



RIPPLE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held 17 January 2022 at Ripple Parish Hall

Present: Cllrs. M. Peters (Chairman), M. Baum, T. Armitt, and C. Cllr Allen

Attendees: Clerk/RFO M Hinde, and 2 members of the public

17.01.22.1 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

17.01.22.2 To elect a new Vice Chairman

The Council decided to defer the election of a new Vice Chairman to the next meeting when more councillors will be present.

Proposed – Cllr. Peters **Seconded** – Cllr. Armitt

17.01.22.3 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 – Asked if village gates could be installed in Ripple to help with the speeding problems.

The council confirmed they would add this to be discussed on the next agenda.

Resident 2 – Emailed the Clerk to raise their concerns over the footpaths in the parish. They felt most of the footpaths around and through the village consist of poor stiles which are inaccessible to larger or older dogs, the elderly and people with small children. There are few pavements in the village so without the use of footpaths raised the concern that people would be forced to walk along roads trying to avoid traffic. They believed that Worcester County Council would provide field gates free of charge if the landowners gave permission and suggested getting a working group together to install them.

The chairman advised he would speak to the footpath officer to see if he could get in touch with the resident. Footpaths will also be an agenda item at the next meeting.

- 17.01.22.4 To note apologies for absence**
D. Cllr Owenson
- 17.01.22.5 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
- 17.01.22.6 To Discuss the resignations of Cllr Cozens and Cllr Jones and agree actions**
The council thanked both C. Cozens and R. Jones for their time on the council.
The council decided to review the roles covered by these councillors at the next meeting.
Cllr Peters agreed to take over the noticeboards.
- 17.01.22.7 To review applications and co-opt a new councillor**
The council confirmed that they had 3 positions available on the council and had received one application.
Upon reviewing the application form council **AGREED** to co-opt D. Long. Acceptance of Office will be signed at a later date.
- 17.01.22.8 To confirm and agree minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6 December 2021**
Council **APPROVED** minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2021
Proposed Cllr Baum **Seconded** Cllr Armitt
- 17.01.22.9 To receive County Councillors report and agree actions**
The County Councillors report was given as per **Appendix 1**
Cllr Allen and 1 member of the public left at 20:08
- 17.01.22.10 To receive District Councillors Report and agree actions**
The District Councillor supplied a report, and it was given as per **Appendix 2**
- 17.01.22.11 Finance, all documents circulated prior to the meeting**
- 17.01.22.11a To approve Bank Reconciliation and Budget Monitoring Report Up to 12th January 2022**



Council **APPROVED** Bank Reconciliation and Budget Monitoring Report as per **Appendix 3**

Proposed Cllr Baum **Seconded** Cllr Armitt

17.01.22.11b **To consider and resolve to agree Payment List and payments made since last meeting.**

Council **APPROVED** Payments List totalling £844.93 as per **Appendix 4**

Proposed Cllr Armitt **Seconded** Cllr Baum

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

17.01.22.12a **20/000015/CM Cemex UK**

Council agreed to add to their July 2020 comments in which they question the long-term sustainability of the proposal. The council also agreed to express their disappointment that the footpath around the lake will not be available to the public and will be for the exclusive use of people using the lake.

17.01.22.12b **21/01829/HP Manor Barn, Naunton, Upton Upon Severn**

The council had no objection to this application

17.01.22.12c **21/01829/HP Manor Barn, Naunton, Upton Upon Severn**

The council had no objection to this application

17.01.22.13 **To receive agenda items for the next meeting of the council**

Village Gates
Footpaths
Reviewing Working Groups
Social Media
Vice Chairman
Litter pick complaints on A38 for rubbish

17.01.22.14 **Date of Next Meeting: Parish Council Meeting 28 February 2022**

Meeting Close: 20:18

APPENDIX 1

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MARTIN ALLEN

REPORT TO RIPPLE PARISH COUNCIL JANUARY 2022

A38 ROUNDABOUT

There was a CLG meeting in December, things now appear to be moving forward.

I am aware to two nights when part of the A4104 will be closed.

MONUMENT/ART WORK ON THE NEW ROUNDABOUT

I have formally asked Cllr Alan Amos if he would consider a Monument or Work of Art be installed upon the new roundabout. He has said yes as long as what ever is proposed passes highways safety and that RPC and UTC pay for it.

