

## RIPPLE PARISH COUNCIL

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

### RIPPLE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 23 September 2025 at Ripple Parish Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs. M Peters (Chairman), P Turner, I Davis

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

#### Meeting of Ripplen9\*\*- Parish Council Agenda

<b>23.09.25.1</b>	<b>To note apologies for absence and to confirm meeting is quorate</b> Apologies received from Cllrs M Davis and S Petri, D Cllr J Owenson and C Cllr M Allen. The meeting was declared quorate.
<b>23.09.25.2</b>	<b>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)</b> None
<b>23.09.25.3</b>	<b>To receive declarations of interest on the agenda below (Localism Act 2011)</b> Cllr M Peters declared an interest in item 23.09.25.13a Vine Tree House as it is a neighbouring property
<b>23.09.25.4</b>	<b>To confirm and agree minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15 July 2025</b> <b>COUNCIL APPROVED</b> the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 15 July 2025
<b>23.09.25.5</b>	<b>To receive Clerks Report and agree actions</b> The clerk confirmed that the growth of Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam in the parish had been reported to the police. The new parish council website has been completed and a poster will be sent out to display.
<b>23.09.25.6</b>	<b>To receive County Councillors report and agree actions</b> County Councillors Report was received as per <b>APPENDIX 1</b>
<b>23.09.25.7</b>	<b>To receive District Councillors report and agree actions</b> None
<b>23.09.25.8</b>	<b>Finance, all documents circulated prior to the meeting:</b> a) <b>To approve Payment of September 2025 payment list below and those paid since last meeting, to note receipts and agree actions:</b>

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	<b>Customer</b>	<b>Price</b>
	Clerk Mileage	£6.30
	PATA	£52.35
	Smartcut	£325.00
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	Martin Cullwick	£132
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£840.65</b>
	<p><b>COUNCIL APPROVED</b> payment list totalling £840.65</p> <p><b>b) To approve bank reconciliation up to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025</b>  <b>COUNCIL APPROVED</b> bank reconciliation as per <b>APPENDIX 2</b></p> <p><b>c) To approve budget monitoring report up to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025</b>  <b>COUNCIL APPROVED</b> budget monitoring report as per <b>APPENDIX 3</b></p>	
<b>23.09.25.9</b>	<p><b>To review insurance quotes and agree actions</b>  <b>COUNCIL AGREED</b> to go with Zurich for the last of the 5 year contract</p>	
<b>23.09.25.10</b>	<p><b>To review Parish Council meeting dates</b>  <b>COUNCIL APPROVED</b> parish council meeting dates as per <b>APPENDIX 4</b>  <b>COUNCIL AGREED</b> that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026.</p>	
<b>23.09.25.11</b>	<p><b>To review quotes for the mowing of the recreation ground</b>  <b>COUNCIL AGREED</b> to accept quote from Smart Cut</p>	
<b>23.09.25.12</b>	<p><b>To discuss location of the waste bin to be installed in Ripple</b>  Cllr Peters confirmed it had been agreed that the bin would be installed by the Telegraph pole by the pub. Clerk to find out when the bin will be collected</p>	
<b>23.09.25.13</b>	<p><b>Planning</b></p>	
<b>23.09.25.13a</b>	<p><b>Appeal</b>  <b>Application No.</b> M/25/00124/HP  <b>Location</b> - Vine Tree House Uckinghall Tewkesbury GL20 6ES  <b>Proposal</b> - Garage with stores and home office  <b>COUNCIL AGREED</b> to support the application as highways and the conservation officer had no objections.</p>	
23.09.25.13b	<p><b>Application No.</b> - M/25/01052/HP. Associated Ref:M/25/01053/LB  <b>Location</b> – Elm Tree Cottage, Uckinghall, Tewkesbury, GL20 6EP  <b>Proposal</b> - Repairs to infill panels and timber frame, addition of external door canopy  <b>COUNCIL AGREED</b> they <b>had NO OBJECTION</b> to this application</p>	
23.09.25.13c	<p><b>Application No</b> - M/25/00992/FUL</p>	

