

The 1130<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Ripponden Parish Council held in the Ripponden Parish Council Office on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 7.15pm.

**Councillors Present:** - Cllr Naylor chaired the meeting.

Cllr Hunt, Cllr McCarley, Cllr Moran, Cllr Potts, Cllr Russell, Cllr J Smith, Cllr M Smith, Cllr Watson

### 1. To accept apologies for absence and lateness

Absence – Cllr Carter, Cllr Johnson, Cllr Robins

### 2. To accept the Minutes of the 1129<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017

**Page 6118** Agenda item 6, paragraph 9 – remove ‘perhaps’

**16792 Resolved in a motion** by Cllr McCarley and seconded by Cllr Russell that after the above amendment the Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of the Meeting held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

### 3. To receive information on any on-going items identified in these and previous Minutes and decide further action where necessary

#### 3.1. To discuss the Parish Council's Computer system back-up

The Clerk reported that she had contacted Dringtech on the recommendation of Todmorden and Hebden Royd Town Councils. A consultation meeting had been arranged with Mr Dring for Friday morning to discuss the Parish Council's requirements. It was agreed that this matter should be an agenda item at the next meeting to progress and approve any expenditure.

#### 3.2. To agree a List of question to put to Chief Inspector Crossley

The Meeting agreed that the following list of questions should be put to Chief Inspector Crossley:

- What additional resource is to be put into combating the increase in anti-social behaviour and low - level vandalism in the parish area?
- What response time can the public expect to 999 calls now that the decision has been taken to permanently close Sowerby Bridge police station?
- What action is to be taken to reduce speeding vehicles, in particular on Oldham Road, near Rishworth School; Halifax Road especially near the school and Kebroyd; Elland Road and Rochdale Road?
- What action is being taken to reduce inconsiderate parking especially on Rochdale Road and Halifax Road near the pedestrian island/JLA.
- Are there any plans to improve policing of the traffic lights through the village especially when the motorway is closed?
- What plans are there for local accommodation for the PCSO's and PC's to provide a visible presence in the area and restroom?

#### 3.3. To discuss a Donation to the Riverside Café for the purchase of equipment

Cllr Potts provided an update on the setting up of the Riverside café and advised that the group had very limited funds to replenish crafts & activities. The group was also looking to purchase a banner to publicise the café. Plans have been agreed to split the café off from the church setting up its own constitution and bank account, at which stage the group would be able to apply for

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section 137 grants. The Meeting agreed that in the interim a small donation to the group would be appropriate.

**16793 Resolved in a motion** by Cllr Hunt and seconded by Cllr McCarley that the Parish Council provides a donation of £150 to the Riverside café for the purchase of a banner and craft activities.

**The Clerk reported that:**

An email had been received from the Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Kirsten Fusing regarding the state at the back of the Blue Bridge Indian Restaurant on Oldham Road following concerns raised by residents. The issue had been referred to Building Control for inspection and now been deemed safe.

An e-mail reply had also been received from Calderdale Council's Planning Services concerning the Milestone on Elland Road. The officer advised that whilst the Milestone was grade II listed the Council had no objection to the stone being repainted by the Parish Council and would not need planning permission since the stone was listed as painted. Cllr Naylor agreed to make enquiries to get a quote for the repainting of the Milestone.

The Clerk advised that an e-mail acknowledgment had been received from Highways confirming that they would progress the installation of a 'Welcome to Ripponden' sign near Slitheroe Bridge.

An email had been received from a resident attaching a response from Calderdale Council regarding repositioning the sign for Upper Brig Royd at the Halifax Road junction, in order to reinforce the fact that the road is a no through road. The officer confirmed that the sign was to be re-sited.

**Cllr Russell** reminded the Meeting that the marble memorial stone from Krumlin Graveyard was still stored in her garage. It was very green and in need of a clean. The Meeting agreed that Cllr Russell should contact BD Brooks on behalf of the Parish Council to seek advice.

**Cllr Hunt** informed the Meeting that he had now provided the Clerk with photographs of the damaged wall at Rishworth New Road.

**Cllr Naylor** reported that HGV's were frequently using Ripponden Old Lane even though there were signs visible advising of the lanes unsuitability. Cllr Naylor agreed to take some photographs and pass them to the Clerk for the matter to be reported to Calderdale Council and to enquire if the signs needed re-locating to be more visible or cleaned.

**4. To receive Parish Councillors declarations of Interest**

Cllr Potts and Cllr Hunt on planning applications under Agenda item 11.

**5. Public Participation**

None present

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

**The Clerk reported that:**

A remittance advice had been received from Groundwork UK totalling £3000 being the balance for the grant from Tesco's Bags of Help. The sum was now in the Parish Council's bank account.

