

RIPPLE PARISH COUNCIL

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

RIPPLE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 20 January 2025 at Ripple Parish Hall

Present: Cllrs. M Davis (Vice Chairman), I Davis, P Turner CC M Allen(left at 19:38), D Cllr J Owenson

Attendees: Clerk/RFO M Hinde and 0 member of the public

Minutes of Ripple Parish Council Meeting

24.02.25.1	To note apologies for absence and to confirm meeting is quorate Cllr M Peters sent apologies. The meeting was confirmed as quorate.
24.02.25.2	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) None
24.02.25.3	To receive declarations of interest on the agenda below (Localism Act 2011) None
24.02.25.4	To confirm and agree minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th January 2025 COUNCIL APPROVED minutes from Parish Council Meeting held on 20 th January 2025
24.02.25.5	To receive Clerks Report and agree actions Clerks report was received as per APPENDIX 1
24.02.25.6	To receive County Councillors report and agree actions County Councillors report was received as per APPENDIX 2
24.02.25.7	To receive District Councillors report and agree actions Cllr Owenson advised that he had local good news as residents in Uckinghall have permission to cut the tree down. At MHDC when the leadership changed people have been looking at people who have been councillors for multiple years asking what have you done? Councillors are hoping that now MHDC does not have to sandbank money they can invest in local infrastructure such as Tunnel Hill in Upton and can improve Rugby club facilities.If there are things that are worth investigating keep eye on MHDC to see what initiatives there are to get things done.
24.02.25.8	Finance, all documents circulated prior to the meeting: a) To approve Payment of February 2025 payment list below and those paid since last meeting, to note receipts and agree actions:

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	<table> <tr> <th>Customer</th><th>Price</th></tr> <tr> <td>Clerk Mileage</td><td>£6.30</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ripple Parish Hall</td><td>£184.50</td></tr> <tr> <td>Andy Burford</td><td>£60.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total</td><td>£250.80</td></tr> </table> <p>COUNCIL APPROVED payment list totalling £250.8 as per above table (£60 payment came in after agenda published)</p> <p>b) To approve bank reconciliation up to 31st January 2025 COUNCIL APPROVED bank reconciliation as per APPENDIX 3</p> <p>c) To approve budget monitoring report up to 31st January 2025 COUNCIL APPROVED budget monitoring report as per APPENDIX 4</p>	Customer	Price	Clerk Mileage	£6.30	Ripple Parish Hall	£184.50	Andy Burford	£60.00	Total	£250.80
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24.02.25.9	<p>To discuss location of the waste bin to be installed in the Beeches and Ripple</p> <p>For Ripple COUNCIL AGREED that Cllr M Davis will approach the church wardens to see if they can suggest any land around their to locate the bin after a Facebook post identified a problem with litter in that area.</p> <p>For The Beeches COUNCIL AGREED to install the bin near the noticeboard on the turning to The Beeches. Clerk to contact Democratic Services MHDC to see if we can install a litter bin on that corner. What3words Counters/modules/perfected junction Ryall Road and The Beeches</p>										
24.02.25.10	<p>To appoint an internal auditor</p> <p>COUNCIL AGREED to appoint Oliver O’Kane</p>										
24.02.25.11	<p>To review Cemex Liaison group and agree actions</p> <p>Cllr I Davis volunteered to join the Cemex Liaison group</p>										
24.02.25.12	<p>To discuss recent activity at the Recreation ground and agree actions</p> <p>Cllr M Davis advised that due to the wet weather and people using the recreation ground it is currently churned up. Cllr Davis also advised that someone has dug up the snowdrops that had just started flowering.</p> <p>Council AGREED that Cllr M Davis could display posters on the site to ask people to try to look after the area and respect the boundaries. The council understand that they cannot stop people using the land but would be nice to have an area for people to enjoy.</p>										
24.02.25.13	<p>To consider adopting the phone box in Ripple and agree actions</p> <p>Council AGREED that they need to understand what the phone box will be used for before agreeing to adopt it. They also need to understand what the councils responsibilities would be for it if they did. Council requested that this is deferred to the next meeting when they will have more information.</p>										
24.02.25.14	<p>Planning</p> <p>To discuss or confirm councils response to the following applications made since the last meeting and agree actions:</p>										

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24.02.25.14a	Application No. M/25/00053/HP Location – Fairmile, 14 The Woodlands, Ryall, Upton Upon Severn, Worcester, WR8 0PQ Description of Proposal – Single Storey Extension Council had NO OBJECTION to this application
24.02.25.15	To receive items for the next agenda Phonebox Bins
24.02.25.16	To Agree date of the next meeting 17 th March 2025

Meeting Close – 20:05

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APPENDIX 1

Clerks report

New website – emailed out for approval

Emails – new .gov domain addresses now up and running. Does anyone require their old emails to be transferred over to new inbox?

Litter Bin – tried to install in Ripple residents don't want it. Andy wants it collected asap

Training – planning course I want to attend £11.25 per council?

Replacement Bin – chased Glasdon have been advised the order is with the order team. Still not received pro forma. Chased again for update

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APPENDIX 2

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MARTIN ALLEN

**REPORT TO RIPPLE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FEBRUARY
2025**

Good evening.

COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

COUNCIL TAX AND FINANCIAL MATTERS.

The county council are raising the council tax by 4.99%, which is the maximum currently allowed.

2.99% is to provide financial support for the delivery of outcomes in line with the councils Corporate Plan.

2% to be ring-fenced for Adult Social Care service.

The council have had to go to the government to ask for a £33.6m loan, rising to £43M. Interestingly for every £20M the council borrows, it will need to repay £1.9M. I fear this is unsustainable.