TREE NEAR THE BRIDGE/BRAMBLES & DIRTY SIGNS

I have had confirmation that your Lengthsman may cut back a few brambles, but anything more than that the Clerk should report it in the normal manner. WCC did identify the owner and the tree by the bridge, and it has been cut back. I understand that Roger and colleagues have permission to cut back the brambles, my thanks go out to Roger.

A4104 Hedges have now all been laid.

COMMUNITY ACTION MINIBUS

The service has now commenced.

Each journey would need to be prebooked at least 24-hours in advance. Pass holders will be charged £4.00 return, others £8.00 return to Tewkesbury.

A4104 OVERTAKING ISLANDS LIGHTS

New reflective bollards have been ordered and the team are currently waiting on permitting to grant permission for four-way lights.

The very large bushes on the right-hand side as you go into Upton did obstruct the view of oncoming traffic when trying to cross from North to South have been cut back the visibility splays are much improved.



A4104 CROSSING

09/01/22 I emailed RPC two options proposed by WCC

Option 1 drop kerb. Option 2 refuge, £50 to £70K is a good option, it cannot happen while the roundabout is being built, they will not get a permit to work there.

I have been told that a fuller assessment will be completed by the end of March.

BOW FARM

This has again been delayed in going to the Planning and Regulatory Committee we do not yet have a date when it will appear. I do note that there is now a proposed access onto the A38 so that traffic will not go through Ripple. I have been told that WCC will only be voting on the parts that come under WCC, and that Officers have still not formed a view if they will recommend acceptance or refusal for this.

CEMEX

This has moved forward; the revised applications are for alterations to allow the rowing lake and other changes to take place. The original application which was passed still stands. I hope to see this come in front of the planning committee soon.

DEFIBRILLATOR

I am happy to see that this has now arrived. The application for my part of the funds went in before Christmas. I believe you have now received the funding from me.

SECTION 106 HIGHWAY FUNDS OUTSTANDING

I have now received the conformation that my chasing of the funds outstanding from 2015/2016 have now been paid by Taylor Wimpy. It totals £128,904.00 and a large chunk of this is going to go towards the Refuge Island scheme on the A4104.

White Gates and Tubs.

I recommend you make a formal proposal/application through the normal channels are WCC.



APPENDIX 2

Firstly, If Robin and Clare have both resigned from Council, may I offer my heartfelt gratitude for their service. Robin in particular has been brilliant at planning, and I hope he will continue to provide us with insight and advice as a private citizen. I hope that Marian can continue in the same light, and I offer my services to help where I can best support you in your responses to planning issues going forward in Robin's absence.

I have also moved over the water to Upton. Actually, the house is in the parish of Hanley Swan, but it is basically on the Hanley Road by the bit that floods. I am still close enough to respond quickly, and I intend to continue to be a diligent councillor for Ripple Ward. I love the villages so much.

Ward Changes

There are changes afoot at Malvern Hills District Council! MHDC is reducing the number of Councillors that represent the public, to reflect the reduction in workload required to do the job. Currently, there are 38 Councillors covering 22 Wards, with many a single member ward like Ripple and Longdon, and others with up to 3 Councillors, such as Pickersleigh in Malvern. The number of Councillors reflects the number of people in the Ward.

Over the last 15 years, the number of Council employees has reduced, and savings made, by working with Wychavon District Council. It is only fair that the number of Councillors reduces to reflect this.

In addition, new housing estates mean that the current Wards are not all the same size. Some Councillors represent over 2500 people, while others represent fewer than 1400. To ensure that everyone has the same representation, the Electoral Commission has undertaken a boundary review, and that has had a significant impact on our area.

The boundary commission are proposing to move to 31 councillors, with a mix of 13 single councillor wards, six two Councillor wards, and two three Councillor wards. Tenbury, Kempsey and Powic for example will have two Councillors, and two areas of Malvern will have three, Link and Barnards Green.

The proposals affecting Upton and the surrounding areas have been published and can be viewed at <https://www.malvern hills.gov.uk/about-your-council/public-notices-and-consultations>. In essence, Upton Town will become a standalone Ward, no longer partnered with the Hanleys, and will only have one Councillor going forward. Ripple Ward will extend to include Bushley, Holdfast and Queenhill, on the basis that the issues of a riverside rural community are similar (concerns over gravel extraction, flooding, etc.). Although on opposite sides of the river, connectivity is good with the Mythe Bridge and Upton Bridge, and the issues are similar. The Boundary Commission took into account the response of RPC and the local Conservative Group, who recommended joining with Bushley rather than Upton.