An email had been received from a Dr Larkin of Birkbeck History Department, University of London requesting information about the 'Pennine Farm Museum' Ripponden. Cllr Watson had provided a comprehensive history and Dr Larkin thanked him for his assistance, which had been very helpful.

The Clerk informed the Meeting that an email had been received from Calderdale Council looking to erect some display boards to publicise the consultation on the Local Plan, between 11/12 July to 20/21 July. The Clerk had confirmed that the office window could be used for two weeks after Yorkshire in Bloom judging on 13<sup>th</sup> July.

The Clerk reported that an email had been received from the practise manager at Brig Royd Surgery raising concerns about recent illegal parking outside the practise which had prevented an ambulance from accessing the turning into Hirstwood when on emergency call out. A subsequent exchange of emails with Calderdale Council established that the TRO for Ripponden should begin implementation within the next 2 months.

The Clerk advised that Cllr Watson had received a letter from concerned residents regarding vandalism/damage to a wall and burnt debris, on the footpath by the old railway line in Ripponden. The Clerk confirmed that the matter had been passed on to Calderdale Council together with photographs that Cllr Watson had taken. The resident had also been e-mailed to confirm the action taken.

**Cllr McCarley** reported that he had spoken with Hi Tech Security regarding the alarm system and that a new quote was to be provided in time for the next Building Committee meeting. He also advised that he had attended the recent Ward Forum meeting and provided a review of the main points, namely fly tipping, the relocation of the Triangle War Memorial, crime figures, and anti-social behaviour of school children.

**Cllr Potts** reported that he had received confirmation that work on listing Rishworth War Memorial had commenced. He also advised that his key for the notice board at Rishworth no longer worked and that the cabinet was in need of refurbishment. The bridge on the footpath that runs at the side of Rishworth Mill and along the river had collapsed, Cllr Potts agreed to contact the owner to ask if repairs can be undertaken.

**Cllr Potts** reviewed the Dementia Friendly Steering group meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June the main points being the progress of Barkisland Old Peoples Welfare Committee and Riverside café, further training sessions, sharing of contact details and ideas.

**Cllr Russell** reported that she had attended the Barkisland Neighbourhood Planning workshop, which sadly had not been supported by residents. She had however gone out into the village and the Cricket Clubhouse to encourage people to take the survey. Cllr Russell had also attended Barkisland Summer Fete and handed out flyers and business cards. Cllr Potts confirmed that there had now been another 10 on-line submissions.

**Cllr Russell** informed the meeting that Ryburn United had been unsuccessful in their application for the Community Sports & Recreational awards.

**Cllr J Smith** reported that she had attended the St Bartholomew's Church Afternoon Tea and presented her charity cheque to the Brownies. Ripponden in Bloom had been awarded £400 from the Ward Forum grants and she had swept up broken glass in the Mill Fold Children's play

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area. She advised that the impact carpet looked as if it had bubbled up under the older children swings and asked the Clerk to report it to Calderdale Council. Sadly yet another barrel had been damaged over the weekend, Ripponden in Bloom reported this to the police and obtained a crime number. Cllr J Smith also complimented the Environment Committee for matching up its planting colours with those of Ripponden in Bloom.

**Cllr Moran** asked if any Councillor knew why Royd Lane had been closed this week? No Councillor knew the reason. She also reported that the group refurbishing the telephone box on Rochdale Road had now set up a Facebook page.

**Cllr Watson** informed the Meeting that the next Building Committee meeting date was 5<sup>th</sup> July and any Councillor was welcome to attend. He also reported that he had attended the Neighbourhood Planning workshop at Barkisland where he had had a lengthy conversation with the consultant about Calderdale Council's forthcoming consultation on the Local Plan. He felt that it would be beneficial if the Parish Council had a separate meeting to discuss its response to the Local Plan. He also reported that he had been canvassing local residents to encourage them to take the neighbourhood plan survey.

**Cllr M Smith** reported that Dr Smales, the consultant was happy to attend a Parish Council meeting to highlight the main points of the Local Plan.

**Cllr Naylor** reported that he had authorised an extension for flying the Union flag at half-mast to include the National Minutes silence, which together with his Consort and the Clerk, he had observed at the Memorial garden. He also advised that together with his Consort, he had attended the Barkisland Old Peoples Welfare, Annual tea and the Afternoon Tea at St Bartholomew's Church.

**7. To receive reports from Calderdale Councillors who represent Ryburn Ward**

None present

**8. To agree accounts for payment**

**16794 Resolved in a motion** by Cllr Watson and seconded by Cllr Moran that the accounts listed on the schedule with a total value of £2,858.32 be passed for payment.

