

## **RIPPLE PARISH COUNCIL**

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

### **RIPPLE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

#### **Minutes of the Meeting held 15 July 2024 at Ripple Parish Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs. M Peters (Chairman), M England, P Turner, I Davis, M Davis, CC M Allen

**Attendees:** Clerk/RFO M Hinde and 7 members of the public

- 15.07.24.1 To note apologies for absence and to confirm the meeting is quorate**  
Apologies received from D. Cllr J Owenson  
The meeting was confirmed as quorate
- 15.07.24.2 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 (LGA1972 Sch 12, paras 10(2)(b) and Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88 LJ Ch 119)**  
Resident 1 – Raised 2 points. Firstly -  $\frac{3}{4}$  bends in Naunton. No slow down signs. Roads quite dangerous. Cllr Davis advised traffic survey was recently carried out with Traffic Officer from WCC who did not identify a problem.  
Secondly – the damaged waste bin on the A38. The resident raised that there was 1 damaged bin on one side of the road and 2 usable bins on the other side. Why hasn't one of the usable bins been moved? Cllr Peters advised that the council were trying to get the bin replaced through insurance and therefore were unable to move an existing bin. The resident asked how often is the bin emptied? – Cllr Davis advised they were emptied on a Rota basis but if you report it then MHDC will come out quickly.  
Resident 2 – raised a concern regarding the amount of Ragwort towards the new crossing going towards Upton. It was decided that the Clerk would ask the Lengthsman is anything can be applied to it.  
Resident 3 – Raised a concern over the speeding on Ryall Road. They advised they were part of Community Speedwatch and are alarmed by the speed of vehicles going along there. The resident asked if the council could request police presence on the road. Cllr Peters advised the council had requested this before but the request had been declined due to the lack of suitable places to set up. C Cllr Allen advised they should get as many people as they can to email Police and Crime Commissioner,  
Resident 4 – raised the issue of the long grass on recreation ground. They raised concerns that the area was no longer available to children, people to play sports or have picnics. There is now nowhere in Ryall for children to play and 2 children had a narrow escape riding their bikes on the Ryall Road. They advised that their were no flowers in sight and the 4 trees that were planted were caught in the long grass. They also raised concerns that they had spotted ticks in the grass. Cllr Peters advised this would be covered by item 10 of the agenda.

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The council also received 2 emails:

Email 1 – covered the foot path that runs along 24A and 24B on the Beeches where there are some large weeds. C Cllr Allen advised that WCC will not touch footpaths before September due to bird nesting. The council AGREED that they would not touch any hedges but would ask the Lengthsman to take a look at the weeds.

The email also covered an overgrown hedge at a empty property on the Beeches which was affecting visibility to traffic. – Council AGREED to write a letter to the agent to see what could be done.

Email 2 – covered the recreation ground which Cllr Peters advised would be covered by item 10 of the agenda.

**15.07.24.3 To elect a new Vice Chairman and Acceptance of Office to be Signed**

The council accepted Cllr Englands decision to step down as Vice Chairman. The Council unanimously elected Cllr Davis and her acceptance of office was signed

**15.07.24.4 To receive declarations of interest for items on the agenda below (Localism Act 2011)**

Cllrs I Davis, M England and P Turner declared an interest in planning as they all live in Ryall. The councillors AGREED to provide Cllrs Davis, England and Turner with a dispensation as the council would not be quorate without them. Cllr England declared an interest in the Furrow Close application as he had objected to this application before becoming a councillor

**15.07.24.5 To confirm and agree minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17 June 2024**

Council **APPROVED** the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 17 June 2024

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

Clerks Report Received as per **APPENDIX 1**

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

The County Councillors report was received as per **APPENDIX 2**  
County Councillor Allen advised to email MHDC and ask to be kept informed on the Furrow Close application

**15.07.24.8 To receive District Councillors Report and agree actions**

The District Councillors Report was received as per **APPENDIX 3**

**15.07.24.9 Finance, all documents circulated prior to the meeting**

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

Customer	Price
Smart Cut – 22974	£780.00
Clerk Expenses – Mileage	£6.30
Clerk Expenses – Paper	£4.73
Clerk Expenses – File	£3.87
<b>Total</b>	<b>£794.90</b>

