

## **RIPPLE PARISH COUNCIL**

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

### **RIPPLE PARISH COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING**

#### **Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held 30 July 2024 at Ripple Parish Hall**

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

**Attendees:** Clerk/RFO M Hinde and 9 members of the public

- 30.07.24.1**      **To note apologies for absence and to confirm the meeting is quorate**  
Apologies received from Cllr England and the meeting was declared as quorate.
- 30.07.24.2**      **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)**
- Comment 1** – Can the recreation area be mowed? I am not against the environment or planting flowers but a lot of Ryall residents did not realise how much space the meadow area would take up. There is no space left for Children to play
- Comment 2** – What has happened as it is not what was planned? Cllr Peters confirmed that the meadow had not gone to plan due to the very wet winter and summer we have experienced and we are seeking to get it back to what was agreed.
- Comment 3** – what will be left of the field for kids to play? Cllr M Davis advised that the bottom end would be available but at the moment this area had not been cut as closely as it was expected to be. The area up to embankment would also be available.
- Comment 4** – Advised they had a reactive dog and when walking dog by the bench they can not see who is coming which makes them feel uncomfortable.  
Cllr Peters – presented the plan of the meadow to the members of the public and advised as Public Consultation had already been carried out the council is unable to change the plan now.
- Comment 5** – why can't the decision be changed? Cllr Peters – we put this out to consultation and there were more residents in favour than against it. It is a democracy and we have to go with majority. Cllr M Davis stressed that due to a lot of trouble with climate the area is not what was envisioned.
- Comment 6** – with the amount of rabbits, squirrels and mice how many bulbs do you think will be there?
- Comment 7** – Children are playing ball on Ryall Road which is not safe?  
Cllr Peters give us chance to rectify the area back to the plan. If you are still not happy after September/October come back again.

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**Cllr Owenson** – The idea was originally presented to councillors who agreed. This was then correctly taken to consultation. If you don't respond to consultation you are unable to change it. Best way to change council decision is to join the council. Another way is to find a way to demonstrate that more people are against the idea than for it.

**Comment 8** – I am unable to access the area due to using a mobility scooter as the path is on a camber.

Cllr Peters – understand there is objection to the meadow area but the council need to have the opportunity to demonstrate what can be achieved. If residents are still unhappy about decision after everything has been rectified we can do another consultation.

**Comment 9** – Is it possible for interest of people to see what numbers supported it and against it?

**Comment 10** – I am not objecting to a wild flower area, I previously supported the owl box but I don't want the whole area covered in flowers, just flower the margins.

**Comment 11** – this is the only place in Ryall where can go to on foot.

**Comment 12** – I think its fair to give the council opportunity to get it back to plan and if it doesn't work again this year review it again next Autumn. The Meadow can not be cut now as you have to follow a cycle to allow whatever is there to flower and seed before cutting.

Cllr I Davis – if we leave for another month it will look worse?

Cllr Peters – the council are the face of the community and are just volunteers.

Need to give it 12 months and if it doesn't work we will need to think again. Public request – area from ash tree and then goes flat. Would like to see cowslips, foxgloves etc...

Cllr I Davis – Anything can be done to tidy area now?

Cllr M Davis – advised she would get contract A Portch to quote to tidy up the area.

It was reiterated that the grass cant be cut now. Natural England originally paid 50% of the cost of the meadow and are now offering 70% but there are terms attached to the offer.

**Comment 13**- With the new developments there are more children in the area. Where will they play?

Cllr Peters – All planning applications have S106 to provide amenities including play park.

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

There were no declarations of interest

### **30.07.24.4 To receive proposal on recreation ground and agree actions**

Council **APPROVED** meadow management plan circulated by Cllr M Davis by unanimous agreement.

### **30.07.24.5 To discuss making a contribution to Upton Library and agree actions**

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Cllr Allen confirmed that Upton Library is run by a charity but Upton Council are considering pulling their funding as no other parish councils are contributing. Cllr Allen confirmed he could find some funding if needed but it then takes that money from somewhere else. Can parish Council give a monthly donation?

Cllr Peters – the council would need clarification from the charity before committing to a donation.

Council **AGREED** to support the library as long as conditions are met. Figure will be emailed to charity in a formal email once budget reviewed.

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

Embankment trees

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

Meeting Closed – 20:22