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	<p><b>Location</b> - Surmans Farm, Ryall Court Lane, Holly Green, Upton Upon Severn, Worcester, WR8 0PF</p> <p><b>Proposal</b> - Replacement flue for Biomass Boiler</p> <p><b>COUNCIL AGREED</b> they had <b>NO OBJECTION</b> to this application</p>
23.09.25.13d	<p><b>Application No</b> - M/25/00814/CLE</p> <p><b>Location</b> - Additional Former Oil Storage Tanks At, Former Oil Storage Depot, Saxons Lode, Uckinghall</p> <p><b>Proposal</b> - Certificate of Lawfulness of Existing use of land for storage and distribution (Class B8)</p> <p>Council agreed to OBJECT to application. Council believe work has already been done without planning permission. The road network is not designed accommodate lorries. Not suitable for a rural area and on a site where applied for residential properties as well.</p>
23.09.25.14	<p><b>To receive items for the next agenda</b></p> <p>Budget</p> <p>Dead Elms recreation ground</p>
23.09.25.15	<p><b>To Agree date of the next meeting</b> Tuesday November 18th</p>

**Meeting Close 19:46**

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### **APPENDIX 1**

#### **COUNTY COUNCILLOR MARTIN ALLEN**

#### **EMAILED REPORT TO RIPPLE PARISH COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 2025**

Good evening.

#### **COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

##### **COUNTY COUNCIL**

The second Cabinet meeting took place on 15/07/25, the new administration is going to look again at building a new school or instead expanding places in existing High Schools to get us over the bulge which will occur in 2029, after which school numbers will fall.

Also, they are going to look again at County Hall and come up with decision in the Autumn.

##### **RESIGNATION**

A County Councillor from Bromsgrove South has resigned on health reasons. Since being elected for the first time this May, I understand that she did not attend any WCC meetings.

##### **WORCESTERSHIRE ON DEMAND BUS DATA**

From the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2025 until the 27<sup>th</sup> of July 2025 there have been 7208 passengers in our area. This is a huge success.

##### **UNITARY AUTHORITY'S**

At the September County Councils full meeting a motion was passed to instruct Officers to continue with the One Unitary Worcestershire option. I will keep this on my list to remind me to report to you each month. Straying into District Council matters, MHDC also met and voted for the two unitary option.

##### **INFORMATION I HAVE SENT TO YOU**

I have sent you the following emails:

Development of Local Cycling Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIP) for the South Worcestershire areas of Droitwich Spa, Malvern, Pershore and Worcester public engagement

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exercise will be published on our [website](#) with a link to an online survey that features interactive maps for each area, going live from Monday 11 August.

Review of Worcestershire's Public Right of Way Improvement Plan

The questionnaire for the public is online at [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/RoWIPengage](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/RoWIPengage) This questionnaire also closes at midnight on 26th October 2025..

On-street EV ChargePoint's - Resident Engagement

Worcestershire County Council has just published an online engagement tool to let residents suggest where they would like an on-street EV charger.

This is part of their Local Electrical Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) project for which they have received £3.5 funding to start the roll out of public chargepoints for residents that don't have off-street parking.

They have published a mapping tool where people can identify a specific suitable roadside / on-street location where there is limited access to off-street parking.

It does come with the caveat: *"Please note that placing a pin on the map does not guarantee an EV chargepoint will be installed at that location, but helps to build a picture of residents' needs. Sites will then be investigated with our delivery partners to understand viability of each location."*

You can read more about it here: [Electric Vehicle charging | Worcestershire County Council](#)

Or access the map tool directly here: [Help shape Worcestershire's electric vehicle charging network | Worcestershire County Council](#)

## **GULLY PROBLEMS IN NAUNTON DRAINAGE WORK/FLOOD ALLEVIATION #8644**

I have been informed that this has now been completed. I hope it makes a difference.