UNITARY AUTHORITY'S AND COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The county council elections are to go ahead.

We now know that Worcestershire's district and county councils are in the second wave to become a Unitary Authority.

A progress report must be in place by the end of March this year. A full plan is to be in place in November this year.

The Shadow Authority will be formed in 2027, currently both WCC and MHDC will run until April 2028.

**RYALL EAST QUARY APPLICATION & RIPPLE SCHOOL LANE QUARY FOR
MINERALS APPLICATION (CEMEX)**

On 21/01/25 I received the email below; I have forwarded to the parish council on the 26/01/25.

Dear Councillor Allen,

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Many thanks for your email below. The Council are still awaiting the requested further environmental information from CEMEX for both Ripple East Quarry and Uckinghall Quarry. Once this is received, further full public consultation will take place (public notices erected at the site, a notice in the newspaper, and notifying nearby residents and all those that commented previously on the applications, together with consulting consultees, including yourself and the Parish Councils).

As the further information has not been received, they will not make the March Committee, given the lead in times for the newspaper advert and the length of time the Council are required to consult for. Currently, the next available Planning and Regulatory Committee is scheduled for 1 July 2025, but this will depend on whether the elections are postponed and if so, whether a May Committee is added to the calendar of Committee Meetings (which is currently unknown).

Kind regards

Steve

Steven Aldridge

Development Management Team Manager

Worcestershire County Council

Following on from that on 20/02/25 I have received notification from the Development Control Team that this matter has gone out to a Re-Consultation, you have until the 24th of March 2025 to respond. You could consider making the same comments as you have already made.

GULLY IN NAUNTON #8644 AND SEVERN TRENT

I have reported a blocked/damaged gully in Naunton adjacent to telegraph pole number

222.

I am meeting my Highways Liaison Officer onsite later this week.

DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

70 HOMES AT THE MARINA/HOLLY GREEN NO MORE NEWS

70 Homes on the A4104 at Holly Green – This has again gone out to consultation; this site is in the SWDP allocation and has received planning

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permission in the past. This application is outlaying only, and it will not determine the type and exact location of any properties.

LAND AT HOLLY GREEN FOR 27 HOMES AND 1 X SHOP NO MORE NEWS

I still have no more news; this is progressing through the planning process.

SWDP-R UPDATE

As I have already said to you, the Hearing dates have now been published and will commence on Tuesday the 4th of March 2025; it is only programmed in for 4 weeks.

Once that hearing is completed, the SWDPR will gain considerable weight.

COUNCIL TAX

MHDC is not going to increase the council tax this year. However, the Brown Bins are going up by £2.5.

Warmest Regards

Cllr Martin Allen

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APPENDIX 3

19 February 2025 (2024-2025)

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 31/01/2025		
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2024		22,241.35
	ADD Receipts 01/04/2024 - 31/01/2025		31,735.25
	SUBTRACT Payments 01/04/2024 - 31/01/2025		53,976.60 23,259.77
	Cash in Hand 31/01/2025 (per Cash Book)		30,716.83
B	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Petty Cash 31/12/2023	0.00	
	Current Account 31/01/2025	15,325.21	
	Deposit Account 31/01/2025	15,391.62	
			30,716.83
	Less unrepresented payments		
			30,716.83
	Plus unrepresented receipts		
B	Adjusted Bank Balance		30,716.83
	A = B Checks out OK		

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APPENDIX 4

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Budget Monitoring Report

	2023-24	2024-25	Income	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	% Budget Used
Subscriptions/Association Membership	£1,013.00	£1,200.00			59.5	1124.08										1184.48	98.71
Newsletter/Adverts/Flyers	£301.00	£350.00						69								69	19.71
Insurance	£700.00	£750.00								661.66						661.66	88.22
Grass Cutting/Trees	£7,300.00	£5,460.00				2340		780		1300						4420	80.95
Lengthsman	£4,385.00	£3,200.00	£2,963.50	332.15	415.3	328.55	411.25	331.21	331.25	328.1	330.35		335.75			£180.41	5.64
Chairmans Allowance	£100.00	£100.00														0	0.00
Prof Fees/Audit	£230.00	£250.00									252					252	96.92
Clerks Expenses	£756.00	£800.00		6	6	477.19	6	135.88	78.3	69.4	31	47	6			862.77	107.64
Clerks Salary, including payroll costs	£10,479.00	£11,500.00		888.92	888.92	888.72	888.92	888.72	961.22	893.97	1078.66	891.02	917.02			9186.09	79.88
Donations										20	200						
Annual Public Meeting	£257.00	£300.00					150				20					150	50.00
Hall Hire	£114.00	£160.00														0	0.00
Repairs	£662.00	£700.00														0	0.00
Recreation Ground Maintenance	£2,000.00	£2,000.00						750.89			1025					1775.89	88.79
Tree Survey/Maintenance	£1,500.00	£750.00														0	0.00
Website	£1,000.00	£500.00		19.2	38.4	19.2	38.4	19.2			32	342		68.4		576.8	115.36
Admin/Training	£100.00	£200.00									84	43.19				127.19	63.60
Clerks Equipment	£131.00	£200.00														0	0.00
Delefe	£0.00	£500.00														0	0.00
Bus Support	£150.00	£500.00														0	0.00
Handyman	£0.00	£250.00														0	0.00
Waste Bins	£2,000.00	£1,500.00				243.88										243.88	16.26
Total	£33,178.00	£31,180.00		£1,246.27	£1,408.12	£5,422.52	£1,494.57	£2,974.90	£1,370.77	£3,389.13	£3,302.20	£938.02	£1,327.17	£0.00	£0.00	£107,866.00	63.15