Council **APPROVED** the payment list as per **APPENDIX 4**

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- b) **To approve bank reconciliation up to 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024**  
Council **APPROVED** the bank reconciliation up to 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024 as per **APPENDIX 5**
- c) **To approve budget monitoring report up to 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024**  
Council **APPROVED** the budget monitoring report up to 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024 as per **APPENDIX 6**
- d) **To review bank signatories**  
Cllr Peters confirmed he had spoken to Lloyds and will be setup with online banking in the next couple of weeks

### **15.07.24.10 To discuss the Recreation Ground including funding and agree actions**

Cllr Davis – advised that the first year of the meadow had not gone to plan due to the very wet winter, which resulted in a lot of the flowers not taking. The new Lengthsman was also not across the meadow management plan until the beginning of June. Resident complaints have been taken into consideration and paths have been cut by the fence and bench but these need to be wider.

The meadow management will need to be altered as it does not fall into the Lengthsmans description and the council may wish to consider managing the land separately. To which Cllr Davis proposed Alex Portch. Moving forward it was proposed that:

- Grass would be cut at the end of summer and all cuttings removed
- Council would apply for a grant to cover 70% of costs
- The Lengthsman will cut down some nettles from the other side of the fence but some will be left to attract butterflies
- Get quotes from tree surgeons to cut down the dead trees so more of the dam would be visible. Trees could be left in situ to become insect houses
- Paths are cut wider to be more accessible for footpaths and wheelchairs

Residents raised points for and against the proposal.

#### Against

- No longer an area to walk dogs
- Meadow looks a mess
- No area for children to play
- Seeds blowing about dangerous for peoples eyes

#### For

- Area was never used and now it has a purpose
- Kids do not play on there as it is in an area with an older population
- Natural England are encouraged by the growth of yellow rattle
- Cheaper for the parish council as they don't have to mow the area regularly
- Within 2 years it will be a beautiful area for people to have a picnic

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Cllr I Davis – agreed that the area looked a mess but appreciates the idea.  
There is very usable space for recreation.

Cllr Peters – advised the area needs to look like what was originally planned.

Cllr M Davis advised that the Seeds and bulbs would cost £1064.49 which  
would be reduced to £508.41 with the grant.

Council **AGREED** that Cllr M Davis was authorised to spend up to £500 on  
seeds and bulbs and submit the application for a grant.

Council also **AGREED** an extraordinary meeting should be held to discuss  
additional costs and review the whole proposal. Clerk will circulate dates

**15.07.24.11 To discuss the complaint received regarding CEMEX dust and agree actions**

Cllr M Davis advised that residents in Naunton towards the stable had  
complained that dust was coming into their gardens

Cllr England – requested some photos of the dust so he could take them to the  
next Cemex meeting.

C Cllr Allen also advised it would be worth Sending the photos to Steven  
Aldridge who deals with planning applications regarding minerals.

**15.07.24.12 To discuss how the Defib checks will be divided between councillors and agree actions**

Council **AGREED** the defib checks will be carried out by the following people  
Naunton – Cllr M Davis

Railway – monitored by resident and Cllr M Peters

Beeches – Cllr Turner

Bluebell – Cllr Turner

Cllr Davis advised she would circulate the defib check list around councillors

**15.07.24.13 To discuss the complaints received on the overgrown footpaths and agree actions**

Council reviewed the complaints and **AGREED** to ask Lengthsman to look at  
the weeds

**15.07.24.14 To discuss the following planning applications/appeals made since the last meeting and agree actions**

- a) **Land at (OS 8640 4115), Holly Green , Upton upon Severn – M/24/00488/OUT**

**Description** - Outline application (with all matters reserved) for a  
residential development of up to 27 homes (Use Class C3), a  
community shop (Use Class F2) and associated public open space,  
play space, landscaping, and sustainable urban drainage system

**Deadline for Comments** – 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024 (extension granted)

Council agreed to **OBJECT** To this application

- b) **Planning Application Consultation M/24/00347/HP Swallowfields**

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**Description** - Proposed replacement front elevation porch plus 2No. Front elevation velux windows

