

**RIPPLE PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**RIPPLE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 17 March 2026 at Ripple Parish Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs. M Peters (Chairman), P Turner, I Davis, C Cllr M Allen (Left 19:40)

**Attendees:** Clerk/RFO M Hinde, Tim Armitt and 2 members of the public

**Meeting of Ripple Parish Council Minutes**

<b>17.03.26.1</b>	<b>To note apologies for absence and to confirm meeting is quorate</b>
	Apologies received from Cllr Petri and the meeting was confirmed as quorate
<b>17.03.26.2</b>	<b>To review co-option applications</b>
	<b>COUNCIL AGREED</b> to co-opt Tim Armitt onto the council and he joined the meeting
<b>17.03.26.3</b>	<b>To note Councillor Maggi Davis resignation and to elect a new Vice Chairman</b>
	Council expressed their thanks to Maggi Davis for all of her hardwork on the council.
<b>17.03.26.4</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>
	Resident 1 – asked for any feedback on letter to CEMEX. Cllr Peters advised he had approached CEMEX and was awaiting a response on a time to meet.
<b>17.03.26.5</b>	<b>To receive declarations of interest on the agenda below (Localism Act 2011)</b>
	None
<b>17.03.26.6</b>	<b>To confirm and agree minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>
	<b>COUNCIL APPROVED</b> minutes from the meeting held on 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
<b>17.03.26.7</b>	<b>To receive Clerks Report and agree actions</b>
	Clerks report received as per <b>APPENDIX 1</b> Councillor Peters advised he would try to find out who the landowner was for the hedge on School Lane. Councillor Peters advised he would speak to Cllr Davis to get a further understanding of what is required at the recreation ground.

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<b>17.03.26.8</b>	<b>To receive County Councillors report and agree actions</b>						
	County Councillor Report received as per <b>APPENDIX 2</b>						
<b>17.03.26.9</b>	<b>To receive District Councillors report and agree actions</b>						
	Covered in County Councillor report.						
<b>17.03.26.10</b>	<p><b>Finance, all documents circulated prior to the meeting:</b></p> <p>a) <b>To approve Payment of March 2026 payment list below and those paid since last meeting, to note receipts and agree actions:</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="529 685 1289 808"> <thead> <tr> <th>Customer</th> <th>Price</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Clerk Mileage</td> <td>£6.30</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td><b>£6.30</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>COUNCIL APPROVED</b> payment list as per <b>APPENDIX 3</b></p> <p>b) <b>To approve bank reconciliation up to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b> <b>COUNCIL APPROVED</b> bank reconciliation up to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026 as per <b>APPENDIX 4</b></p> <p>c) <b>To approve budget monitoring report up to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b> <b>COUNCIL APPROVED</b> budget monitoring report as per <b>APPENDIX 5</b></p>	Customer	Price	Clerk Mileage	£6.30	<b>Total</b>	<b>£6.30</b>
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<b>17.03.26.11</b>	<b>To review quotes for replacing the noticeboard at Ryall Road/The Beeches</b>						
	Council agreed to ask the Lengthsman to look at repairing the 3 noticeboards.						
<b>17.03.26.12</b>	<b>To discuss the possibility of making a donation towards churchyard maintenance</b>						
	<b>COUNCIL AGREED</b> to donate £200 towards the churchyard maintenance.						
<b>17.03.26.13</b>	<b>Planning – to discuss the following applications</b>						
<b>17.03.26.13a</b>	<p>Application Number: M/26/00251/FUL. Associated Ref:M/25/01147/FUL</p> <p>Description: Erection of a new single storey CT Scanner facility to adjoin an existing MRI facility on site, extension to an existing single storey stable building, and the erection of a new single storey Isolation Stable building - (Variation of condition 2 of planning permission M/25/01147/FUL)</p> <p>Location: Three Counties Equine Hospital Llp, Stratford Bridge, Ripple, GL20 6HE</p>						
	Council had <b>NO OBJECTION</b> to the above application						
<b>17.03.26.13b</b>	<p>Application Number: M/25/01848/FUL Amendment</p> <p>Description: Change of Use of existing buildings (units 1-8): - units 1, 3(a &amp; b), 4 &amp; 8 for Class E(g) (Business) use, units 7 for Class B2 (General Industrial) use; units 2, 5 &amp; 6 for Class B8 (storage and</p>						