**9. To receive correspondence**

**Correspondence**

Ripponden Children's Day  
Yorkshire Internal Audit

Thank you for grant  
Completion of Audit

**Information**

Benbow Group  
Calderdale Council  
North Bank Forum  
War Memorials Trust  
YLCA

Link to Air Quality Survey  
Drop-in event 'Flood Risk Reduction Scheme'  
Sector Support Update – 15<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017  
Donation request  
Joint Annual Meeting Agenda & Report 15<sup>th</sup> July 2017

**9. To receive correspondence (continued)****Agendas**

29/06/2017	Place Scrutiny Board
04/07/2017	Planning Committee
05/07/2017	Strategy & Performance Scrutiny Board

**Matters arising from correspondence**

Councillors reported that the Ripponden Childrens Day had been very well attended and an extremely good day.

Cllr J Smith thanked the Clerk for the smooth running of the year-end accounts and Internal Audit.

**16795 Resolved in a motion** by Cllr J Smith and seconded by Cllr Potts that Cllr Watson attends the Flood Risk Reductions Scheme event on behalf of the Parish Council and report back at the next meeting.

**10. To discuss the Civic Dinner**

The Chairman advised the Meeting that a request had been received from Cllr Johnson to hold this matter over to the next meeting to allow him to attend and put forward his view.

Cllr M Smith was of the opinion that the Civic Dinner should be discussed at this meeting and as such the Chairman put the matter to the vote. 3 voted in favour, 3 against 2 abstained. The Chairman used his casting vote in favour of the matter being discussed at this meeting.

Cllr Moran who had requested the Agenda item was asked to provide details of her reasons and the discussion was then opened up to other Councillors.

It was agreed that the future of the Civic Dinner should be an Agenda item at the meeting to be held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2017. In the interim the Civic Dinner Committee was asked to arrange a meeting to discuss alternatives and report back to Full Council on 27<sup>th</sup> July.

**11. To discuss Planning Applications, to receive Planning Decisions and to discuss Planning and Enforcement Issues****11.1. Planning Applications & Decisions****New Plans for this meeting****Application No: 17/20077/TPO**

Case Officer: Keith Grady  
 Site: Land East Of Clarehill Coach Road Ripponden  
 Proposal: Prune one tree (Tree Preservation Order)  
 Applicant: Mr C Smith  
 History: 07/20158/TPO Prune one tree – consent  
 Main Issues: Visual amenity, Smoke control area; bat alert, green belt

**RPC Comments:**

**16796 Resolved in a motion** by Cllr J Smith and seconded by Cllr McCarley that the Parish Council has no objections to this application subject to the Planning Officer being satisfied that it is good arboricultural practise.

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**Application No: 17/00642/FUL**

Case Officer: Sara Johnson  
 Site: St John's C of E Primary School, Rishworth  
 Proposal: Demolition of the existing modular building and construction of replacement modular building  
 Applicant: St John's C of E Primary School, Rishworth  
 History: 92/20009/TPO - Pruning to trees - Grant Consent; 06/00693/FUL – Replacement of existing modular building - Permit; 07/01837/FUL – Covered outdoor decked area – Permit; 07/01856/FUL – Modular building storage extension to existing unit - Permit; 08/00453/FUL - External canopy – Permit; 10/00374/FUL - Construction of an external timber decked paly area for use by the children attending our Toybox Pre-school - Permit; 10/00866/FUL Single storey extension to form new IT suite – Permit; 11/01580/FUL - Classroom extension and remodelling – Permit; 16/00923/FUL - Installation of new paladin fencing and associated pedestrian and vehicle gates - Permit  
 Main Issues: Policy OS1 – open space, wildlife corridor, BE1 general design, BE8 access for all.

**RPC Comments:**

**16797 Resolved in a motion** by Cllr M Smith and seconded by Cllr Hunt that the Parish Council has no objections to this planning application.

