



# Ripley Parish Council

## The Parish Review

# Winter '15-16



Chairperson  
Jennie Cliff  
224051  
Planning,  
Environment,  
Christmas  
Event.



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Hancock  
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Planning,  
Environment.



Councillor  
Richard  
Ayears  
224989  
Planning,  
Environment,  
Finance.



Councillor  
Colin Cross  
224107  
Finance,  
Environment,  
Christmas  
Event.



Councillor  
Lisanne  
Mealing  
225613  
Finance,  
Farmers'  
Market.



Councillor  
Suzie Powell-  
Cullingford  
225303  
Planning,  
Christmas  
Event



Councillor  
Vernon Wood  
225098  
Planning,  
Bonfire,  
Christmas  
Event.



Clerk  
Jim Morris  
224847  
All Parish  
Council  
business.

## RIPLEY CHRISTMAS FAIR

The annual Ripley Christmas Fair returns to the village on Sunday 6th December from 12 - 4pm. Now in its eighth year, there will be 100 stalls selling everything from jewellery and clothes to Christmas gift items and hot food along the High Street and on the village green.

There will also be great merriment on the day including fairground rides, various music and singing groups in the entertainment area and Father Christmas in Richardson's. The fair culminates with the grand procession along the High Street at 3.40pm with Harley Davidsons, Father Christmas, a huge mouse and others and the official turning on of the Christmas lights on the steps of Drake's restaurant at 3.55pm.

Finally, raffle tickets will be sold on the day with 20 great prizes including a meal for two at Drake's, hampers of food from Ripley Farmers' Market, Pinnock's and Ripley Farm Shop and many other fabulous bounties. Entry is free with lots of parking on the village green.

### Village Hall

So the people have spoken, but what exactly have they said? Consultation response showed that 50.4% of people disagreed with the parish council's proposal to provide the Village Hall Trustees with a grant of £600,000 and 49.6% of people were opposed to the Trustees selling off the land to a private developer.

We therefore head back to the drawing board, endeavoring to work alongside the Trustees to find a solution that the village finds acceptable. The full report on the Parish Council's consultation is available either from the office or in electronic form from [RVHfunding@ripleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:RVHfunding@ripleyparishcouncil.gov.uk)

### Councillors to visit Ripley

Guildford Borough Councillors Richard Billington, Matt Furniss, and Paul Spooner are visiting Ripley on **Tuesday December 15th** and they want to hear about local matters. As the lead councillors for Rural Economy, Countryside, Parks and Leisure; Infrastructure and Environment; and Planning, the councillors will be welcome any questions on these subjects.

This is a public meeting and all residents are encouraged to come along for **7:30pm at the Scout Hut in Rose Lane**. Please email any specific questions about areas of concern to: [clerk@ripleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@ripleyparishcouncil.gov.uk) or call the office on 224847 by 7th December.

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## Neighbourhood Plan

The community has responded, via the initial survey, highlighting what is valued and what concerns we have in Ripley Parish.

**Of value:** the sense of community; the open space we have available; the social mix and historic buildings.

**The concerns:** the volume of traffic and the potential for increases; the lack of parking and uncertainty over the type/amount of housing development taking place.

These and other topics need to be investigated, quantified and planned for as we formulate a Neighbourhood Plan for the next 15 years.

That's where we hope you come in. Can you contribute your knowledge, expertise and/or time on any of the following?

- \*History of Ripley
- \*Profile of the community
  - \*Infrastructure
  - \*Health
  - \*Education
  - \*Transport
  - \*Business profile
- \*Environment - both built and natural
- \*Buildings
- \*Open spaces
- \*Important vistas
- \*Habitats
- \*Traffic and Parking
- \*Traffic surveys
  - \*Journey profiles
  - \*Parking provision
- \*Social and business impact
  - \*Housing survey update
- \*Obtaining justification for specific needs
- \*Residential Development site identification
  - \*Working with local developers and landowners, agents etc. to identify sites that provide the justified housing need for the next fifteen years.

We also need help from administrators, analysts and those with media and communication skills to help quantify and disseminate information.

The next step in the process is to objectively build up the evidence to help formulate the basis for a more in depth questionnaire, taking us to the preparation of the Plan itself, which will go to a referendum of all Lovelace residents.

**Please contact the Ripley Plan Group via email at: [ripleynp@gmail.com](mailto:ripleynp@gmail.com) and / or join us for a chat in the Village Hall Annex on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 7.30pm.**

## Remembrance

With every year that passes fewer veterans of global conflict are with us to lay a wreath of remembrance at the War Memorial. We hope that local schoolchildren will never have to remember their own friends and colleagues lost to war. The Parish Council lays its own wreath alongside the primary school's, as well as the Legion's and Police's, to jointly pay our respects and ensure that the fallen will never be forgotten.

## Skateramp

Our Planning Application for a halfpipe skateramp on Ripley Green has been APPROVED. The funding will soon be in place, thanks to Section 106 payments made by developers and the new equipment ought to be unveiled early in 2016.

## Former Wisley airfield

It has been revealed by GBC that the WPI application to build 2100 dwellings on the former airfield will not now be determined by 24/12/2015. New evidence and research being presented over the coming weeks by the applicant means that it is likely to be spring before a decision is made. In the meantime the new Guildford Local Plan is being rewritten and will be published in draft form around April/May. The following public consultation period and final drafting will mean it only gets to its final agreed form in early 2017.

## Pigeon House Bridge

After nearly 2 years, and despite Ripley Parish Council's and Cllr Bill Barker's best efforts, it seems that Surrey County Council has decided to leave the Pigeon House Bridge as an architectural relic. It is clearly hoped that in hundreds of year's time people will visit the ruins of Pigeon House Bridge and be amazed at how we used to cross the river.

## Join us at the next Parish Council meetings

Thursdays 21st January, 18th February, 17th March 2016 in the Church Room at St Mary Magdalen, High Street, Ripley.  
Public questions 7.30-7.45pm