the associated Infrastructure Delivery Plan and Viability Appraisals to be updated

Subject to these deadlines being met, the Inspectors have set out a timetable for the SWDPR to progress to hearings in March 2025.

Once that hearing is completed, the SWDPR will gain considerable weight.

70 HOMES AT THE MARINA/HOLLY GREEN

70 Homes on the A4104 at Holly Green – As I said last month I still have no more news when this will come before the Southern Area Planning Committee.

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LAND AT HOLLY GREEN FOR 27 HOMES AND 1 X SHOP

I still have no more news; this is progressing through the planning process.

FURROW CLOSE

Planning appeal for Furrow Close. As you know, I attended. Fortunately, I managed to stay until midafternoon before then having to leave for another council meeting. I had made all the points I wanted to before I left.

As far as I can see it comes down to one thing, if the Inspector believes this development is in open countryside he will turn it down, if he doesn't he will allow the appeal.

The decision is expected to be issued on or before 21st November 2024.

MHDC SUPPORTING OUR RURAL COMMUNITIES

As the Chairman of the MHDC Economy Panel, I have had the pleasure over the last 18 months in overseeing the allocation of funds supplied by our government to support the rural economy, which Upton and the surrounding area come under.

I am pleased MHDC has supported 24 rural businesses and provided more than £400,000 in funding as part of the Malvern Hills Rural Fund.



The aim of the fund is to help enterprises overcome issues and barriers to growth, particularly those associated with being in a rural area.

A total pot of £500,624 was made available through Rural England Prosperity Fund and businesses have

been able to apply for grants worth between £2,500 and £25,000, with the expectation to match 50 per cent of the total project cost.

The projects that have been supported are forecast to provide a total investment of £986,000 (including grants and match funding), create over 28

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new jobs, increase the turnover of over 22 businesses and increase the growth of 23 businesses in the district.

Hear below from Hazel, the Owner at J Maverick & Co Craft Ales and Ciders in Upton upon Severn on how the grant has helped them.

Tell us about your company i.e. what you do, when your company started, number of staff:

We started trading in July 2024 just before the Upton Upon Severn Blues Festival. We have two staff right now with potential to recruit more.

We sell craft ales and ciders on keg cask and in cans to take away. We are also a leading supplier of low/no alcohol, vegan and gluten free ales ciders and lagers.

How much was your grant and what has it allowed you to do? What was the cost of your overall project?

Overall project cost was £53,000. Our grant was £12,000. The grant covered the shop fitting, items like the fridge and radiator and the library ladder which EVERYBODY loves. It really lifted the specification of what we could do in the tap room.

Would you recommend the Rural Grant?

Definitely. A great resource for local businesses. As a small business start-up, converting an 18th century property, the Rural Grant allowed us to raise the specification of our project and be more confident in what we could achieve with this beautiful building. It is a fantastic resource and very much appreciated”.

Visit www.jmaverick.co.uk for more information about the business.

Visit www.malvern hills.gov.uk/rural-fund for more information and to keep updated on potential future funding rounds.

FREEDON LEISURE CONTRACT EXTENDED

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The contract for Freedom Leisure to run the Upton Hill community Centre has been extended, it will now run until March 2030.

Warmest Regards

Cllr Martin Allen

APPENDIX 2

Ripple Parish Council
Bank Reconciliation Up to 14.10.24

Ripple Parish Council	Receipts	Payments	To Be Authorised
WCC	330.8		
CLERK SALARY SEPT		888.92	
PATA		41.25	
PATA		31.05	
LENGTHSMAN		331.25	
IONOS		19.2	
THREE		6	
CLERK SALARY OCT		888.92	
MHDC	13388		
CLERK EXPENSES		6.3	
SMART CUT		780	
CLERK EXPENSES		20.1	
CALC		42	
CALC		42	
PATA		31.05	
SMART CUT		780	
ZURICH		661.66	
CLERK MILEAGE		6.3	£6.30
SMART CUT		£780.00	£780.00
TOTAL	13718.8	5356	£786.30

Bank Reconciliation

Current Acc. Opening Balance	
09.09.24	9672.32
Plus Receipts Above	13718.8
	<u>23391.12</u>
Less Payment Above	5356
Closing Cash Balance	18035.12
Plus Payments to be Authorised	786.3
Closing Bank Bal 14.10.24	18821.42

Bus Acc. Opening Balance	15340.28
Interest Received	12.61
Closing Bank Bal 05.07.24	15352.89

