



Ripley Parish Council Office, 4 Rio House, High Street, Ripley, Surrey, GU23 6AE

6th August 2021

To: All Ripley Parish Councillors

You are hereby summoned to attend the Extraordinary Meeting of RIPLEY PARISH COUNCIL to be held at **Ripley Scout HQ, Rose Lane, Ripley** on **Thursday 12 August 2021 at 1900hrs** for the purpose of transacting the following business. Members of the public and press have a right and are cordially invited to be present at the meeting. There will be an opportunity to address the Council under item 3 of the Agenda.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Morris", is written over a light blue grid background.

**Jim Morris, BSc (Hons), PSLCC
Clerk to the Council**

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To RECEIVE any apologies for absence from Ripley Parish Council members

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

To RECEIVE any disclosure by members of non-pecuniary interests in agenda items

To RECEIVE any written requests for new disclosable pecuniary interests dispensations Without a dispensation a member may neither participate in any discussion on the matter nor vote

3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

To RECEIVE and CONSIDER questions from members of the public

4. MINUTES

To RECEIVE and SIGN as a correct record the Minutes of the Ripley Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 22nd July 2021 (Appendix A)

5. MATTERS ARISING

To RECEIVE and CONSIDER a list of the parish council's current actions and matters arising (Appendix B)

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

To RECEIVE and CONSIDER a report from the parish council Chairman

7. REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

To RECEIVE and CONSIDER reports from Cllr Colin Cross, representative for both the Lovelace Ward of Guildford Borough Council and the Horsleys Division of Surrey County Council

8. FINANCE

- i) **To RECEIVE and APPROVE** the schedule of accounts received and paid for the period 01.07.21 – 31.07.21 totalling £104,143.90 (Appendix C)
- ii) **To RECEIVE and APPROVE** any invoices presented for payment by the Parish Clerk
- iii) **To RECEIVE and CONSIDER** CFGA schemes for financial year 2022-23

9. PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

To RECEIVE and CONSIDER Planning & Environment matters:

- i) Minutes of Planning & Environment Committee meeting held 05.07.2021 (Appendix D)
- ii) BT Openreach Fibre to the Premises

10. LEISURE & FACILITIES

To RECEIVE and CONSIDER Leisure & Facilities matters:

- i) Ripley Village Hall
- ii) The Green – site visit
- iii) The Green – Benson's Fun Fair (Appendix E)
- iv) Christmas Fair 2021
- v) Bus shelter
- vi) Allotments fencing

11. COMMUNICATION & LIAISON

To RECEIVE and CONSIDER Communication & Liaison matters:

- i) Report on recent meetings of the Ripley Business Association
- ii) Report on recent meetings of Ripley & Send Matters
- iii) Cabinet Office National Resilience Strategy call for evidence (Appendix F)
- iv) Platinum Jubilee June 2022 (Appendix G)
- v) Co-option of a new Councillor

12. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA OF A FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

To RECEIVE from members any items for inclusion on the Agenda of a future meeting

13. DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

To NOTE the date of the next Parish Council Meeting: **Thursday 16th September 2021**



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MINUTES of RIPLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on THURSDAY 22nd JULY 2021 at 1930HRS at RIPLEY SCOUT HQ, ROSE LANE, RIPLEY.

Present: Cllr Richard Ayears (Chairman)
Cllr Rowland Cornell
Cllr Lisanne Mealing
Cllr Simon Moxon
Cllr Powell-Cullingford
Cllr Vernon Wood
Lovelace Ward and Horsleys Division Cllr Colin Cross
Jim Morris, Clerk of the Council

026/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Peter Shoesmith

027/21 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest were received.

028/21 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5th May 2021 were received, confirmed, and signed as a true and correct record by the Chairman.

029/21 MATTERS ARISING (copy attached to record Minutes)

Members received and considered a list of matters arising from the Minutes of previous meetings. Most items had been addressed, including: the car park had been tidied; a meeting with SCC Highways had been held; Vehicle Activated Signs had been installed in the High Street; the council's Annual Return had been entered; and the fixed asset register had been updated. Former Horsleys Division Cllr Julie Iles was writing occasional articles for Guildford Dragon.

It was RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

030/21 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Ayears provided a report to the council. Some items of note were due to be discussed at the meeting, such as the recently reinstalled bus shelter. The service road south side of Ripley High Street had been resurfaced by Surrey County Council. The Chairman suggested writing to Highways to express the council's gratitude.

