



## Ripley Parish Council

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### MINUTES OF RIPLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2011 AT 7.30PM AT RIPLEY VILLAGE ANNEX.

**Present:** Cllr Jennie Cliff (Chairman)  
 Cllr Mike Baker  
 Cllr Vernon Wood  
 Cllr Colin Cross

Alison Jones Clerk of the Council

**Also present:** 2 members of the public

**Apologies:** Cllr Lisanne Mealing

#### 199/10 STATEMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

Prior to the commencement of the formal meeting, members of the public were invited to speak. The following comments were received:

a) A local resident reported that 2 parents from Ripley had asked a question about secondary school transfer at the SCC Local Committee meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March and felt that they had not been heard properly. Surrey County Council had bowed to pressure from Guildford parents so that Ripley children would not be given priority in 2012 and had written justifying their actions. Ripley C of E Primary School had not applied to be a feeder school for George Abbot School. A rural partnership of villages experiencing difficulties might be the best way forward.

#### 200/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from Councillor Lisanne Mealing were received and accepted.

#### 201/10 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Councillor Jennie Cliff declared a personal interest in Item 15 Allotments: Cllr Cliff's husband is an allotment holder.  
 Councillor Colin Cross declared a personal interest in Item 12 Parking on the Green: Cllr Cross lives on the Green.

#### 202/10 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2011

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2011 were received, confirmed and signed as a true and correct record by the Chairman, Councillor Jennie Cliff.

#### 203/10 PARISH CLERK'S REPORT

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

- Parish Council elections 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011 - Nomination papers are now available
- Clerks Networking Day 9<sup>th</sup> March
- Repairs to the playground gate

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- Clerk's appraisal is now due
- Clean up day preparations
- An update on White Hart Court
- Guildford Borough Council consultations on Community involvement until 2<sup>nd</sup> June
- Surrey County Council consultation on Decluttering the highways

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

#### 204/10 CORRESPONDENCE

a) a letter from a local resident drawing attention to the state of the footpath on Newark lane between Polesden lane and Homewood Farm. (Copy attached to record minutes).

It was **RESOLVED: That Surrey County Council and Guildford Borough Council be kept aware of the ongoing problems with this section of the footpath on Newark Lane.**

#### 205/10 BROADBAND SURVEY

The Parish Clerk reported that 105 responses so far had indicated a willingness to change broadband provider although cost will be a major factor in the decision. 8 of these responses are from businesses and 6 from outside the parish. At least 100 private individuals and 20 businesses will need to commit to the wireless scheme to make it viable.

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

#### 206/10 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Members received and considered the draft minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2011. (Copy attached to record minutes). A presentation on the work of a parish councillor and how to stand for election in May 2011 had been included on the agenda.

It was **RESOLVED: That the draft minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March be noted.**

#### 207/10 LOCALISM BILL

Members received and considered an update from the Parish Clerk on the Localism Bill and its likely impact upon the work of the Parish Council. (Copy attached to record minutes). The main points of interest are:

- The General Power of Competence
- Abolition of the Standards Board
- Community Right to Challenge
- Community Right to Buy
- Right to veto excessive tax rises
- Neighbourhood Planning
- Community Right to Build

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

#### 208/10 SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Members received and considered a report from Cllr Cliff on a meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March to inform parents of the issues surrounding secondary school admissions. (Copy attached to record minutes). She also reported on the visit by two parents to the Surrey County Council Local Committee meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> March to raise the issue of secondary school transfer in the public question time.

It was **RESOLVED: That a letter be sent to the Chairman of the Local Committee expressing the disquiet of the Council at the behaviour of one of the Local Committee members towards the parents from Ripley.**

**209/10** FOOTBALL CLUB – PROPOSED NEW PITCH

The Parish Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Ripley Village Football Club. It expressed their thanks for the help the Parish Council has given to their project to upgrade their pitch but relocating the pitch was not going to be sufficient to enable them to move through the football leagues so they will be considering other alternatives. (Copy attached to record minutes).

