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MINUTES of RIPLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on TUESDAY 17th MARCH 2015 at 1930HRS at THE CHURCH ROOM, RIPLEY PARISH CHURCH.

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

Apologies: Cllr Colin Cross
Cllr Lisanne Mealing

Also present: 4 members of the public

171/14 STATEMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

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

a) Surrey County Councillor Bill Barker advised the meeting of flooding being experienced at Tannery Lane. Cllr Barker was also keen to see the Parish Council's response to planning application 15/P/00012, which was due to be prepared. Cllr Barker also suggested that in order to achieve a reduction of speed limit in the village to 20mph, a show of support from the Parish Council would be appropriate.

RESPONSE: The Chairperson thanked Cllr Barker for his input and agreed to forward the Parish Council's response to the planning application.

b) The Chairperson of Ripley Cricket Club asked members to consider a request to spray the outfield with a mild chemical in order to mitigate an ongoing problem with worms and wormcasts. It was proposed that the work to the outfield would also mitigate the ongoing problem with moles as it would remove their foodsource. There was a danger that not carrying out the work would lead to the outfield becoming unplayable. Information was given as to the properties and safety of the chemical to be used (carbendazim) and the meeting was assured that the treatment entails making the top layer of ground unpalatable to worms, driving them away.

RESPONSE: The Chairperson thanked the Cricket Club Chairperson for seeking approval from the Parish Council. Members discussed the proposed treatment and agreed for it to go ahead, and that the Cricket Club be responsible for putting up warning signs before, during, and after the work.

172/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from Cllrs Cross and Mealing were received and accepted.

173/14 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Cllr Hancock declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 12 'Village Hall': Cllr Hancock represents the Parish Council on the Village Hall Development Committee and represents the Shed Youth Club on the Village Hall board of Trustees.

Cllr Wood declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 12 'Village Hall': Cllr Wood represents the Bonfire Committee on the Village Hall board of Trustees.

174/14 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19th JANUARY 2014

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

175/14 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The meeting received a report from the Parish Council Chairperson, which included the development of properties due to take place on The Green, a meeting with a skateramp provider, and schools admissions for local children.

Local residents had met with the appointed developer of the site on The Green. Progress had been made in finding workable solutions for the duration of the development and further discussions were planned.

The Chairperson considered the proposals suggested by the skateramp provider to be appropriate for the playground area on The Green.

It had been brought to the Chairperson's attention that schoolchildren from Year 6 of Ripley Primary School were to be dispersed around 9 different secondary schools. The Chairperson was to seek clarification on this, and whether there was any truth in the suggestion that some would be sent to a school in Addlestone.

It was **RESOLVED: that the Parish Council asks for the method statement of the appointed developer of the site on The Green.**

176/14 PARISH CLERK'S REPORT

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

- Bus shelter
- Storm-damaged footbridge
- Basketball hoops

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

177/14 CORRESPONDENCE

i) A letter dated 16th February 2015 from the Chairperson of the Ripley Event Committee, making a formal application for use of The Green on 25th July 2015. (Copy attached to record minutes).

It was **RESOLVED: That the request from the Ripley Event Committee be approved.**

ii) An email dated 24th February 2015 from Boud Digital outlining new methods of engaging with the electorate. (Copy attached to record minutes).

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

iii) An email dated 24th February 2015 from Guildford Borough Council (GBC) outlining progress with the draft Local Plan. (Copy attached to record minutes).

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

iv) An email dated 25th February 2015 from Guildford Parish Forum detailing the analysis of Parish Council submissions to a recent survey. (Copy attached to record minutes).

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

v) An email dated 26th February 2015 from Newark Lane Residents' Association (NLRA) detailing the re-launch of the group. (Copy attached to record minutes).

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

vi) A letter undated from Ripley Village Football Club detailing problems recently encountered with moles. RVFC would like to meet with the Parish Council. (Copy attached to record minutes).

