

**Minutes of the Meeting of Ripple Parish Council to be held
at Ripple Parish Hall on Monday, 10th April 2017 at 7.00pm**

MINUTES

1. **Apologies** - To receive apologies and to approve reasons for absence. Cllr Weyman, reason approved. The Councillors send their best wishes to Cllr Weyman for a rapid recovery.

Cllr Cox tendered his resignation due to increasing other commitments. The Chairman thanked Cllr Cox for all his efforts since joining Ripple Parish Council in 2011.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

- a. To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature. None.
- b. To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.

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. None.

3. **Minutes** -To consider the approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2017. The minutes of the meeting of were proposed for approval by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Baum, unanimously agreed.

Agenda order changed to accommodate County Councillor who was required to attend Kempsey Council Meeting.

5. **To receive report from County Councillor.** Cllr Sutton reported that the Appeal hearing by Dig Away will take place on 26th April 2017 at Ripple Parish Hall, the meeting is open to the public.

4. **To receive report from District Councillor.** Cllr Owneson advised on the MHDC consultation on dogs and dog fouling, the enforcement of dogs on leads and provision of dog waste bins. Concerns were raised as to who and how frequently the waste bins would be emptied and at what cost. RPC were unanimously in favour of additional dog waste bins being installed. Consultation on a new parking strategy would be undertaken by MHDC, Cllr Wilson suggested a one hour free period should be considered. The licensing of taxis would also be reviewed. The commissioned safety report on the rear entrance to the New Street car park in Upton was anticipated mid/late May 2017.

6. **To receive report from Mrs. Robina Rand on Footpaths.** Mrs Rand confirmed she would be concluding her duties on Friday 14th April, she would provide an update for the Annual Parish Meeting. The Chairman presented Mrs Rand with a gift and thanked her on behalf of Ripple Parish Council.

7. **Progress reports from:**

- a. Clerk - General administration of correspondence, emails and post. Administration of Lengthsman Scheme. Minutes of last meeting. Preparation and submission of planning application responses. Ongoing communication with MHDC, West Mercia Police and WCC regarding highways. Discussion with residents, Superfast Worcestershire,. Liaison with residents and site management team regarding resident concerns regarding Taylor Wimpey Ryall Road development. Liaison with MHDC and Fortis regarding grass cutting areas and Big Lottery Fund regarding £10,000 grant for new noticeboards. Preparation of material for Annual Parish Meeting.

- b. Management Group - Management Group met to review on-going issues and set agenda for this meeting. Cllrs Jones and Baum attended MHDC Planning Committee Meeting to speak regarding Taylor Wimpey Ryall Road development issues. Chairman, Clerk and Cllr Aldridge met to complete Big Lottery Fund Grant Offer.

- c. Finance Group – Transfer of £2,000 from the current account to the deposit account. Proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Wilson. Unanimously agreed.

- d. Urgent Decisions Group - Agreement to purchase gift for Mrs Rand on conclusion of her duties as Footpaths Officer.

- e. Planning Group (schedule circulated)

- f. Staffing and Training Group - Communication with CALC regarding collation of Councillors' requests to attend training courses.

8. **Task Group Reports:**

- a. Communities that are safe and feel safe

- i. Neighbourhood Watch Update – Phone scams and door knocking diversion