Longdon Ward will now take in Castlemorton and Birtsmorton, which are similar to Eldersfield and Pendock, rather than the larger Welland which will become a standalone ward. The link contains the proposals for the whole of the district.

Hanley Castle and Hanley Swan will join up with Callow as part of an expanded Powick Ward, which will remain a two-member ward.

Residents are encouraged to submit their views before the final decision is taken, using the link on the website above. You can submit views up until 21st March 2022. The changes will come into effect from the May 2023 District Council elections.

You need to write to support the changes in the draft. If everyone writes in saying the draft is wrong, they will change it, which could lead Ripple being joined with Upton.

Planning Issues

A developer has issued consultation in Tenbury pointing out that the council does not have a five-year housing land supply. This will need to be tested at appeal, but I am sure we will struggle to show a five-year land supply until the Review to the SWDP is complete. I believe the issue with the completion is that the Council decided to take on three new large urban areas, to look at a 10-year supply. This is something which no other council has done, given the complexity of the study to deliver the new housing. The problem is, with the new developments, large amounts are needed for infrastructure. New schools, railway stations, commercial districts, etc. The problem is that if the developers get permission before the requirement to pay for the infrastructure, then not enough money is raised to pay for the new social areas, and we end up with vast, ill-planned housing estates.

It looks like we will end up having to wait until the next council term, 2023, to get the plan approved at the earliest.

Malvern College

The latest news is that negotiations for the sale of the building to the Trust, to continue adult education at the site, is underway. This is looking very positive for an outcome that saves the college. This has been accelerated following my successful motion at the last council to respect the college covenant.

Jeremy

APPENDIX 3

	Bank Reconciliation at 12/01/2022		
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2021		23,794.21
	ADD Receipts 01/04/2021 - 12/01/2022		28,670.12
	SUBTRACT Payments 01/04/2021 - 12/01/2022		52,464.33
			23,582.23
A	Cash in Hand 12/01/2022 (per Cash Book)		28,882.10
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Petty Cash 09/09/2021	0.00	
	Deposit Account 30/11/2021	15,057.36	
	Current Account 12/01/2022	13,824.74	
			28,882.10
	Less unrepresented payments		
			28,882.10
	Plus unrepresented receipts		
B	Adjusted Bank Balance		28,882.10
	A = B Checks out OK		



Ripple

PARISH COUNCIL

Ripple Parish Council
Detailed Budget Summary

All Cost Centres and Codes (Between 01/04/2021 and 31/03/2022)

Expenditure	Last Year				Current Year 2021 - 2022					
	Receipts		Payments		Receipts			Payments		
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Budget	Actual	Forecast
7 Subscriptions								1,200.00	845.68	
8 Newsletter/Adverts/Flyers/Me								1,500.00	170.00	56.67
9 Donations								750.00	67.48	22.49
10 Insurance								600.00	567.27	189.09
11 Grass Cutting/Trees								5,000.00	5,033.83	
12 Lengthsman								3,000.00	3,490.00	1,163.33
13 Chairmans Allowance								100.00		
14 Prof Fees/Audit								750.00	440.00	146.67
15 Clerks Expenses								500.00	228.60	76.20
16 Clerks Salary								6,250.00	6,096.54	2,032.18
17 Annual Public Meeting								750.00		
18 Hall Hire								250.00		
19 Repairs								500.00		
20 Vehicle Activated Sign								200.00		
21 Recreation Ground Refurbishi								2,000.00	1,640.00	546.67
22 Tree Survey/Maintenance								1,500.00		
23 Website								1,000.00		
24 Admin/Training								1,000.00	120.30	40.10
25 Clerks Equipment								1,000.00	987.81	
27 DEFIBRILATOR								4,000.00	2,380.00	
SUB TOTAL								31,850.00	22,067.51	4,273.40

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APPENDIX 4

Date	Supplier	Invoice	Detail	Price	VAT	Total
10.12.21	Ripple Parish Hall	88RPC	2021 Hall Hire	£96.00		£96.00
15.12.21	PATA	21/0552/PPS	Oct-Dec Payroll	£23.85		£23.85
28.01.22	M Hinde		Clerk January Salary	£712.48		£712.48
15.01.22	M Hinde	Expenses	28 Miles @ 0.45	£12.60		£12.60
						£844.93

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