**Location** - Swallowfields, Naunton, Upton Upon Severn, Worcester, WR8 0PY

**Deadline for Comments** – 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

Council have no **OBJECTIONS** to this application

c) **Planning Appeal:M/22/01073/FUL at Land At (Os 8637 4103)Furrow Close**

**Description** - Construction of 25 dwellings (100% affordable). This includes a mix of one, two, three, and four bedroom properties and the construction of a new internal road, parking, SUDs infrastructure, and Green Infrastructure (including public open space)

**Location** – Land At (Os 8637 4103) Furrow Close Holly Green Upton Upon Severn

**Deadline** – 6<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Council **AGREED** to resubmit their objections

**15.07.24.15 To review actions**

Council reviewed action list and updated it so only outstanding actions were visible

**15.07.24.16 To receive Items for the next meeting agenda**

NDP

Matt – to bring information of NDP to next meeting

**15.07.24.17 Date of Next Meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> September**

**Meeting Close – 21:20**

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**APPENDIX 1**

**Clerks Report**

**Bin** – Expecting a call from Zurich as they advised they were going to call me with an update. I have sent a quote from Glasdon with current day prices over to Zurich.

**APPENDIX 2**

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### **COUNTY COUNCILLOR MARTIN ALLEN**

#### **REPORT TO RIPPLE PARISH COUNCIL JULY 2024**

Good evening,

#### **COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

##### **ON DEMAND BUS**

Just a quick reminder that the On Demand buses continues to do well. Please keep promoting it. Currently there are over 4000 individual users who have taken advantage of the scheme.

##### **BOUNDARY REVIEW FOR DIVISIONS AT THE COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Boundary Commission have now produced their final report, the number of County Councillors is to remain at 57, with a total of 53 Divisions. There is no change to the Croome Division, it had a variance of only 5%, surprisingly I get a very brief mention in their report. I was interested to read that this division of Powick is to be renamed Powick and Longdon.

##### **RAAC AND LEGIONELLA**

As you may have heard or read in the local media, due to the continued RAAC and now Legionella, County Hall has mostly had to be evacuated. Much of the councils officers continue to work from home or are now working in Wildwood near county hall.

What the current administration intend to do to resolve the situation is not yet know.

##### **OVERGROWN FOOTPATHS AND FOOTWAYS**

Up and down my division I am receiving the annual complaints about overgrown footpaths and footways. WCC will now only do two cuts per annum. During the bird nesting season they will not cut in any areas that they are responsible for. Most areas are the riparian landowners responsibility and WCC will not start to chase these landowners until after the nesting season, if they did chase prior to this, it could be misconstrued that WCC are urging landowners to break the law.

##### **LIBRARY IN UPTON**

In 2014 Upton Villages Together was formed as a charity to manage the library building, if the local parishes do not contribute to the charity, it may not be able to continue. I don't know how many residents use the library, be it for books, or one of the many groups such as the mother/toddler group. Please consider if you can contribute, thank you.

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### **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.

### **ADDITIONAL ROUNDALL IN THE ROAD NEAR THE BLUEBELL PUB ON THE A38**

Highways have refused to install another roundall, however they have agreed to install a SLOW road marking instead. I am still waiting for an installation date.

### **DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS**

#### **PLANNING MATTERS**

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.

#### **PLANNING**

Due to the new governments announcements of a review of the NPPF (National planning policy framework) we currently do not know how this will affect the SWDPR review. We are still waiting for transport data from WCC before the review can continue.

While this data is still missing and the review does not move forward, we are at risk of speculative planning applications.

### **LAND AT HOLLY GREEN FOR 27 HOMES AND 1 X SHOP**

As you know this application has now been submitted, strangely I have had no direct emails complaining about this proposed development.

### **FURROW CLOSE**

I was sad to see that the developer who submitted a planning application for Furrow Close last year has now started an appeal with the Planning Inspectorate.

The hearing will commence at 1000 on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024, it is expected that the hearing will take just one day. The venue has not been agreed as yet.

There will also be a site visit.

The decision is expected to be issued on or before 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024.

### **GRASS AT HILLVIEW GARDENS**

I am pleased to report this matter has been resolved, the resident who requested action has now found a contractor to carry out the work for her.

Warmest Regards

Cllr Martin Allen

### **APPENDIX 3**





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I am afraid I need to give my apologies for this evening.

