

RIPPLE PARISH COUNCIL

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

RIPPLE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 15 July 2025 at Ripple Parish Hall

Present: Cllrs. M Peters (Chairman), M Davis, I Davis, P Turner and S Petri, CC M Allen(left at 19:38),

Attendees: Clerk/RFO M Hinde and 3 member of the public

Minutes of Ripple Parish Council Meeting

- 15.07.25.1 To note apologies for absence and to confirm meeting is quorate**
Apologies received from D Cllr J Owenson. Meeting was declared quorate.
- 15.07.25.2 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 (LGA 1972 Sch 12, paras 10 (2)(b) and Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88 LJ Ch 119)**
Cllr Peters advised the council had received an e-mail from a resident which he would raise in agenda point 11.
- 15.07.25.3 To receive declarations of interest on the agenda below (Localism Act 2011)**
None
- 15.07.25.4 To confirm and agree minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23rd June 2025**
COUNCIL APPROVED minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 23rd June 2025
- 15.07.25.5 To receive Clerks Report and agree actions**
Clerks report was received as per **APPENDIX 1**
- 15.07.25.6 To receive County Councillors report and agree actions**
County Councillors report received as per **APPENDIX 2**
- Cllr Petri –** raised increased flooding on the road on the way out of Uckinghall. Cllr Allen – unfortunately a pond has been filled in by a resident and unless someone lets highways put a pipe through someones garden there is nothing highways can do.
- Cllr Petri –** How to go about a completing a neighbourhood plan? Cllr Peters – advised that this has not been done as not enough councillors.
- 15.07.25.7 To receive District Councillors report and agree actions**
The update from MHDC is that Legacy Infrastructure Grant Applications continue to progress, and the amount for non-MHDC projects has been

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increased to £1.8m by adding in some S106 monies. This will have a lasting legacy on our area.

Feedback on the Local Government Review is MHDC residents clearly prefer a North / South split. This will be included in the MHDC response.

For the SWDP review, the inspectors are broadly happy with the findings. There is one last meeting re Mitton which should allow us to get this over the line with 6-12 months, but the plan will now carry some weight.

Lastly steps are being put in place for food waste collections from next year. The service will be piloted in a rural area, but not Ripple, to make sure the service works before wider roll out.

15.07.25.8

Finance, all documents circulated prior to the meeting:

- a) To approve Payment of July 2025 payment list below and those paid since last meeting, to note receipts and agree actions:**

Customer	Price
Clerk Mileage	£6.30
Clerk Expenses	£21.35
Smart Cut	£390.00
Total	£417.65

COUNCIL APPROVED payment list totalling £417.65 as
APPENDIX 3

- b) To approve bank reconciliation up to 30th June 2025**
COUNCIL APPROVED bank reconciliation up to 30th June 2025 as per **APPENDIX 4**

- c) To approve budget monitoring report up to 30th June 2025**
COUNCIL APPROVED budget monitoring report up to 30th June 2025 as per **APPENDIX 5**

15.07.25.9

To discuss moving the defibrillator from The Beeches to the bus shelter
COUNCIL AGREED to move the defibrillator from The Beeches and install it in the bus shelter opposite.

15.07.25.10

To discuss cleaning the bus shelter
COUNCIL AGREED to arrange for the bus shelters to be cleaned. Clerk to ask the Lengthsman if he can clean the bus shelters.

15.07.25.11

To receive an update on the recreation ground
Cllr Peters read email from a resident – “I note the Ryall Rec is on the Agenda. Whilst the controversial planting has not been a success, the opening up of the vista across the river to the Ham is a marked improvement ,to be celebrated, and should now be routinely maintained.

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There is an issue however with the footpath from the Rec down to the river. In the dry weather this should be inspected and any required all weather maintenance addressed, both on amenity and health and safety grounds. As the landowner, the RPC has a duty of care to ensure it's public rights of way are safe for all users. I hope you can include these comments in your discussion."

Cllr M Davis confirmed she had checked the footpath and it was fine.

A resident in attendance raised that the bench of the recreation ground had lost bolts and become loose from the concrete. The council requested the Clerk to ask the Lengthsman to look at the bench.

It was also raised that a tree was overhanging which encouraged children to climb them. Councillors agreed to ask Alex Portch to look at the overhanging trees with a TPO.