It was **RESOLVED: That the letter from the Ripley Village Football Club be noted.**

**210/10** VILLAGE GATEWAY SIGNS

The Parish Clerk informed members that Andrew Porter of Surrey County Council Highways was continuing to chase the contractor to complete the work on the Village Gateway signs to the agreed specification. The invoice had been received so the grant aid contribution from Guildford Borough Council could be claimed before the deadline at the end of March.

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

**211/10** PARKING ON THE GREEN

Members received and considered the notes and action points arising from the informal meeting with Jackie Edwards from Surrey County Council held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 3.45pm. (Copy attached to record minutes). 200sq metres was the maximum area that Surrey County Council could apply to be deregistered as Green in order to allow extra parking.

It was **RESOLVED: That a working group be arranged for Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00pm at Durslea to consider the action points arising from the meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> February regarding parking areas on the Green.**

**212/10** PLANNING GROUP

Members received and considered the minutes from the planning meeting held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February and Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2011. (Copies attached to record minutes).

It was **RESOLVED: That the minutes of the planning group held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February and Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March be noted.**

**213/10** ENVIRONMENT GROUP – THE GREEN

Members received and considered a report from the Parish Clerk on various ongoing matters (copy attached to record minutes) including:

- Repairs to benches
- Potholes
- Posts and rails
- Millennium sign post
- Permission request from Kate Staples Ltd for 2 evening fitness classes after Easter

It was **RESOLVED: That**

**a) the repairs to an additional bench opposite the playground car park (in memory of Mrs Jane Murray) be approved;**

**b) the maintenance work on the Millennium sign be approved;**

**c) the old timbers on the repaired benches be cleaned and treated with preservative;**

**d) permission be granted to Kate Staples Training Ltd for 2 further evening classes on the Green after Easter at a cost of £15 per hour;**

**e) the Football Club be asked to remove the concrete remains of the former goal post supports.**

**214/10** ALLOTMENTS GROUP

Members received and considered a report from the Parish Clerk which confirmed that the new sign was in place and that the allotments accounts had been sent out. T. Sapsford had offered to carry out maintenance work on the track which was rutted at a cost of £170. (Copy attached to record minutes).

It was **RESOLVED: That**

- a) the offer to improve the ruts in the track allotments at a cost of £170 be approved;**
- b) cutting back of the bamboo near the entrance to the allotments be approved to improve the sightlines from the gate.**

#### **215/10** FINANCE GROUP

Members received and considered a report on the repair of potholes along the track from the Milk Road towards Acacia Villas. A local resident had volunteered to organize the work. The cost of materials was £131.04.

**It was RESOLVED: That the purchase of the materials to repair the potholes along the track from the Milk Road at a cost of £131.04 be approved.**

#### **216/10** SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Members received and noted a summary of receipts and payments tabled at the meeting for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> February to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2011. (Copy attached to the record minutes).

**It was RESOLVED: That the summary of receipts and payments tabled at the meeting for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> February to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2011 be received and noted.**

#### **217/10** SCHEDULE OF CHEQUES FOR APPROVAL

The following cheques were presented by the Parish Clerk for authorisation and signing:

Cheque number	Payee details	Gross £	VAT
100737	Alison Jones – February salary		
100738	Allotment sign	42.00	7.00
100739	Binding of minute books	200.00	
100740	Materials for potholes on the Green	131.04	
100741	Materials for repair of benches on the Green	99.00	
100742	Petty cash	100.00	
100743	RVH- Rent and room hire	606.00	
100744	Repair to mower	66.55	11.09
100745	GBC - Christmas lights erection	7314.00	1219.00
100746	GBC- White Hart Court rent	362.50	
100747	GBC- Burial ground rates	42.73	
100748	Overflow car park gate	720.00	120.00
100749	Donation - Use of Church Room	20.00	
100750	Clerks mileage November to March	117.38	
100751	Feb-March maintenance	610.55	

Accordingly the above cheques for payment were approved and signed.

#### **218/10** ITEMS TO NOTE FOR INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA OF A FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

None.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Date:

Chairman

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