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**RIPPONDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**held on**

**21st March 2024**

Ripponden Parish Council - Full Council Meeting

The 1,250th Meeting of Ripponden Parish Council held on Thursday 21 March 2024.

Location: Ryburn Utd Football Club, Ripponden.

Start time: 19:15

Present: Cllr A Naylor (Chair), Cllr P. Hunt, Cllr A Greenwood, Cllr C Johnson, Cllr C Green, Cllr J Crossley, Cllr G Whitworth, Cllr J Matthews, Cllr G Potts, Cllr G Carter.

Absent: Cllr K Naylor

Lateness: Cllr R Thornber

MINUTES

1. Reminder by the Chairman of the expectations for audio or visual recording of the meeting.

Noted.

1. To note apologies for absence and lateness.

These were noted from Cllr K Naylor (absent) and Cllr R Thornber (lateness).

1. Public Participation.

None.

1. To accept the minutes of the 1249th meeting held on Thursday 7th March 2024.

**19036 RESOLVED** to accept the minutes as a lawful record of the meeting held on Thursday 7 March 2024. Proposed by Cllr C Green, seconded by Cllr G Whitworth.

1. To receive Parish Councillors’ declarations of interest.

None.

1. To receive information on any on-going items identified in these and previous minutes and decide further action where necessary.

Cllr Hunt raised the subject of maintenance and upkeep of the milestones in the Ripponden Parish, further to Cllr Whitworth’s enquiry about wishing to undertake some paint improvements.

**19037 RESOLVED** for Cllr Hunt to contact Andrew Pitts asking for confirmation over responsibility regarding the milestones.

Cllr Hunt updated the meeting about the work undertaken by him and Cllr Whitworth regarding moving the parish council property held in storage from a 200sq ft unit to a 35sq ft unit within the same storage facility at a substantial saving to the precept payer.

1. To receive reports from the Chairman, Committees, Councillors and Outside Bodies by Council Representatives.

Cllr Greenwood noted that the council has not renewed its annual subscription to the SLCC.

Following a zoom meeting with the Internal Auditor, a report will be presented to council in May concerning the asset registry.

Accounts will come to the next full council.

Cllr Greenwood noted that the annual report in final draft form will come to the next full council for approval.

**19038 RESOLVED** to approve the final draft of the garden competition flyer for print. Proposed by Cllr A Naylor, seconded by Cllr C Green.

Cllr Johnson noted concerns regarding the lack of accreditation of the Parish Council’s donation to the Ryburn Football Club on their boards.

**19039 RESOLVED** that Cllr A Naylor (Chair) would contact the club to enquire. Proposed by Cllr C Johnson, seconded by Cllr G Carter.

Cllr Johnson noted that he had raised the flag for Commonwealth Day.

Cllr Crossley gave a Safer Cleaner Greener update and that Rochdale Road is to be on the Safer Roads Project.

She noted that the planter near JLA is at ‘end of life’.

Cllr Green discussed problems caused by parking around the Jct 22 slip road of the motorway and the associated litter issues. Cllr Crossley will raise this at SCG.

[Cllr Thornber joined the meeting: 19:44]

Cllr G Carter gave an update about markets and what is happening in the area in the coming year. Cllr Greenwood floated the idea of a midsummer fun run.

Cllr Potts reported he had contacted the Community Protection team about fly tipping into the river by Bongo Spares.

**19040 RESOLVED** to exclude press and public. Proposed by Cllr A Naylor, seconded by Cllr G Carter.

**19041 RESOLVED** to re-admit press and public. Proposed by Cllr Greenwood, seconded by Cllr Whitworth.

1. To receive reports from Calderdale Councillors who represent Ryburn Ward.

Cllr Thornber reported on local planning issues and gave an incinerator application update.

1. To agree accounts for payment and note payments made.

**19042 RESOLVED** to accept the accounts for payment. Proposed by Cllr Greenwood, seconded by Cllr Carter.

Accounts accepted for payment:

* Cllr JC to reimburse for the paint for the Rochdale Road telephone box: £58.44

To note (in advance of the financial year end)

* Instantprint for the garden competition flyers: £27.07 (Env2023-24-11)
* Vodafone: £14
* Bank charges: £7.

1. To discuss the insurance Policy with Zurich and authorise payment for £943.88.

**RESOLVED 19043** to authorise the payment for the Zurich Insurance Policy. Proposed by Cllr A Greenwood, seconded by Cllr J Matthews.

