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MINUTES of RIPLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on THURSDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2014 at 1930HRS at THE CHURCH ROOM, RIPLEY PARISH CHURCH.

Present: Cllr Jennie Cliff (Chairperson)
Cllr Richard Ayears
Cllr Colin Cross
Cllr Caspar Hancock
Cllr Lisanne Mealing
Cllr Suzie Powell-Cullingford
Cllr Vernon Wood
Jim Morris, Clerk of the Council

Also present: 8 members of the public

113/14 STATEMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

Prior to the commencement of the formal meeting, members of the public were invited to speak.

a) A local resident raised concerns over the Guildford Borough Council draft Local Plan.

RESPONSE: Councillors responded that Ripley Parish Council has been led to understand that the trajectory of the draft Local Plan would not change significantly in its next presentation, scheduled for after the 2015 election. Lovelace Ward Councillor Colin Cross is to attend a meeting encompassing Guildford Borough Council and the Neighbouring Authorities of Woking and Waverley to discuss the revised Strategic Housing Market Assessment. Cllr Cross has been to Ockham Parish Council and Wisley Residents' Association and reported that local bodies are doing everything in their power to oppose the draft Local Plan. Councillors reported that there are hopes of finding legal flaws in the draft Local Plan and that Surrey County Council are not in favour of development at Wisley Airfield. The potential cost of infrastructure associated with a large-scale development of this kind was noted.

b) A local resident raised issues with the continuing parking situation at the entrance to Georgelands. The same resident had raised concerns at previous meetings.

RESPONSE: The Chairperson noted that the parking matter had been raised with the police previously. It was also noted that there was no representative available from local police at the meeting. Cllr Hancock read out an email from the local PCSO detailing the crime statistics for the previous month. It was noted that Newark Lane had seen an increased police presence.

c) The former Commodore of the Sailing Club gave an update on progress with building work. The new boathouse was complete, with ancillary work to be done in Spring 2015. The Club has seen a 20% increase in sailing and the Angling Club now has full membership and a waiting list. The former Commodore introduced the new Vice-Commodore of the Sailing Club to the Parish Council.

RESPONSE: The Chairperson thanked the former Commodore for the update.

114/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

115/14 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Cllr Wood declared a non-pecuniary interest in items 10 'Bonfire' and 16 'Village Hall': Cllr Wood is Chairperson of the Bonfire Committee and represents the Bonfire Committee on the Village Hall board of Trustees.

Cllr Colin Cross declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 14 'The Green': Cllr Cross has a dwelling on the Green.

116/14 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16th OCTOBER 2014

The minutes were received, confirmed and signed as a true and correct record by the Chairperson, Councillor Jennie Cliff.

117/14 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The meeting received a report from the Parish Council Chairperson. The Bonfire Committee was congratulated on producing a spectacular evening which the whole village enjoyed. Preparations for the Christmas Fair were on track and the work of the Christmas Fair Committee Chairperson was noted.

The Chairperson thanked Ripley Primary School for inviting the Parish Council to join them in laying a wreath alongside them on 11th November, and the Youth Club for donating the poppies displayed around the War Memorial. A £20 donation will be made to the British Legion for supplying the Parish Council's wreath.

The Chairperson had given a talk at the school to promote the Christmas Fair and let the young people know about the planned playground refurbishment.

The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are to give a talk to the Rotary Club of Ripley & Send at their meeting on 3rd February 2015.

The recent visit from SSALC Assistant Chief Executive Anne Bott was noted. Ms Bott praised the work of Ripley Parish Council and was very complimentary about the new Parish Clerk.

The Chairperson would like an informal meeting to take place in December to discuss matters ongoing ahead of the next full council meeting in January 2015.

118/14 PARISH CLERK'S REPORT

The meeting received a report from Clerk, (copy attached to record minutes), which included:

- 11th November
- Internal Audit
- Playground
- Community Payback
- Compost and potholes
- Bus shelters
- Staff Christmas Party

It was **RESOLVED: That the report by the Parish Clerk be noted.**

119/14 CORRESPONDENCE

a) Email correspondence dated 15th October 2014 between Cllr Hancock and Paul Whealdon of PFI Street Lights. (Copy attached to record minutes).

It was **RESOLVED: That the email correspondence between Cllr Hancock and Paul Whealdon be noted.**

b) An email dated 22nd October 2014 from Ecotricity detailing the energy quote for the lock-up on Newark Lane. (Copy attached to record minutes).

It was **RESOLVED: That the email from Ecotricity be noted.**

c) An email dated 22nd October 2014 from the Civic Secretary of Guildford Borough Council detailing the date for next year's Parish Council Reception. (Copy attached to record minutes).

It was **RESOLVED: That the date of next year's Parish Council Reception be noted.**

d) An e-mail dated 27th October 2014 from the Minerals and Waste Policy Team Manager of Surrey County Council detailing their current consultation. (Copy attached to record minutes).

It was **RESOLVED: That the email from the Minerals and Waste Policy Team Manager be noted.**

e) An e-mail dated 31st October 2014 from a local resident regarding the colour scheme used by the car sales company at The Gables. (Copy attached to record minutes).

It was **RESOLVED: That the email from the local resident be noted.**

f) An email dated 8th November 2014 from Fiona Curtis regarding the Guildford Parish Forum. (Copy attached to record minutes).

It was **RESOLVED: That the email regarding the Guildford Parish Forum be noted.**

g) An email dated 11th November 2014 from a local young person asking for a skatepark on Ripley Green. (Copy attached to record minutes).