The Chairman expressed concern that community cohesion would possibly suffer as an indirect result of the Covid-19 pandemic. The Ripley Event had not been held for the third year running, and both Ripley Rocks and Ripley Bonfire had again been cancelled. The Christmas Fair, should it go ahead, would be the first major event in some time and it may struggle to attract volunteers. Ripley Parish Council could help to encourage participation.

It was RESOLVED: That the report be noted. A thank you note for the recent resurfacing works would be sent to Surrey Highways. Volunteering opportunities would be promoted at the Christmas Fair and in Ripley & Send Matters.

031/21 REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

Cllr Cross provided a report to the council in his capacity as the representative for both the Lovelace Ward of Guildford Borough Council and the Horsleys Division of Surrey County Council. Ripley Farmers' Market was praised for its success and for drawing people into the village. Ripley Business Association's efforts in promoting the village as a destination were also laudable. A decision on whether Highways England could go ahead with improvements to M25 J10/A3 Wisley Interchange was expected in November. The Secretary of State's resolution either way would have implications for the proposed development of Former Wisley Airfield. The proposal for Garlick's Arch had been approved, and details would need to be worked through. In the village centre, local businesses had been approaching Cllr Cross for extra cycle racks.

It was RESOLVED: That the report be noted. A Traffic Regulation Order would be applied for to suspend a parking bay for cycle rack installation.

032/21 FINANCE

Members received and considered matters ongoing under the auspices of parish council finance:

i) Schedule of accounts received and paid for the period 01.04.21 – 30.06.21 totalling £153,231.11 (attached to record Minutes)

It was RESOLVED: That the schedule of accounts received and paid for the period 01.04.21 to 30.06.21, totalling £153,231.11 be approved.

ii) Members received and considered invoices presented by the Clerk, which had been circulated via email ahead of the meeting.

It was RESOLVED: That the invoices be approved.

iii) Cllrs Moxon and Powell-Cullingford reported on the recent meeting of the Finance Working Group, which had considered the council's accounts at the end of quarter one of 2021-22. Very few budgets were overspent, no CFGA funded projects were being proposed, further funding was being sought for new bus shelters, and the budget for 2022-23 would be considered at end of quarter two.

It was RESOLVED: That the report be noted. A suggestion to replace the run of posts near to the Cricket Club would be considered at a future meeting.

033/21 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

Members received and considered Planning & Environment matters ongoing:

i) Minutes of Planning & Environment Committee meetings held 06.04.2021, 26.04.2021, 17.05.2021, & 14.06.2021 (Attached to record Minutes).

It was RESOLVED: That the Planning & Environment Committee meeting Minutes be noted.

ii) Parking Working Group. Cllrs Ayears and Shoesmith had considered parking provision and regulations at a recent meeting. It was anticipated that some bays could have the current length of stay altered, and that extra bays could be added in various village locations. In addition, the application of parking rules to White Hart Car Park could encourage appropriate use by visitors. A small fee for parking would cover any administration charges. Cllr Powell-Cullingford noted the success of Chobham's village car park.

It was RESOLVED: That liaison with Guildford Borough Council be progressed.

iii) Surrey County Council Highways Department meeting. Cllr Ayears had met with the Surrey County Council representative for the Highways Engineering Department. Issues on Newark Lane, Rose lane, Polesden lane, and the High Street had been discussed and several had been raised with the SCC Highways Maintenance Department. Road markings throughout the village would be refreshed and further exploratory works would be undertaken outside the church. SCC would also investigate locking the barrier at Newark lane car park. A local resident had joined the meeting with specific regard to issues previously raised apropos vehicles mounting the pavement on Newark Lane. Members raised the importance of preserving the original features of the damaged bridge near Bridgefoot Farm. A discussion regarding constructing a road across land adjacent to Georgelands was inconclusive.

It was RESOLVED: That the report be noted. Representations regarding the historic bridge would be forwarded to SCC Maintenance.

034/21 LEISURE & FACILITIES

Members received and considered Leisure & Facilities matters ongoing:

i) Ripley Village Hall. Cllr Powell-Cullingford gave a report on progress with the Village hall rebuild project. The building contractor had been beset by health problems within its workforce, followed by material shortages, and the project was slightly behind schedule as a result. Discussions with GBC regarding financial contributions were ongoing.