Not a lot to update on as Council has been in purdah, but we do have a Council Meeting this week regarding the new Malvern Hills Trust. This is in response to their consultation document about converting to a Charity. If the members have any views I would love to hear before Thursday.

Jeremy

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**Payments Made since 01.06.24**

Three	6
Glasdon	243.88
Smartcut	1170
Smartcut	390
calc	1124.98
Starboard Systems	414.72
clerk salary	888.72
Smartcut	780
Clerk Expenses	20.18
Clerk Expenses	29.99
Clerk Expenses	6.3
Lengthsman	328.55
lonos	19.2
Three	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>5428.52</b>

**Receipts Since 01.05.24**

Worcester County Council (Lengthsman)	747.45
<b>Total</b>	<b>747.45</b>

**Payments for Authorisation 15.07.24**

Smart Cut – 22974	£780.00
Clerk Expenses – Mileage	£6.30
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**Bank Reconciliation Up to 05.07.24**

Ripple Parish Council	Receipts	Payments	To Be Authorised
Three		12	
Glasdon		243.88	
Smart Cut		2340	
Calc		1124.98	
Scribe		414.72	
Clerk Salary		888.72	
Clerk Expenses		56.47	
Lengthsman		328.55	
Ionos		19.2	
Worcestershire CC	747.45		
Smart Cut – 22974		£780.00	£780.00
Clerk Expenses – Mileage		£6.30	£6.30
Clerk Expenses – Paper		£4.73	£4.73
Clerk Expenses – File		£3.87	£3.87
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>747.45</b>	<b>6223.42</b>	<b>794.9</b>

**Bank Reconciliation**

<b>Current Acc. Opening Balance</b>	
<b>01.06.24</b>	<b>18063.86</b>
Plus Receipts Above	747.45
	<u>18811.31</u>
Less Payment Above	6223.42
<b>Closing Cash Balance</b>	<b>12587.89</b>
Plus Payments to be Authorised	794.9
<b>Closing Bank Bal 05.07.24</b>	<b>13382.79</b>

<b>Bus Acc. Opening Balance</b>	<b>15278.91</b>
Interest Received	33.21
<b>Closing Bank Bal 05.07.24</b>	<b>15312.12</b>

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### Ripple Parish Council

#### Budget Monitoring Report

	2023-24	2024-25	Income	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	% Budget Used	
Subscriptions/Association Membership	£1,913.00	£1,200.00				59.5	1124.98									1184.48	98.21	
Newsletter/Adverts/Flyers	£301.00	£350.00														0	0.00	
Insurance	£700.00	£750.00														0	0.00	
Grass Cutting/Trees	£7,300.00	£5,460.00					2340									2340	42.66	
Lengthsman	£4,385.00	£3,200.00	£747.45	332.15	415.3	328.55										£328.55	10.27	
Chairmans Allowance	£100.00	£100.00														0	0.00	
Prof Fees/Audit	£230.00	£250.00														0	0.00	
Clerks Expenses	£756.00	£900.00			6	6	477.19	6								496.19	61.90	
Clerks Salary, including payroll costs	£10,479.00	£11,500.00			888.92	888.92	888.72									2666.56	23.19	
Annual Public Meeting	£257.00	£300.00														0	0.00	
Hall Hire	£114.00	£160.00														0	0.00	
Repairs	£962.00	£700.00														0	0.00	
Recreation Ground Maintenance	£2,000.00	£2,000.00														0	0.00	
Tree Survey/Maintenance	£1,500.00	£750.00														0	0.00	
Website	£1,000.00	£500.00			19.2	38.4	19.2	19.2								96	19.20	
Admin/Training	£100.00	£200.00														0	0.00	
Clerks Equipment	£131.00	£200.00														0	0.00	
Debit	£0.00	£500.00														0	0.00	
Bus Support	£150.00	£500.00														0	0.00	
Handyman	£0.00	£250.00														0	0.00	
Waste Bins	£2,000.00	£1,500.00					243.88									243.88	16.26	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£33,178.00</b>	<b>£31,180.00</b>		<b>£1,246.27</b>	<b>£1,408.12</b>	<b>£5,422.52</b>	<b>£25.20</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£7,354.66</b>	<b>23.59</b>



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