

RUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Draft Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting**

Held at St Peter's Rooms on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at 7.00 p.m.

**Membership**

	D J Hall	Chairman
	M Walsh	Vice-Chairman
	Miss S A Chambers	
A	M S McGowan	
	P F McGowan	
	Mrs M Robinson	
	Mrs B M Venes	
	W A Wood	

Persons absent are marked 'A'

Persons representing the Parish Council on other business are marked 'O'

Also in Attendance

Councillor	Mrs A Auckland
Councillor	Miss H Opie
G D Long	Clerk to the Council
R Turner	Deputy Clerk
C Churches	Senior Grounds man
S Evans	Grounds man
1 member of the public	

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M McGowan and the reason accepted.

Declaration of Member's Interests

There were no declarations of interests.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2013, having previously been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

A. 13/1028 Action Update

An update on actions resulting from recommendations had previously been circulated.

Members noted this information.

Action

PCO =  
Parish  
Council  
Office

PCG =  
Parish  
Council  
Ground  
staff

A. 13/1029 Motion for Adjournment

**Resolved that:** The Committee adjourns to allow the members of the public present to make statements on agenda items

No matters were raised.

**Committee in Session**

A. 13/1030 Development

New Applications

**Resolved that:** The observations contained in Planning Schedule 700 are adopted.

Appeal – APP/3040/A/132199992

**Resolved that:** The appeal made to the Planning Inspectorate with regards to planning application 13/00451/FUL is opposed and the Parish Council supports Rushcliffe Borough Council in its decision.

PCO

**Councillors Mrs B M Venes and M Walsh arrived during the discussion of the following item.**

A. 13/1031 War Memorial

Members discussed this matter in detail. The proposal was to have three raised beds: one of poppies, one being a floral depiction of the Union Jack flag with the crest of the Parish Council and one for the garden of rest. Funding is being sought from local businesses and Rushcliffe Borough Council via the Community Trust Programme or the Local Improvement Scheme.

**Resolved that:**

1. More information is required, a report detailing the following:

- a. the floral design of the raised beds
- b. maintenance required i.e. the impact on ground staff
- c. sponsorship levels required and available,

should be presented for discussion at the next meeting.

DJH

2. The British Legion is approached at leaving the gates to the Memorial unlocked for a trial period.

PCO

#### A. 13/1032 Allotment Competition Trophies

The winner of the Allotments Competition is awarded the Thorncroft Trophy and keeps it for a year. The trophy is extremely tired looking and damaged.

The Clerk suggested that individual trophies that they can keep for life are awarded to the winner and it is personalised with the winners name engraved on the plate. The cost of these is £9.00 each and they are approximately 5.5 inches high.

**Resolved that:** The new style trophies are purchased.

PCO

#### A. 13/1033 Amenities Strategic Plan (See minute A. 11/932)

An update was provided by the Chairman as to the progress of the Amenities Strategic Plan. As Councillor Mrs B Breakwell is no longer on the Amenities Committee the Working Group needs a new convenor.

**Resolved that:** The Working Group is reconvened by Councillor D J Hall.

DJH

#### A. 13/1034 Reports on Amenities Matters

##### 1. Notice Board on the Green (See minute A. 12/977)

The work to refurbish the notice board on the Green has been completed. Thanks to Mr Brown who undertook this work voluntarily.

The Clerk will write a letter of thanks to Mr Brown.

##### 2. Jubilee Heating

The heating in the Jubilee Pavilion has a history of frequent breakdowns. In December 2012 the various problems seemed to be resolved. However it has now broken down again. The Parish Council Office will be investigating, and costing, a number of options to provide backup heating. These will need to be considered by Finance and Policy Committee.

##### 3. SPR accident

On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2013 one of the cast iron drainpipes at St. Peter's Rooms came down and broke a child's foot.

4. Cricket Nets

The Parish Council Office has received an email requesting the cricket nets to be moved as children had been using them for football and there had been antisocial behaviour. The police have been informed and will monitor the behaviour of the individuals involved.

5. Football playing fields

The Parish Council Office has received an email from Andy Young, the manager of the Colts U14's team, who is resigning, giving his thanks and appreciation to the ground staff for preparing Jubilee Fields which in his opinion are the best pitches in the county.

The meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.

Chairman

Committee Chairman