It was RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

ii) The Green – bin collections. Cllrs Moxon and Powell-Cullingford gave a report on work recently undertaken, in which potential alternative suppliers had been assessed. Most contractors would not deal with dog waste, and it had been demonstrated that GBC would be the most cost-effective supplier.

It was RESOLVED: That the report be noted and action taken at a future date whenever GBC resolved to change to a paid-for service.

iii) The Green – site visit. Cllr Ayears had assessed various matters ongoing on The Green during a recent site visit. Some benches needed replacing, as did a short run of wooden posts adjacent to the Cricket Club to protect the footpath. Income had been gained from a film company. Tracks on The Green were generally okay, although the Milk Road needed attention. Help from Balfour Beatty, working on behalf of Highways England, could be available in the future. Bike jumps in the fuzzies had spread in area into denser woodland, with excess litter also present.

It was RESOLVED: That the report be noted. Quotes for replacement posts would be sought and considered by the Finance Group. It was hoped that young people involved in the creation of bike tracks would grow out of the pastime, although management of the issue would be undertaken if it continued.

iv) The Green – Correspondence regarding Ripley Parish Council's Management Policy for The Green (attached to record Minutes). A local resident had made representations regarding the management of The Green, particularly the hay cut of the meadow. The Clerk had provided the council's Management Policy and the 2014 Surrey Wildlife Trust (SWT) SSCI Report on which the Policy was based. SWT had classed the land as Neutral Grassland and had offered advice on the traditional management of land. Members discussed the council's objectives, and the land's varied history of different uses. The Woodland Trust had recently adjudged the site to be a potential location for tree planting. Ragwort had proliferated on land surrounding The Green and at other sites across the wider village and local areas, and the parish council aspired to manage the plant on land it owned or managed in order to achieve greater biodiversity. The hay cut had achieved both the SWT management objective and the control of ragwort. Further correspondence had been received regarding management of the amenity areas of The Green, asking that strimming be limited in order to leave more grass and wildflower habitats.

It was RESOLVED: That the correspondence be noted. The council resolved to continue with its Management Policy until such a time as the land would be suitable for grazing. Liaison with Arcadis, working on behalf of Highways England, would continue in order to gain extra ecological grants and advice on land management, although the council was inclined to follow the current management objectives for the foreseeable future. The council would also seek ecological advice on increasing biodiversity in all areas of The Green.

v) The Green – Playground Annual Safety Report. Minor works to the gates, benches, multiplay, seesaw, swings, and basket swing were suggested.

It was RESOLVED: That the report be noted. Sawscapes Play would be asked to carry out works to the gates, multiplay, swings, and basket swing. Repairs to the seesaw and benches were in hand to be actioned by the council.

vi) Christmas Fair 2021. The Working Group had recommended planning to run the Christmas Fair as in previous years, and offering stallholders the opportunity to either carry over their fee or have it refunded in the event that government guidance meant that the Fair could not go ahead. Some fees and licences would need to be applied for, meaning there would be a moderate financial commitment by the council. The Fair would take place on Sunday 5th December, and the stall fee would remain £40. Concerns had been raised over the running of the bbq stall, following the closure of the local supplier. The Harley Davidson riders had confirmed attendance.

It was RESOLVED: That the report be noted and the Christmas Fair be planned for in the usual way. Cllr Ayears would liaise with a local butcher over supplies for the bbq stall.

vii) Bus shelter. The bus shelter had been reinstalled in the wrong position and had been hit by a GBC cage-sided bin lorry within hours of being set in place. The shelter had been repaired, and the Chairman had informed GBC that the parish council would hold it accountable for any damage incurred until it had been correctly sited. The assembly had been made from new softwood rather than a repair being carried out on the

historic oak constructed shelter. Several other examples of similar bus shelters donated by an individual could still be observed at nearby locations. The Head of Service Delivery at GBC had been contacted and was looking into the matter.

It was RESOLVED: That Cllr Ayears would liaise with GBC over the construction and works to reinstall the bus shelter.

035/21 COMMUNICATION & LIAISON

Members received and considered Communication & Liaison matters ongoing:

i) Report on recent meetings of the Ripley Business Association (RBA). Cllr Cornell had attended recent meetings of RBA, at which a question had been raised regarding the siting of welcome to Ripley signage on both Newark Lane and Rose Lane.