## **#9262 BUS STOP REQUEST OPPOSITE THE DOCTORS SURGERY**

I have finally had an answer to my request for a bus stop on the southern side of the A4104 opposite the Surgery. Please see Highways reply below, which I have emailed to you.

Hi Martin,

I have had an update on this and they have stated the Surgery already has a stop for WoD, however they have added it to the BSIP programme workbook and will look at a physical stop as part of that. They are just about to go out to Tender for a new bus

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infrastructure contract (hopefully end of this month) and once that is in place they will be looking at various enhancements.

One initial comment was that locating a stop opposite the Medical Centre might be an issue due to road layout, it may have to be located further west of the junction past the uncontrolled crossing point but they will get Road Safety involved before coming to a definite conclusion about that.

Kind regards

Tanya

**VASS UNIT**

I am pleased to hear you have now received the funds from WCC.

**DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS**

There is very little to say apart from to repeat that MHDC have again voted for the two unitary authority solution.

Warmest Regards

Cllr Martin Allen

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**APPENDIX 2**

21 September 2025 (2025-2026)

**Ripple Parish Council**

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name and Role (Clerk/RFO etc)*

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name and Role (RFO/Chair of Finance etc)*

<b>Bank Reconciliation at 31/08/2025</b>			
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2025		28,083.59
	<b>ADD</b> Receipts 01/04/2025 - 31/08/2025		17,285.19
			45,368.78
	<b>SUBTRACT</b> Payments 01/04/2025 - 31/08/2025		12,614.87
<b>A</b>	<b>Cash in Hand 31/08/2025</b> (per Cash Book)		<b>32,753.91</b>
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Petty Cash 31/12/2023	0.00	
	Current Account 31/08/2025	17,284.79	
	Deposit Account 31/08/2025	15,469.12	
			<b>32,753.91</b>
	Less unrepresented payments		
			32,753.91
	Plus unrepresented receipts		
<b>B</b>	<b>Adjusted Bank Balance</b>		<b>32,753.91</b>
	<b>A = B Checks out OK</b>		

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## APPENDIX 3

**Ripple Parish Council**  
**Monthly breakdown of Receipts and Payments**  
All Cost Centres and Codes (Between 01/04/2025 and 31/03/2026)

21 September 2025 (2025-2026)

	Budget	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Variance
<b>PAYMENTS</b>															
<b>Expenditure</b>															
Subscriptions	1,215.00			1,029.93	47.00									1,076.93	138.07
Newsletter/Adverts/Flye															
Donations	223.00														223.00
Insurance	678.00														678.00
Grass Cutting/Trees	3,998.00		325.00	975.00	780.00									2,080.00	1,918.00
Lengthsman	3,016.00		328.10	329.00	329.45	332.15								1,318.70	1,697.30
Chairmans Allowance															
Prof Fees/Audit	258.00														258.00
Clerks Expenses	356.00	5.00	43.60	195.83	23.90	5.00								273.33	82.67
Clerks Salary	11,378.00	953.62	927.62	953.62	953.62	1,069.17								4,857.65	6,520.35
Annual Public Meeting	154.00														154.00
Hall Hire	159.00														159.00
Repairs															
Vehicle Activated Sign															
Recreation Ground Reft															
Tree Survey/Maintenan															
Website	385.00	32.00	16.00		32.00									80.00	305.00
Admin/Training	200.00	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25								21.25	178.75
Clerks Equipment	100.00														100.00
Defib	230.00					165.00								165.00	65.00
BUS															
<b>HANDYMAN</b>															
Waste Bins	250.00		1,460.00											1,460.00	-1,210.00
Recreation Ground	1,692.00														1,692.00
Bench															
Payroll charges				37.35										37.35	-37.35
HMRC	1,400.00														1,400.00
Association Membersh															

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### **APPENDIX 4**

#### **Meeting Dates 2025/26**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Type of Meeting</b>	<b>Comments</b>
November 18th	Ordinary Council Meeting	
January 20th	Ordinary Council Meeting	
March 17th	Ordinary Council Meeting	
April 17th	Annual Parish Meeting	
May 19th	Annual Meeting	