It was **RESOLVED: That the email from the local young person be noted.**

h) An email dated 12th November 2014 from the owner of Manor Cottage regarding planning application 14/P/01881. (Copy attached to record minutes)

It was **RESOLVED: That the email from the owner of Manor Cottage be noted.**

120/14 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS and CHEQUES FOR APPROVAL

Members received and noted the schedule of accounts received and paid for the period from 1st October to 19th November 2014, totaling £4,980.65, and the total receipts and payments to date. Both were circulated with the agenda (Copies attached to the record minutes). Cheques were presented by the Parish Clerk for authorisation and signing.

It was **RESOLVED: That the schedule of accounts received and paid for the period from 1st October to 19th November 2014, totaling £4,980.65, and the total receipts and payments to date be noted. Cheques presented by the Parish Clerk were authorised and signed.**

121/14 FINANCE GROUP & BUDGET REPORT

Members received and considered a report from Cllrs Ayears and Cross on the recent Parish Council Finance Working Group meeting. Information on the Parish precept for 2015/16 was not yet available and so the budget was still a work in progress. It was hoped that budget savings would be made where possible in order to bring down costs to the Parish.

It was **RESOLVED: That the report from the Parish Council Finance Working Group be noted.**

122/14 BURIAL GROUND

Members received and considered correspondence from residents of West End Cottages proposing to purchase part of the land behind their properties which forms part of the Parish Council Burial Ground Extension (copy and map of the area attached to record minutes).

It was **RESOLVED: That three quotes be sought for clearing the land in question, for approval at the next full council meeting on 15th January 2015.**

123/14 BONFIRE

Members considered drafting a letter to the Bonfire Committee expressing gratitude for the recent Ripley Bonfire and outlining the minor concerns that the event raised. Matters arising included a large untethered dog which roamed the site and that a bench had apparently been removed in order for a generator to be parked within a copse of trees on The Green. The Chairperson asked that a price for the fair to use The Green be set at the July full Council meeting.

Cllr Wood informed the meeting that a donation of £1,900 had been made by the fair to the Bonfire Committee for distribution to village organisations.

It was **RESOLVED: That a letter be drafted to the Bonfire Committee.**

124/14 REVIEW OF COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS

Members received the amended Parish Council Standing Orders. Revisions had been made to Standing Orders 2G and 4A.

It was **RESOLVED: That the revised Standing Orders be approved.**

125/14 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members received and considered the minutes of the Planning Group held on Monday 16th October 2014. (Copies attached to record minutes)

It was **RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning Group held on 16th October 2014 be noted.**

126/14 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Members considered a report from Cllr Cross on progress with the Neighbourhood Plan. Ockham Parish Council is in favour of creating a 'Lovelace' Neighbourhood and Cllr Cross is due to approach RHS Wisley. It was felt that three separate Neighbourhood Plans with the same aim could be considered if Lovelace was not considered appropriate by the Borough Council.

It was **RESOLVED: that the report on the developments with the new Neighbourhood Plan be noted.**

127/14 ENVIRONMENT – THE GREEN

Members received and considered a report from the Parish Clerk on various on-going matters including:

- Ryde Cottage and refurbishment of the general area
- Posts / posts & rails
- Overnight parking
- Native hedgerow

It was **RESOLVED: That,**

a) The on-going refurbishment of the area in front of Ryde Cottage be progressed.

b) Any posts/posts & rails needing maintenance or replacement be progressed.

c) The police attend any further exchanges required with repeat offenders parking overnight on The Green.

d) “Team Green” be thanked for their hard work planting native hedgerow on The Green.

128/14 DEFIBRILLATOR

Members received a report from Cllr Powell-Cullingford on acquiring a defibrillator for the village. A discussion ensued on the benefits of a defibrillator and potential funding streams. South East Coast Ambulance Service provides training to Community Corresponders. Members were in favour of finding out more about funding and training.

It was **RESOLVED: that Cllr Powell-Cullingford looks into funding and training for a village defibrillator.**

129/14 VILLAGE HALL

Members considered various matters to do with the Village Hall and its redevelopment. It was noted that there was no representation from the Village Hall Redevelopment Committee present at the meeting, despite previous claims of wanting a closer working relationship with the Parish Council. Some correspondence from local residents was received and considered.

It was **RESOLVED: That Cllr Hancock represents the Parish Council at future Village Hall Redevelopment Committee meetings. Lovelace Ward Cllr Cross meets with Guildford Borough Council planning officers to discuss and seek clarification on the pre-planning process. The potential funding from the Parish Council towards a new Village Hall be maintained.**

130/14 ELECTION 2015

Members received and considered a report from the Parish Clerk regarding the upcoming 2015 election.

It was **RESOLVED: That a budget of £60 be made available for SSALC election materials (on a sale or return basis). Members agreed to consider whether they intend to stand for re-election by the time of the next meeting.**

131/14 FLOOD FORUM

Members received and considered a report from the Parish Clerk on progress with the Flood Forum. Ripley Parish Council is seeking to work with Send Parish Council on local flooding issues.

It was **RESOLVED: That a meeting with Send Parish Council be arranged to discuss local flooding issues.**

132/14 ITEMS TO NOTE FOR INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA OF A FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Budget report, defibrillator, posts & rails, Milk Rd car park, and West End land were all suggested.

The meeting closed at 2155hrs.

Date:

Chairperson