It was RESOLVED: That the report be noted. SCC Highways would need to assess potential locations for signs, although they could be added to land to privately-owned land.

ii) Report on recent meetings of Ripley & Send Matters. Cllr Cornell had attended recent meetings of Ripley & Send Matters Committee. The Editor was due to stand down and the Committee was struggling to find a replacement. The printing firm could offer typesetting services.

It was RESOLVED: That the report be noted. Cllr Cornell would speak with Mrs Cliff regarding the ongoing editorship of the magazine. Members would liaise with colleagues at Send Parish Council and make efforts to publicise the position.

iii) Volunteer help. Cllr Moxon proposed recruiting volunteers to help with various tasks around the village. Members discussed publicising volunteering opportunities in Ripley & Send Matters.

It was RESOLVED: That the report be noted. Cllr Ayears would mention volunteering in a forthcoming Ripley & Send Matters report.

iv) Surrey Association of Local Councils (SALC) Vision Meeting. Sussex & Surrey Association of Local Councils had provided 'Vision Meetings' for local councils in its previous iteration, although it was not known whether the newly-formed Surrey Association continued to offer a similar coaching scheme.

It was RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

v) Surrey Association of Local Councils (SALC) Members Satisfaction Survey (attached to record Minutes).

It was RESOLVED: That the Clerk respond to the survey.

036/21 ITEMS TO NOTE FOR INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA OF A FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

No items were suggested.

037/21 DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

An Extraordinary Meeting of the parish council was scheduled to take place on Thursday 12th August 2021, at the Parish Council Office at 1900hrs.

The meeting closed at 2150hrs

Date:

Chairman



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Cllr Rowland Cornell
Cllr Lianne Mealing
Cllr Simon Moxon
Cllr Powell-Cullingford
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Jim Morris, Clerk of the Council

038/21 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM



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MATTERS ARISING from the MINUTES of RIPLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on THURSDAY 22nd JULY 2021 at 1930HRS.

149/20 LEISURE & FACILITIES

ACTION ARISING: Date for Allotment of the Year Award visit to be set.

160/20 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

ACTION ARISING: Promote Climate Action Working Group on Ripley Reporter.

030/21 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

ACTION ARISING: Thank you note to SCC Highways.

033/21 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

ACTION ARISING: Begin discussions with GBC regarding parking in the village.

ACTION ARISING: Note historic bridge with SCC Highways.

034/21 LEISURE & FACILITIES

ACTION ARISING: Continue liaison with Arcadis regarding ecological and management advice.

ACTION ARISING: Quote from Sawscapes Play for playground works.

ACTION ARISING: Cllr Ayears to liaise with Mr Conisbee regarding bbq stall.

ACTION ARISING: Cllr Ayears to liaise with GBC Head of Service Delivery regarding the bus shelter.

035/21 COMMUNICATION & LIAISON

ACTION ARISING: Parish Clerk to liaise with Ripley Business Association over signage and sites.

ACTION ARISING: Members to publicise Ripley & Send Matters vacant editorship.

ACTION ARISING: Parish Clerk to respond to SALC survey.

Cashbook 4

Unity Current

Payments made between 01/07/2021 and 31/07/2021

Nominal Ledger Analysis									
Date	Payee Name	Reference	£ Total Amnt	£ Creditors	£ VAT	A/c	Centre	£ Amount	Transaction Details
08/07/2021	Guy Marshall	2021021	404.66			4152	202	234.00	The Green
						4103	201	52.00	Allotments
						4258	209	52.00	Orchard
						4252	204	60.00	Internment
						4200	203	6.66	Fuel
08/07/2021	Ripley Village Hall	2021023	100,000.00			4600	211	100,000.00	Grant transfer
						350		-100,000.00	Grant transfer
						6000	211	100,000.00	Grant transfer
08/07/2021	Jim Morris	2021024	165.00			4280	210	165.00	June
08/07/2021	Matthew Cliff	2021025	20.00			4303	105	20.00	June
08/07/2021	Playsafety Ltd	2021027	124.20		20.70	4275	205	103.50	Annual inspection
08/07/2021	Jim Morris	2021029				4000	101		Salary
09/07/2021	Yu Energy Retail Ltd	DDYU	40.66		1.94	4173	103	38.72	Electricity
12/07/2021	T H Contracting & Maintenance	2021030	720.00		120.00	4153	202	600.00	Hay cut
12/07/2021	ECOTRICITY	DDECO	9.77		0.47	4025	207	9.30	Electricity supply
16/07/2021	Apple Distribution Ltd	CD2107	2.49			4175	103	2.49	iCloud 200GB
16/07/2021	Cloud Next Ltd	CD2108	95.98		15.99	4030	102	79.99	Web & email
16/07/2021	Lloyds Bank Commercial Card	DDLLOYDS	5.50			4043	104	2.50	Cash fee
						4043	104	3.00	Monthly fee
19/07/2021	British Telecom	DDBT	174.49		29.08	4177	103	145.41	Phone
22/07/2021	Mulberry and Co	2021031	42.00		7.00	4006	107	35.00	Cllr Moxon training
22/07/2021	Mulberry and Co	2021032	42.00		7.00	4006	107	35.00	Cllr Powell-
									Cullingford
22/07/2021	JohnGunner & Co Ltd	2021037	78.00		13.00	4153	202	65.00	Excess rubbish
									disposal
22/07/2021	DMJ Plumbing	2021038	265.00			4104	201	265.00	Affinity Water
									certification
30/07/2021	Standard Life Assurance LTD	STDLF				4009	101		Employee
									contribution
						4002	101		Employer
									contribution
Total Payments:			104,143.90	0.00	215.18			103,928.72	