Cllr M Davis advised due to the weather the meadow area had not been successful again and proposed just keeping the wild area to the margins and around the trees and mow the central flat areas. Council

UNANIMOUSLY AGREED to this proposal.

Council requested that the Clerk to get costs from Smartcut to mow flat areas on recreation ground

- 15.07.25.12 To discuss location of the waste bin to be installed in Ripple**
Defer to next meeting
- 15.07.25.13 To receive items for the next agenda**
Discuss meeting dates
- 15.07.25.14 To Agree date of the next meeting - Tuesday 23rd September**

Meeting Close: 20:12

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Clerks Report

Tim has taken down the VAS that needs charging at Holly Green. He has advised he has charger but needs 2 batteries. Batteries ordered for £99.98 as agreed over email.

Once charged where do you want it reinstalled:

School Lane, Ripple

2 poles on Ryall Road, Ryall

A4104 Holly Green

Phone box

Contract signed and £1 sent for the adoption of the BT phonebox.

If the Council would like to install a defib in the phonebox they will need to apply for a Certificate of Lawfulness to change the use. Fee will be around £232.

Beeches Bin

Tanya is arranging installation of the waste bin at the Beeches to be next to the non parish council noticeboard and I will update once a date is available.

Annual Leave

I will be on annual leave for a week from 28th July.

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR MARTIN ALLEN

REPORT TO RIPPLE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT JULY 2025

Good evening.

COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

NEW AREA FOR THE WORCESTERSHIRE ON DEMAND BUS

Parts of Wychavon are going to benefit from a new On Demand Bus service, which will be limited to a 9 mile travel area. I have little other information about this service, but I will be watching to see if our residents can take advantage of maybe a trip to Pershore.

COUNTY COUNCIL

The first Cabinet meeting took place in the last week of June. The report to be discussed was the finance report of the financially situation. The cabinet member for responsibility for finance did not attend. I am unaware as to the reason why. The meeting was just over 20 minutes, and some cabinet members arrived late for the meeting, and one cabinet member was prevented from voting due to their late attendance. I asked a question about Veterans and the Worcestershire On Demand Bus and was assured by the Leader of the Council, Cllr Jo Monk that she and her party would continue to support the veterans.

NEW SEND SCHOOL IN MALVERN

There has been some speculation if the new SEND school in Malvern would now go ahead. Last week in full council I understand that the Cabinet Member for Responsibility said that it would go ahead. This is good news, especially as the government is paying for it.

NEW SCHOOLD AND MULTI-STORY CARPARK NEAR COUNTY HALL

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Earlier in the year I reported that the previous administration has authorised the construction of a new high school and a multi-story carpark for the hospital. I understand that the new administration is looking at this again and may cancel the project.

UNITARY AUTHORITY'S FROM WCC PRESPECTIVE

There was a briefing today about the Unitary Authority situation. Price Cooper Waterhouse gave a very interesting presentation. WCC will be going out to public consultation, once they have drilled down into the data, so that the public can make an informed decision.

CEMEX MINERAL PLANNING APPLICATION

The latest planning application for mineral extraction came before the WCC planning committee on the 1st of July.

The committee was split with the Reform and Conservative members voting in favour of the application and the Libdems and the Greens voting against. The vote was 7 to 5.

The application will now proceed.

RYALL GROVE FOOTWAY

As I said in June, the date to carry out the work is to be on or around 10th September 2025.

GULLY PROBLEMS IN NAUNTON DRAINAGE WORK/FLOOD ALLEVIATION #8644

As I have said previously, work is to be undertaken commencing on 04/08/25 until 08/08/25 0800-1500 each day to carryout repairs near to the notice board and Defib. I sent you the map and details on 03.03.25

#9262 BUS STOP REQUEST OPPOSITE THE DOCTORS SURGERY

No more news as yet.

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28/05/25 follow a request by a Ripple resident and Upton Town Council I have requested that WCC install a bus stop opposite the doctors surgery. I will let you know what response I get from Highways.

VASS UNIT

As reported to you in June, the Vass Unit by the Layby at Holly Green is not working, as it's RPC property, there has been a complaint from a resident. I understand that this has now been removed. If you need new batteries for it, please send me an email and I will find the funding.

DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

70 HOMES AT THE MARINA/HOLLY GREEN

This will come to Cllr Owenson and myself soon, but I have not date as yet.

70 Homes on the A4104 at Holly Green, this site is in the SWDP allocation and has received planning permission in the past. This application is outlaying only, and it will not determine the type and exact location of any properties.