**Application No: 17/00581/FUL**

Case Officer: Janine Branscombe  
 Site: Land South Of Loreli, Nursery Lane, Ripponden  
 Proposal: Detached dwelling  
 Applicant: Mr R Merrifield  
 Allocation: Green Belt, Village Envelope, Wildlife Corridor  
 History: 15/00936/FUL - Detached dwelling – Dismissed  
 Main Issues: NPPF - Greenbelt; within 50m of listed building, BE1 – good design, BE2 – privacy daylighting & amenity, BE3 – landscaping, BE5 – design layout of highways & access, T18 – max parking allowance, NE7 development within village envelope, NE15 development in wildlife corridor

**RPC Comments:**

**16798 Resolved in a motion** by Cllr M Smith and seconded by Cllr Russell that the Parish Council objects to tis application on the grounds that it is Green Belt, Policies BE1 & BE2, T18, BE5, EP14 and EP22

**Application No: 17/00556/HSE**

Case Officer: Steven Emery  
 Site: 1 & 2 Back Croft Rishworth  
 Proposal: Single storey extensions to rear of properties  
 Applicant: Mrs Ashleigh Barnes  
 History: None  
 Main Issues: BE15 – within 50m of grade II listed building, BE1 General Design, Wildlife corridor.

**RPC Comments:**

**16799 Resolved in a motion** by Cllr Hunt and seconded by Cllr Watson that the Parish Council has no objections to this planning application.

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**Application No: 17/20095/TPO**

Case Officer: Keith Grady  
 Site: 26 Heathfield Rise Rishworth  
 Proposal: Prune one tree (Tree Preservation Order)  
 Applicant: Mr S Verry  
 History: None  
 Main Issues: Smoke control area.

**RPC Comments:**

**16800 Resolved in a motion** by Cllr J Smith and seconded by Cllr Moran that the Parish Council has no objections to this application subject to the Planning Officer being satisfied that it is good arboricultural practise.

**Application No: 17/00711/VAR**

Case Officer: Steven Emery  
 Site: Land Adjacent To Oak Bank Excelsior Close Ripponden  
 Proposal: Variation of Condition 1 of Planning Application 16/01132/FUL to amend plans  
 Applicant: Mr M Greenwood  
 Allocation: Primary Housing Area  
 History: 06/01491/FUL four detached dwellings – permit by Committee; 07/00850/FUL detached dwelling – permit; 10/01164/FUL detached dwelling – permit; 13/01469/FUL amended design for plot 5 – permit; 16/00671/FUL Amended design for one dwelling on plot 5 pursuant to planning permission 13/01469/FUL – refused; 16/01132/FUL Revised Scheme to 16/00671) - permit  
 Main Issues: BE1 General Design, BE2 Privacy, Daylighting & Amenity space, BE5 Design & layout of highways & accesses, T18 Max parking allowance, NE15 Wildlife corridor, NE16 Protection of protected species, EP14 protection of groundwater, EP20 protection of flood risk, EP22 sustainable drainage system.

**RPC Comments:**

**16801 Resolved in a motion** by Cllr Russell and seconded by Cllr Moran that the Parish Council has no objections to this application.

**Application No: 17/00714/FUL**

Case Officer: Janine Branscombe  
 Site: Top Barn North East Of Mill House Farm Rishworth Mill Lane Rishworth  
 Proposal: Change of use from full height barn to 3 storey single dwelling with 6 bedrooms  
 Applicant: Mr A Taylor  
 Allocation: Green Belt, SLA  
 History: 11/00113/CON Conversion of agricultural building to form holiday accommodation – permit  
 14/00074/FUL Conversion of barn to dwelling, change of use of agricultural land to form garden/amenity area (Amended scheme to 11/00113) – permit  
 Main Issues: Green Belt NPPF9, non-mains sewage, public right of way; policies NE4 change of use of Building in green belt, NE12 development within SLA, Policies BE1 & BE2, NPPF7 – Good design; BE5 design & layout of highways & accesses; T18; NE15 development in wildlife corridor, NE16 protection of protected species, EP14 – protection of ground water.

**RPC Comments:**

**16802 Resolved in a motion** by Cllr M Smith and seconded by Cllr Watson that this application is held over to the next meeting to allow Councillors time to look into the issues.

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**Planning Decisions:**

<b>17/20072/TPO</b> 39 Bar Lane Ripponden	Fell one tree (Tree Preservation Order)	<b>Granted</b>
<b>17/20059/TPO</b> Rishworth School Oldham Road Ripponden	Prune trees and fell two trees (Tree Preservation Order)	<b>Part Approved/ Part Refused</b>
<b>17/20058/TPO</b> Heathfield School Oldham Road Ripponden	Prune two trees (Tree Preservation Order)	<b>Granted</b>
<b>17/00547/FUL</b> Beehive Inn 48 Hob Lane Ripponden	New door opening at first floor, walkway over flat roof extension with handrails and spiral staircase to side elevation	<b>Granted</b>
<b>17/00383/HSE</b> Victoria Cottage 4 Fountain Street Ripponden	Change of garage roof from flat to pitched.	<b>Granted</b>

**11.2. Planning Enforcement**

None

**The meeting closed at 9.20pm**