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**MINUTES of RIPLEY PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
held on MONDAY 5th JULY 2021 at 1800HRS at RIPLEY PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE**

Present: Cllr Peter Shoesmith (Chairman)
Cllr Lisanne Mealing
Cllr Simon Moxon
Jim Morris, Clerk of the Council

P&E 018/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received. The remaining members of the Planning & Environment Committee were not in attendance as the parish council office had been assessed as Covid-safe for up to four individuals.

P&E 019/21 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest were received.

P&E 020/21 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14th June 2021 were received, confirmed, and signed as a true and correct record by the Chairman.

P&E 021/21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Planning & Environment Committee considered the following planning applications, formulated the following observations and **RESOLVED: That the agreed comments of the Planning Group be forwarded to Guildford Borough Council (GBC) and reported to the Ripley Parish Council meeting scheduled to be held on Thursday 19th August 2021.**

20/P/00816

Location: Burnt Common Nurseries, London Road, Send, GU23 7LN.

Proposal: Proposed commercial development comprising of 3,303sqm floorspace for light industrial (B1(c)), general industrial (B2) and storage and distribution (B8) uses, internal access road, 110 parking spaces and overflow parking / external storage, 18 delivery bays, bicycle parking, bin stores and landscaping including attenuation pond.

Contact: Paul Sherman paul.sherman@guildford.gov.uk

Ripley Parish Council objects to Planning Application ref 20/P/00816. The council has concerns that the junction at the southern end of London Road has not been adequately assessed. Egress from the junction is compromised by the adjacent A3 exit slip road, and the proposed reduction in speed limit to 50mph may be insufficient to mitigate the risk. Ripley Parish Council continues to believe that the proposal should not go ahead until GBC LPSS policy A42 north-facing slip roads to and from the A3 have been added to the strategic road network.

21/T/00197

Location: St Mary Magdalene Church, High Street, Ripley.

Proposal: T1 Silver Birch – Crown lift canopy that overhangs into the churchyard approximately 5m. T2 Holly – Crown lift canopy on memorial side of tree to approximately 4m. G1 Leylandii x3 – Fell to ground level (Semi mature trees no taller than 8m. 2 in fair condition, 1 showing signs of possible decline).

Contact: Tim Holman tim.holman@guildford.gov.uk

Ripley Parish Council supports Tree Works Application ref 21/T/00197.

P&E 022/20 PLANNING ENFORCEMENT, APPEALS, & DECISIONS

Members received and considered decisions and informatives on Planning Application ref: 21/P/00963.

P&E 023/20 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

Members received and considered matters under the auspices of Planning & Environment:

i) News release: *Natural England announces proposed expansion of Surrey hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty* & letter to Surrey Hills AONB Board.

It was RESOLVED: That the news release be noted.

ii) Boundary Commission for England 2023 Review of Parliamentary constituencies.

It was RESOLVED: That the Review be noted.

iii) Former Wisley Airfield Community Liaison Group. There were no updates.

It was RESOLVED: That the item be noted.

iv) Community Land Trust. There were no updates.

It was RESOLVED: That the item be noted.

P&E 024/20 DATE OF THE NEXT P&E COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting of the parish council's Planning & Environment Committee was scheduled to take place on Monday 26th July 2021, at the Parish Council Office.