SWDPR UPDATE

I have been speaking to Councillor David Harrison who is the Portfolio Holder for Planning. In fact I spoke to him late yesterday.

The planning inspectors are due to come back in September, however he now believes they may come back to us sooner than that.

There are only a few issues, however the one that concerns him the most is that the planning inspectors have not accepted the 2205 homes due to be constructed off Taylors Lane near the Ketch Roundabout be counted in the plan.

We currently don't have a 5 year land supply and if the planning inspectors do not accept these 2205 homes into the plan, we will not have a 5 year land supply once the SWDPR is adopted.

Also, as soon as the SWDPR is adopted, we need to start the whole process again.

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He urges all Town and Parish Councils to do a Neighbourhood plan; this will give a lot of protection. Although the government have withdrawn funding to help with this process, MHDC is looking at options to help. Hanley have just refreshed theirs.

I asked if the new SWDPR plan now carried any weight, he thought, that as we don't have a 5 year land supply and currently we may not have one at the end of the process, there was some limited weight. We need the 2205 homes to be included.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW DISTRICT COUNCILS

Following a survey that MHDC have held with residents, the residents have come down clearly in wishing for a two unitary authorities to be set up.

Worcester City came back with a narrow margin for one authority and Wyre Forrest has already stated they want one authority. The other district councils want two.

Warmest Regards

Cllr Martin Allen

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Payment List 15.07.25

Payment Made since 19.05.25

THREE	6
PATA	37.35
Clerk Salary	953.62
Clerk Laptop	229
Smart Cut	1170
Scribe	414.72
Calc	1214.7
Bank Charges	4.25
Lengthsman	329
BT	1
TOTAL	4025.39

RECEIPTS SINCE 19.05.25

TOTAL	0

PAYMENTS TO AUTHORISE

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14 July 2025 (2025-2026)

Ripple Parish Council

Prepared by: _____ Date: _____
Name and Role (Clerk/RFO etc)

Approved by: _____ Date: _____
Name and Role (RFO/Chair of Finance etc)

A	Bank Reconciliation at 30/06/2025		
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2025		28,083.59
	ADD Receipts 01/04/2025 - 30/06/2025		15,623.52
			43,707.11
	SUBTRACT Payments 01/04/2025 - 30/06/2025		8,827.68
	Cash in Hand 30/06/2025 (per Cash Book)		34,879.43
B	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Petty Cash 31/12/2023	0.00	
	Current Account 30/06/2025	19,428.98	
	Deposit Account 30/06/2025	15,450.45	
			34,879.43
	Less unrepresented payments		
			34,879.43
	Plus unrepresented receipts		
	Adjusted Bank Balance		34,879.43
A = B Checks out OK			

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Ripple Parish Council															14 July 2025 (2025-2026)	
Monthly breakdown of Receipts and Payments																
All Cost Centres and Codes (Between 01/04/2025 and 31/03/2026)																
	Budget	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Variance	
PAYMENTS																
Expenditure																
Subscriptions	1,215.00			1,029.93										1,029.93	185.07	
Newletter/Adverts/Flye																
Donations	223.00														223.00	
Insurance	678.00														678.00	
Grass Cutting/Trees	3,998.00		325.00	975.00										1,300.00	2,698.00	
Lengthsman	3,016.00		328.10	329.00										657.10	2,358.90	
Chairmans Allowance																
Prof Fees/Audit	259.00														259.00	
Clerks Expenses	356.00	5.00	43.60	195.83										244.43	111.57	
Clerks Salary	11,378.00	953.62	927.62	953.62										2,834.86	8,543.14	
Annual Public Meeting	154.00														154.00	
Hall Hire	159.00														159.00	
Repairs																
Vehicle Activated Sign																
Recreation Ground Ref.																
Tree Survey/Maintenanx																
Website	385.00	32.00	16.00											48.00	337.00	
Admin/Training	200.00	4.25	4.25	4.25										12.75	187.25	
Clerks Equipment	100.00														100.00	
Defib	230.00														230.00	
BUS																
HANDYMAN																
Waste Bins	250.00		1,460.00											1,460.00	-1,210.00	
Recreation Ground	1,692.00														1,692.00	
Bench																
Payroll charges				37.35										37.35	-37.35	
HMRC	1,400.00														1,400.00	
Association Membership																