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

vii) Email correspondence dated 4th March 2015 from a local resident offering help with maintenance of the Green and verges on the High Street. (Copy attached to record minutes).

It was **RESOLVED: That the local resident be asked to contact the Parish Council when work has finished.**

viii) An email dated 10th March 2015 from GBC's Address Management Officer consulting on naming the former telephone exchange development. (Copy attached to record minutes).

It was **RESOLVED: That the name *Exchange Cottages* or *Mews* be offered for the development.**

178/14 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS and CHEQUES FOR APPROVAL

Members received and noted the schedule of accounts received and paid for the period from 1st to 28th February 2015, totaling £12,046.19, 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.

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179/14 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Members received a report from Cllr Ayears on progress with the Lovelace Neighbourhood Plan. The Chairperson of the Ripley Neighbourhood Plan Group (RNPG) had been unable to attend the Parish Council meeting. Ockham had confirmed participation after carefully considering their position and Wisley were due to hold a Neighbourhood Plan Group meeting in early April. The forthcoming RNPG meeting would begin to direct the next stages of the Neighbourhood Plan, including preliminary questionnaires. Notices were likely to be placed around the Parish to promote the Neighbourhood Plan.

It was **RESOLVED: That the report from Cllr Ayears be noted.**

180/14 NATURE RESERVE

Members received a report from the Parish Clerk on progress with the Nature Reserve Working Group. A preliminary meeting had been scheduled for 23rd March 2015, after which more would be known,

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

181/14 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members received and considered the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 16th February 2015 (copy attached to record minutes).

It was **RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 16th February 2015 be noted.**

182/14 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

It was **RESOLVED: That,**

a) The on-going refurbishment of the area in front of Ryde Cottage be progressed. Work had been carried without the knowledge of the Parish Clerk, who had been expecting to be told of the date in advance. Purchase of scalping and ordering plant hire and labour were discussed. A plate compactor will also be used on several areas, including the large pothole opposite The Talbot. Notices were to be placed on vehicles around the area and posted to residents once a date was fixed. Enough posts to complete the turning area at Ryde Cottage were already owned by the Parish Council.

b) Members meet on The Green to discuss the replacement of various sections of posts & rails.

183/14 VILLAGE HALL

Members considered a report from Cllr Cliff, who had attended a Village Hall Redevelopment meeting on behalf of Cllr Hancock, on various matters to do with the Village Hall and its redevelopment. Trustees were in favour of the Parish Council funding a new Village Hall, but the running of the hall would remain the responsibility of the Trustees. Developers were still interested in rebuilding the Village Hall but it was felt that the value of the adjacent land would not meet their requirements. A new floor plan of a proposed redeveloped Village Hall did not include a stage.

The wording of a letter to be sent to Parishioners regarding any rise in precept was discussed. Alternatives to raising the precept would also be presented on any questionnaire.

It was **RESOLVED: That the report from Cllr Cliff be noted.**

184/14 FLOOD FORUM

Members received a report from the Parish Clerk on developments with the proposed Flood Forum. A meeting, in conjunction with Send Parish Council, had been attended by Ms. Fowler of SCC. The issue of the storm-damaged footbridge had been raised at the meeting, along with several ideas for mitigating future flooding issues. Members considered the possibility of RNPG involvement with local flooding issues.

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

185/14 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Members considered a report from Cllr Hancock on progress with arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting. Several local organisations had been invited to give short talks. Cllr Wood informed members that the Bonfire Committee would be sending representation.

It was **RESOLVED: That,**

a) The report from Cllr Hancock be noted.

b) The Annual Parish Meeting be given a budget of £100 for refreshments.

186/14 ITEMS TO NOTE FOR INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA OF A FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The re-organisation of Parish Council Committees was suggested.

187/14 DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Meeting of the Parish Council was scheduled to take place on Thursday 16th April, at the Church Room.

The meeting closed at 2135hrs.

Date:

Chairperson