The meeting closed at 1840hrs

Date: 26/7/21,



Chairman

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Ripley Parish Council
Date: 3 August 2021 at 21:15:31 BST
To: "'rpc'" <clerk@ripleyparishcouncil.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]

Hi Jim,

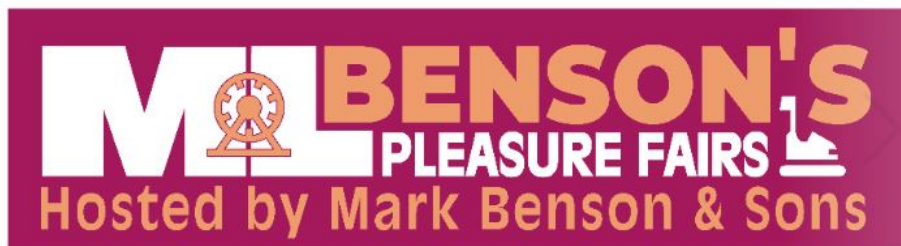
As promised, I am emailing with our proposal which would be to arrive 21 October, opening 23 - 31 October, leaving 1 November.

We thought it would be nice to open throughout the kids half term, closing at 9pm each night to avoid disturbing local residents.

The event would be a lot more low key than at the bonfire, a smaller fair and probably just involving the Benson family. After the dog situation last time, measures will also be in place so this does not happen again!

Please let me know your thoughts and if you think we can move this idea forward.

Many thanks & best regards,
Lillian



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29 JULY 2021

PC5-21 | NATIONAL RESILIENCE STRATEGY

Summary

The Cabinet Office (CO) has recently launched a call for evidence into its development of a National Resilience Strategy. The COVID-19 pandemic has stretched the capacity of governments around the world and their resources. This has demonstrated the importance of a resilient society with well-developed plans and capabilities and response structures able to react appropriately to the unexpected.

A National Resilience Strategy is required to help frame such future responses and this needs to include strengthening Local Resilience Forums and examining in some depth how local communities can play their part. This call for evidence seeks public views regarding how best to frame a National Resilience Strategy supporting UK National Resilience and the objectives required for it. The main consultation document can be downloaded [here](#). The consultation closes at the Cabinet Office on 27 September 2021.

Context

The government's stated aim for the National Resilience Strategy is to make the UK the most resilient nation. In delivering this vision, the government will be guided by a series of core principles:

- o We should understand the risks we face, including the impacts they could have, and our exposure to them.
- o We should invest in preparation to better prevent, mitigate and recover from risks.
- o We should energise and empower everyone who can make a contribution.

The government's vision for 2030 is to have a strengthened ability to assess and understand the risks we face. The national suite of systems, infrastructure and capabilities (including international systems) for managing those risks should become more proactive, adaptable and responsive; and there should be fewer regional inequalities in resilience terms.

As a result, the government wants our local communities, businesses, and the UK as a whole, to be more cohesive, resistant to shocks and stresses, and ultimately more adaptable to future threats and challenges.

Questions in this Call for Evidence focus on six broad thematic areas:

- Risk and Resilience: Strengthening our ability to manage an evolving risk landscape depends on improving our ability to both predict and adapt to identified and unexpected challenges.
- Responsibilities and Accountability: It is fundamentally important that all those involved in building resilience have a clear understanding of when, where and how to apply tools, processes and relationships effectively.
- Partnerships: Resilience is not solely a government or public sector responsibility. Other parts of society play an essential role in building our collective resilience.
- Community: A whole-of-society approach will be central to strengthening the UK's resilience, with a revived effort to inform and empower all parts of society who can make a contribution.
- Investment: The challenge of where to place investment in the risk cycle is one that affects the public and private sectors alike. As government, individuals and businesses, we face choices around what, and how much, to invest.
- Resilience in an Interconnected World: UK resilience is closely entwined with the wider global context. Challenges and opportunities are frequently experienced on a global scale.

NALC's current policy positions

NALC will be responding to this call for evidence given many local (parish and town) councils are already working with partners and supporting the community. We would also like to gather examples of resilience strategies from local councils or county associations to submit as part of our response.