1. To discuss progress of CCTV:
2. To discuss and authorise the creation of an earmarked reserve of £6500 for the Ripponden CCTV camera from the projected underspend of the financial year 2023-24.
3. To purchase a CCTV camera for no more than £6500.
4. To authorise the CCTV annual running cost of no more than £1000.
5. To revoke the commitment to spend £10,000 of the capital reserves on the CCTV camera for Ripponden, and for that money to be reallocated to uncommitted capital reserves.

Cllr Johnson and Cllr Potts updated the meeting on enquiries and specification details regarding CCTV. They reported that running costs have been negotiated down to zero with CMBC.

**RESOLVED 19044** to agree to the proposals in relation to 11a, 11b and 11d. Proposed by Cllr Johnson, seconded by Cllr Potts.

**RESOLVED 19045** for Facebook updates to be handled by Cllrs Potts and Whitworth. Proposed by Cllr Greenwood, seconded by Cllr Hunt.

1. To receive on going report about Rishworth War Memorial and discuss quotations for work.

Cllr Carter reported that she is still waiting for Andrew Pitts to make contact.

1. To discuss any updates on the CAT of Ripponden Library.

Cllr A Naylor gave an update on the recent meeting he had with CMBC officers. CMBC want a revised business plan approving and re-submitting. After this, it would go to their legal department.

**RESOLVED 19046** for Cllrs A Naylor and Johnson to continue progressing this matter with CMBC.

1. To discuss Christmas Lights and the purchase of replacements (budget of £12,000).

Cllr A Naylor gave an update about the size specifications of decorations and his enquiries with Dave Proctor. Barkisland lights for Christmas 2024 are covered and Soyland’s posts are fit to hold lights.

**RESOLVED 19047** for Cllr A Naylor to conduct the purchase of replacement Christmas lights for the Parish in co-operation with Cllr Crossley, using the company ‘Blachere’. Proposed by Cllr Greenwood, seconded by Cllr Whitworth.

1. To receive Correspondence

Information only

Invitations

Correspondence received after the agenda went out

Cllr Carter updated the meeting about correspondence received in relation to an official offer of a free picture of HM King Charles.

**RESOLVED 19048** to order a copy. Proposed by Cllr Thornber, seconded by Cllr Carter.

1. To consider any updates regarding premises for use as a storage facility and office for the Parish Council including any update on the current storage facility.
2. To discuss Planning Applications

[**Replacement guttering and downpipes (Listed Building Consent)**](https://portal.calderdale.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=S9TRSKDW0SJ00&prevPage=inTray)

Planning Application

Great House Farm Great House Lane Ripponden Sowerby Bridge Calderdale HX6 4LQ

Ref. No: 24/00088/LBC | Received: Mon 04 Mar 2024 | Validated: Wed 06 Mar 2024 | Status: Pending Consideration

**RESOLVED 19049: no objection.**

[**Single storey rear extension**](https://portal.calderdale.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=S9GPCUDWM5G00&prevPage=inTray)

Planning Application

Far Hanging Stones Barn Hanging Stones Lane Ripponden Sowerby Bridge Calderdale HX6 4JJ

Ref. No: 24/00177/HSE | Received: Mon 26 Feb 2024 | Validated: Wed 06 Mar 2024 | Status: Pending Consideration

**RESOLVED 19050: no objection.**

[**Conversion of an adjoining existing barn, to provide additional living accommodation.**](https://portal.calderdale.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=S7NXKUDWJR200&prevPage=inTray)

Planning Application

Weather Hill Wicking Lane Soyland Sowerby Bridge Calderdale HX6 4NR

Ref. No: 24/00055/FUL | Received: Mon 22 Jan 2024 | Validated: Thu 07 Mar 2024 | Status: Pending Consideration

**RESOLVED 19051: to** object to this application on the grounds of over-intensive land use and that the plans are too dominant a development adjacent to a listed building.

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Planning Application

Weather Hill Wicking Lane Soyland Sowerby Bridge Calderdale HX6 4NR

Ref. No: 24/00056/LBC | Received: Mon 22 Jan 2024 | Validated: Thu 07 Mar 2024 | Status: Pending Consideration

**RESOLVED 19052:** to object to this application on the grounds of over-intensive land use and that the plans are too dominant a development adjacent to a listed building.

1. To discuss CROWS grants.

**RESOLVED 19053** to agree to pay £500 using S.43 of the Highways Act in the new Parish Council year 2024/2025 and for this to go on the next agenda in April. Proposed by Cllr Johnson, seconded by Cllr Potts.

1. To discuss the appointment of Parish Council Staff.

The meeting agreed that staffing can be looked at after accommodation has been arranged.

The meeting concluded at 21:30