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	<b>distribution) use (Retrospective) and construction of new parking areas</b> <b>Location: Ryall Court Farm, Ryall Court Lane, Holly Green, Upton Upon Severn, Worcester, WR8 0PF</b>
	Council had <b>NO OBJECTION</b> to the above application
<b>17.03.26.14</b>	<b>To receive items for the next agenda</b>
<b>17.03.26.15</b>	<b>To Agree date of the next meeting</b>

**Meeting Close 20:05**

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### **APPENDIX 1**

Clerks Report March 26

The lengthsman has had a look at the hedge in School Lane. He has advised that he would need to speak to the landowner before he can do anything about it.

The VAT refund has come through for £1653

All invitations to the Annual Parish Meeting have been sent. WI have confirmed for the buffet. Speakers confirmed so far are the WI, Church and Martin

Before her resignation Cllr Davis advised that advice should be taken before the recreation ground is cut. Who will take control of this now that Cllr Davis has left the council?

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**APPENDIX 2**

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR MARTIN ALLEN**

**REPORT TO RIPPLE PARISH COUNCIL MARCH 2026**

Good evening.

**COUNCIL TAX AND FINANCES**

The government have allowed WCC to increase the council tax by an additional 4%, so a maximum of 9% all together. I voted against the increase of 8.98% which was passed by a handful of votes at the February meeting. Both the LibDems and Labour were not in chamber to vote either way, thus allowing Reform a free hand.

Also in February, MHDC passed a zero percent increase, I voted in favour of that motion which saves you £5.00.

**DEMENTIA CAFÉ**

A new dementia café has started, based in Upton's Rugby Club, it meets every other Tuesday morning from 1030 – 1200, last month I was invited to attend with Upton's Town Councillor Rebecca Rollinson, we were really pleased to see how many people attended, there were games, laughter and I was really pleased I went.

If you would like any other information, please contact Deb Ashwell of Ashwell Home Care Services by either telephoning 01684 778750 or by email

[info@ashwellhomecareservices.co.uk](mailto:info@ashwellhomecareservices.co.uk)

**MINERAL EXTRACTION MOTION 200M BUFFER ZONE**

At our last parish council meeting, I explained that I was submitting a motion to be discussed at the next County Council meeting. On 16.02.26 I forwarded you

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the email from the senior legal officer that I would not be allowed to submit my motion.

It stated that a full public consultation would need to take place, this would take 30 months, plus if a buffer zone as I proposed was passed, the Planning Inspector would refuse the change.

**ROAD CLOSURE FURROW CLOSE**

From 15/04/26 to 08/05/26 Furrow Close will be closed due to construction work.

I was concerned about residents accessing their homes and also how emergency vehicles would gain access. I sent you the email below on 13.02.26 with Highways answers.

Good morning Martin,

I have just had a look on One.network and works will take place 09:30 – 16:00 weekdays only (and likely to finish before 16:00 but that is not official) and the area will be plated and the road opened when no work is taking place.

As always, they will allow access to emergency services by using plates over any excavation.

Please let me know if you require any further information.

Kind regards,

**Tanya Crake**

County Highways Liaison Officer

**#10540 A38 NEW PATCH AND DROPPED DRAIN REPORTED BY RESIDENT  
24.11.25 opp the layby.**

This has now been rectified.

**RYALL ROAD FOOTWAY AND MAIN ROAD THE GROVE REFURBISHED**

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I was really pleased to see that my pushing has finally paid off and that the worse parts of the Ryall Road pavement and the Main Road in The Grove have both been refurbished. What was especially pleasing that residents contacted me to say how polite and helpful the workforce had been.