Consultation Questions

The main consultation questions NALC will be responding to in this consultation are as below and NALC seeks the views of county associations and member councils in response to these questions to help inform its own submission to MHCLG:

Questions on Vision and Principles:

- 1. Do you agree with the proposed vision of the Resilience Strategy? Is there anything you would add, amend, or remove?**
- 2. Do you agree with the principles laid out for the strategy? Is there anything you would add, amend, or remove?**

Risk and Resilience:

- 1. Is there more that the government can do to assess risk at the national and local levels? If so, what?**
- 2. Is there more that the government can do to communicate about risk and risk appetite with organisations and individuals? If so, what?**
- 3. How could the government make risk assessment and data more accessible by frontline personnel in an emergency?**
- 4. How does your organisation assess risks around unlikely or extreme events, when there is limited or no data?**
- 5. How could the current local risk assessment process, managed through Local Resilience Forums, be strengthened to help local partners?**

Responsibilities and Accountability:

- 1. Do you think that the current division of resilience responsibilities between Central Government, the Devolved Administrations, local government and local responders is correct? If not, why?**
- 2. How can the UK Central Government, DAs, local and regional forms of government and local responders better collaborate on resilience?**

3. What role, if any, should the UK Central government have in assuring that local areas are effectively carrying out their resilience responsibilities, whilst also respecting local responsibilities?

Partnerships:

Critical National Infrastructure (CNI) owners and operators:

1. Do you think that the resilience of CNI can be further improved? If so, how?

2. Do you think the introduction of appropriate statutory resilience standards would improve the security and resilience of CNI operators? Why? a. How would such standards define the necessary levels of service provision? b. Are there any risks associated with implementing such standards?

3. What do you think is the most effective way to test and assure the resilience of CNI? a. To what extent do you think regulators should play a role in testing the resilience of CNI systems and operators?

4. During an emergency, what do you think should be the role of the operators of CNI in ensuring continued provision of essential services (e.g. water, electricity, public transport)? a. How can the government support CNI owners or operators during an emergency?

Wider critical sectors

5. What role, if any, does your business or sector play in national resilience?

6. What are the risks that your business is most concerned about?

7. What information, tools or guidance could the government provide to help your business better assess or prepare for these types of risk?

8. What is your business' approach to building resilience in any key supply chains that your business is part of?

9. How useful have vehicles such as Local Enterprise Partnerships, Growth Hubs and other local business support services been strengthening your organisations' resilience? Why?

Academic and research organisations

10. What can the government do to make collaboration between academic and research organisations more effective?

11. Are there areas where the role of research in building national resilience can be expanded?

Community and local resilience:

1. Do you agree that everyone has a part to play in improving the UK's resilience? If not, why not?

2. Do you understand the types of emergencies that might impact you and other members of your community? a. What would help you better understand the risks that could affect your community? b. Do you know where to access information about emergencies that could affect you?

3. Have you considered the actions you might take to prepare for or during an emergency? a. What has motivated you to plan or make preparations? b. What has stopped you from planning or making preparations? c. What would help you to be able to make a plan or prepare?

4. Have recent emergencies (e.g. COVID-19 pandemic, flooding, terrorist attacks) made you think differently about risks or changed the way you prepare for emergencies?

5. Are there any barriers in accessing local volunteering schemes or finding community groups that discuss local emergency planning? If so, what are the barriers?

Investment:

- 1. How does your organisation invest in your approach to the risks outlined in this document? Is your investment focussed on particular stages of the risk lifecycle (for example, on prevention)?**
- 2. Has the COVID-19 pandemic impacted the way your organisation is investing, or will invest, in preparing for these risks? If so, how?**
- 3. Are there models of successful resilience investment? If so, to what extent could they be adopted in the UK?**
- 4. Are there examples of where investment (whether by the government, by businesses or by individuals) has driven improvements in resilience?**

Resilience in an Interconnected World:

- 1. Where do you see the UK's resilience strengths?**
- 2. Are there any approaches taken by other countries to resilience that you think the UK could learn from?**
- 3. Which of the UK's international relationships and programmes do you think are most important to the UK's resilience?**
- 4. What international risks have the greatest impact on UK resilience?**
- 5. How can the UK encourage international partners to build resilience to global risks?**

Your evidence

Please email your responses to this consultation to chris.borg@nalc.gov.uk by 17.00 on Friday 10 September, 2021 along with any examples of local resilience

strategies. County associations are asked to forward this briefing onto all member councils in their area.

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Good afternoon Debbie and Jim

I know it is a year in advance but have either Parish council had any ideas on celebrating the Queens platinum jubilee in June 2022?

The Rotary club of Ripley & Send would be happy to help with any events that you may have planned.

Kind regards
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