

Minutes

Minutes of Ripple Parish Council Meeting held at Ripple Parish Hall on Monday, 15th May 2017 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs Blake (Chairman), Jones, Baum, Sutton and Wilson

In attendance: Clerk Mrs V Portch (2 members of the public).

1. Election of Chairman and signing of Declaration of Office
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Cllr Jones proposed Cllr Blake as Chairman of Ripple Parish Council for a further twelve months, Cllr Sutton seconded this, unanimously agreed. Chairman signed the Declaration of Office.
2. Apologies - To receive apologies and to approve reasons for absence
Apologies for absence – Cllrs Aldridge and Weyman. Reasons accepted.
3. Election of Vice Chairman
Cllr Blake proposed Cllr Jones as Vice Chairman of Ripple Parish Council, seconded by Cllr Baum, unanimously agreed. Vice Chairman signed the Declaration of Office.
4. Declarations of Interest:
 - a. To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.
 - b. To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.
Cllrs Baum and Wilson – Upton Marina Development.
Councillors who have declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, or an Other Disclosable Interest which falls within the terms of paragraph 12(4) (b) of the Code of Conduct, must leave the room for the relevant items.
5. To note RPC Standing Orders (circulated by email) Clerk has circulated these to all Councillors prior to this meeting. Noted.
6. To note the Code of Conduct (circulated by email) Clerk has circulated these to all Councillors prior to this meeting. Noted.
7. Minutes - To consider the approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 10th April 2017
The Minutes of the meeting held on 10 April 2017. Cllr Jones requested it should be noted that the planning applications for 8 Holly Grove and Holly Bank were discussed at the meeting, 8 Holly Grove was approved by RPC with no objection. Holly Bank was similarly unopposed, MHDC would be asked to consider when determining this case the Councils attention should be drawn to Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) Paragraph 48 which states that whilst Local Authorities may make allowances for windfall sites in formulating and maintaining a 5 year housing supply, they should not include garden sites.
The minutes were proposed for approval by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Blake. Unanimously agreed.
8. To receive report from District Councillor Cllr Owenson
The Chairman read the report submitted by email from the District Councillor.
9. To receive report from County Councillor Cllr Sutton
Cllr Sutton reported advised that the raising of the A4104 meeting at Upton Library was attended by 40 member of the public. Work to commence in October 2017 and last approximately 6 months (weather permitting). The road will be raised 2.5ft at the lowest point and widened to 7.5m. The Rag House bend would also be softened to enhance visibility and safety.
10. Progress reports from:
 - a. Clerk Clerk
General Admin of correspondence, emails, planning applications etc. Actions from last minutes. Various discussions/emails with residents. Preparation for the Annual Parish Meeting.
 - b. Management Group Chairman
Met to set agenda for this meeting and to discuss Annual Meeting preparations and review ongoing Parish Council actions and business.
 - c. Finance Group
Met to review annual accounts and further noticeboard replacement funding options.

NSDB.

d. Urgent Decisions Group
Provision of gift for Cllr Cox.

Clerk

e. Planning Group (schedule circulated)

Cllr Jones

The Chairman congratulated Cllr Baum on the Planning Process flowchart she had created and requested it be made available for distribution to residents at the APM.

A bid for funding for a safe cycle and footpath between Ryall and Upton from Section 106 funds attached to the Marina development had been submitted.

The raising of garage roof level at Denston was discussed and no objection raised.

The works at 152 The Beeches to be investigated further as no current planning permission appears on the MHDC record.

f. Staffing and Training Group

New CALC training schedule received. Communication with CALC regarding collation of Councillors' requests to attend training courses.

11. Task Group Reports

a. Communities that are safe and feel safe

Jerry Brienza to be contacted to assess possibility of traffic calming and speed reduction on Ryall Road.

b. Flooding, Environmental Issues

Nothing to report.

12. Finance

a. To Consider approval of the accounts for the year ended 31 March

The accounts for the year ending 31 March 2017 having been approved by the appointed internal auditor were presented to the meeting. A discussion took place regarding the accounts. Cllr Jones proposed approval of the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017, seconded by Cllr Baum, unanimously agreed.

b. Approval of invoices including renewal of CALC

<u>Pavee</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Amount</u>
M Tomkins	Lengthsman	£147.00
CALC	Subscription	£792.10
Smartcut Ltd	Grasscutting	£820.80

Approved by Cllr Blake, seconded by Cllr Jones.

13. Ripple Annual Parish Meeting arrangements

Clerk has asked the various speakers including West Mercia Police, Parish Hall Committee, WI, Upton Villages Together to provide Annual Reports. Taylor Wimpey have been invited but are unable to attend WI are doing refreshments. Clerk is purchasing wine/soft drinks. Format for the evening will be the same as previous years. Cllr Owenson had requested approval for Harriett Baldwin to visit the APM as she would be canvassing in the Ryall Road area on 19th May. Chairman agreed subject to the proviso that no political canvassing would take place at the meeting.

14. Councillor comments and items for next agenda

Cllrs Baum and Wilson wish it to be placed on record that they strongly disagree with the amount of expenditure on new noticeboards for Ripple Parish.

Chairman requested Cllr Cox should be invited to attend the APM and receive a gift marking appreciation of his service to Ripple Parish Council. Clerk to invite.

Date of next meeting – Annual Parish Meeting on Friday, 19th May 2017 at 7.00pm

Meeting concluded at 8.40pm

Signed

Nicholas Blake – Chairman, Ripple Parish Council

Date

12th June 2017

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