**MEETING ON 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH AT 1200 TO DISCUSS DRAINAGE ISSUES IN UCKINGHALL**

I have organised a meeting with local residents and Highways to discuss the pooling water in Uckinghall. You may remember I asked you a couple of years ago if you could speak to local residents to see if one of them would let Highways run a pipe through their garden.

**DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS**

**DISTRICT COUNCIL TAX**

As I mentioned earlier, MHDC has not increased its council tax share this year, I voted for this proposal.

**POOR PLANNING DECISION BY PLANNING INSPECTOR**

I was sorry to see that the planning inspector went against MHDC planning decision for

M/25/01517/PIP 9 dwellings, including one self-build on land adjacent to Ryall Chase, Holly Green.

**SWDPR**

I am pleased to let you know that before the end of the month the SWDPR will have been accepted once all three district councils, Malvern, Wychavon and Worcester approve the final version. This will give us a 5-year land supply with a 5% buffer. In June this year, the next revised plan will need to have been started.

Warmest Regards

Cllr Martin Allen

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### APPENDIX 3

#### Payment List 17.03.26

#### Payment Made since 01.01.26

Three	6
Lengthsman	329.9
PKF Littlejohn	252
Clerk Salary	977.22
Bank Charge	4.25
Clerk Mileage	6.3
Poppy Wreath	20
Ripple Parish Hall	180
Smart Cut	420
Lengthsman	330.8
Ionos	49.2
Three	6
Clerk Salary	977.02
Bank Charge	4.25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3562.94</b>

#### RECEIPTS SINCE 01.01.26

Worcester County Council	658.9
Worcester County Council	329.9
Ionos	16.73
HMRC VAT Refund	1,653
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2658.33</b>

#### PAYMENTS TO AUTHORISE

Clerk Mileage	£6.30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£6.30</b>

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**APPENDIX 4**

13 March 2026 (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 28/02/2026</b>			
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2025		28,083.59
	<b>ADD</b> Receipts 01/04/2025 - 28/02/2026		38,521.89
			66,605.48
	<b>SUBTRACT</b> Payments 01/04/2025 - 28/02/2026		25,487.10
<b>A</b>	<b>Cash in Hand 28/02/2026</b> (per Cash Book)		<b>41,118.38</b>
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Petty Cash 31/12/2023	0.00	
	Current Account 28/02/2026	20,595.59	
	Deposit Account 28/02/2026	20,522.79	
			<b>41,118.38</b>
	Less unrepresented payments		
			41,118.38
	Plus unrepresented receipts		
<b>B</b>	<b>Adjusted Bank Balance</b>		<b>41,118.38</b>
	<b>A = B Checks out OK</b>		

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## APPENDIX 5

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

14 March 2026 (2025-2026)

	Budget	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	
<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										20.00			20.00	203.00
Insurance	678.00							681.46						681.46	-3.46
Grass Cutting/Trees	3,998.00		325.00	975.00	780.00			2,275.00			350.00			4,705.00	-707.00
Lengthsman	3,016.00		328.10	329.00	329.45	332.15	327.65		658.90		660.70			2,965.95	50.05
Chairmans Allowance															
Prof Fees/Audit	259.00										210.00			210.00	49.00
Clerks Expenses	356.00	5.00	43.60	195.83	23.90	5.00	5.00	11.30	31.00	31.00	11.30	31.00		393.93	-37.93
Clerks Salary	11,378.00	953.62	927.62	953.62	953.62	1,069.17	977.02	977.22	951.02	951.02	977.22	951.02		10,642.17	735.83
Annual Public Meeting	154.00								80.00					80.00	74.00
Hall Hire	159.00										180.00			180.00	-21.00
Repairs															
Vehicle Activated Sign															
Recreation Ground Ref.															
Tree Survey/Maintenan															
Website	385.00	32.00	16.00		32.00		16.00	32.00		442.00	49.20			619.20	-234.20
Admin/Training	200.00	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25		46.75	153.25
Clerks Equipment	100.00														100.00
Defib	230.00					165.00				165.00				330.00	-100.00
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				52.35		37.35				127.05	-127.05
HMRC	1,400.00														1,400.00
Association Membersh															