Ripple
PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Ripple Parish Council to be held at Ripple Parish Hall on Monday, 13th February 2017 at 7.00pm

Present:- Cllrs Aldridge, Baum, Blake, Cox, Jones, Weyman and Mrs V Portch (Clerk)
In attendance: Councillor Owenson and 4 members of the public

Minutes

1. **Apologies** – Apologies received from Cllrs Sutton and Wilson, reasons approved.
2. **Declarations of Interest** - None
3. **Minutes**
The minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2017 were approved by the meeting subject to amendment to item 8. "RPC would facilitate the purchase of three BT phone boxes (Ripple, Naunton and Ryall Grove) on behalf of the residents, their ongoing maintenance will become the responsibility of residents."
The minutes, subject to the above amendment were signed by the Chairman.
Proposed by: Cllr Jones Seconded by: Cllr Baum
4. **Report from District Councillor**
Cllr Owenson updated the meeting regarding the MHDC review of toilets, support was canvased for the addition of shower facilities to be provided at Upton for the benefit of lorry drivers and boat users. Unanimously agreed. Refuse collection services are to be reviewed at the executive meeting of MHDC on 14th February. The cost implications of outsourcing the collection versus in-house services had been reviewed, cost savings had been identified by retaining in-house services based on a bi-weekly rubbish collection and recycling collection. If approved the service would commence in April 2018.
Cllr Jones raised the matter of the Enforcement Action regarding the soil movement from the Taylor Wimpey site, and the enforcement timescale in particular. Cllr Owenson agreed to discuss options with the Enforcement Officer. The issues regarding the open space and gas tanks are ongoing. — Cllr Owenson
5. **Report from County Councillor**
No report presented.
6. **Report from Mrs. Robina Rand, Footpaths Warden**
Mrs Rand advised the meeting of her intention to tender her resignation from the post to Rights of Way at WCC with effect from the end of April. The Chairman thanked Mrs Rand for all her hard work and huge contribution made to reviewing the RPC footpaths. The Ferry Lane footpath and Uckinghall riverbank diversions were the subject of ongoing investigation. Cllr Sutton had received an email from WCC's legal department advising that no record of enforcement action could be found. Cllrs Blake, Cox, Jones and Mrs Rand would review next actions. The complaint from U3A Ramblers regarding the dangerous styles at Saxon Lode Farm had been investigated and RoW at WCC have agreed to undertake appropriate repairs. The tenant farmer at Malthouse Farm had accepted responsibility for the defective style following a meeting with Mrs Rand. — Mrs. Rand, Cllrs Blake, Cox & Sutton
7. ***Progress reports from***:

a. **Clerk**
General administration of correspondence, emails and post. Administration of Lengthsman Scheme. Minutes of last meeting. Submission of precept request to MHDC. Facilitation, preparation and submission of planning application responses. Ongoing communication and meeting with Taylor Wimpey, MHDC, West Mercia Police and WCC regarding highways issues relating to Ryall Road. Discussion with residents, Superfast Worcestershire, Open Reach staff and BT regarding broadband upgrade and disruption to services. Liaison with residents and site management team regarding resident concerns regarding Taylor Wimpey Ryall Road development. Liaison with Big Lottery Fund regarding £10,000 grant for new noticeboards. — Clerk

b. **Management Group**
Management Group met to review on-going issues and set agenda for this meeting. Further discussions regarding progressing the Ferry Lane footpath enforcement. Cllrs Jones and Baum attended training on new MHDC planning portal. Cllrs Baum, Blake, Jones and Clerk attended a meeting at the Taylor Wimpey Ryall Road site with the Site Manager and Technical Director to review ongoing issues.

c. **Finance Group**
Cheques from last meeting distributed, ledger updated. Submission of precept for 2017/18 submitted to MHDC. — Clerk

d. **Urgent Decisions Group**
Chairman and Cllr Jones approved purchase of new laptop and mobile phone. — Clerk
As agreed at January meeting.