

RUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting

Held at St Peter's Rooms on Tuesday 8th October 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

Membership

	D J Hall	Chairman
	M Walsh	Vice-Chairman
A	Miss S A Chambers	
	G Ellison	
A	M S McGowan	
A	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
Councillor	Mrs M Pell
G D Long	Clerk to the Council
S Evans	Grounds man
17 members of the public	

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Miss S A Chambers , M McGowan and P F McGowan, and the reasons accepted.

Declaration of Member's Interests

Councillor Mrs B. M. Venes declared an interest in any item relating to the allotments and Vicarage Lane Cemetery. Councillor M. Walsh declared an interest in any item relating to the allotments.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th July 2013, having previously been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

A. 13/13/1035 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. 13/1036 Motion for Adjournment

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

Various comments were raised, all relating to the proposed development on land to the north of Woodhouse Gardens:

- Why is only one of the possible access roads being used and not both?
- The traffic survey was done on a day when there was a torrential rainstorm. This will affect the results.
- The road to Woodhouse Gardens has not yet been adopted. Does the planning application affect this?
- There is a sharp 90 degree bend in Camelot Street.
- This is an attractive, well designed development; however Ruddington needs homes for the elderly and for young people.
- Concerned about 2 storey houses being converted into 3 storeys with loft conversions. Can this be stopped?
- Woodhouse Gardens is already really tight for traffic. The development will make this worse.
- Is there another possible access road from Woodhouse Gardens?
- The agents had not, as promised, consulted all local residents.
- Developers normally provide something for the community? *It was explained that this development fell below the threshold for which a Section 106 Agreement was applicable.*
- The land is subject to considerable flooding.
- The proposed development is in Green Belt.
- There are concerns about the wild life currently on the field and the impact the development will have.

Caroline Chave, on behalf of the agents, explained that

- 50 local properties nearest the development had been consulted. This is considerably more than the number the Borough Council are required to consult by legislation. Everyone who had provided their e-mail addresses at the meeting in August had been contacted.
- The level of traffic expected to be generated by the development only requires one access road.
- 2 bedroom properties are normally extended quite quickly.
- There have been two detailed reports on flooding, which have been agreed with the Environment Agency.

Committee in Session

A. 13/1037 Development

New Applications

Resolved that: The observations contained in Planning Schedule 706 are adopted.

A. 13/1038 Allotment Competition 2013

Copies of a report prepared by the Clerk in respect of the results of the Allotments Competition which was judged on Thursday 25th July by Mr Alan Peat, had previously been circulated.

Resolved that:

1. The awards are made as per the Judge's recommendations

Winner	Mrs S Simpson	Paradise Gardens
Second	Mr R Smith	Paradise Gardens
Third	Mr I Murdoch	Paradise Gardens

A. 13/1039 Budget 2014/15

There were no special items suggested for inclusion in the 2014/15 budget.

A. 13/1040 Request for free use of Parish Council facilities

Information regarding a request for free use of Parish Council facilities had previously been circulated to members.

The St. Mary's Community Park Group are planning to hold a 'Business Christmas Fair' at St. Peter's Rooms from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on 30th November 2013. This is to raise funds for the St. Mary's Project (a project the Parish Council has agreed to support in principle), promote 'shop local' and contribute towards community spirit in Ruddington.

Resolved that: The St. Mary's Community Park Group are granted free use of St. Peter's Rooms from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on 30th November 2013.

PCO

A. 13/1041 Request for use of Parish Council facilities

Information regarding a request for use of Parish Council facilities by the Ruddington First Team had previously been circulated to members.

Ruddington Senior First team host Boots Athletic FC at 12.50 p.m. on 12 April next year and want to feature the game as part of the Notts Senior League (NSL) Football Bonanza. The NSL package 5 games and sell game tickets and seats on a coach for all five games.

The Club will need control over the Pavillion and Elms Park / Carter Field areas from 12 noon to 3.00 p.m. This will be similar to the Six a Side competition in that they will have to control parking and in this case advertise a cost to attend the game. The NSL want their participants to see a £3 charge to get in advertised to demonstrate to their participants that they are getting value for money.

Resolved that: Ruddington First Team are granted use of Elms Park on 12th April 2014 and a can advertise a £3 charge.

PCO

A. 13/1042 Reports on Amenities Matters

1. SPR Tables

Four tables went missing from St. Peter's Rooms. It has not proved possible to identify exactly when this happened. The tables have been replaced.

2. Village Hall – Thanks

A message from one of the Village Hall users "As I reach the end of this term, I'd like to thank you for your efficient operation of this hall – it's a lovely venue and my class Mums love it. I hope to continue the arrangement for terms to come".

3. Vicarage Lane Cemetery - Comment of Appreciation

Wes Scarrott (a previous Clerk of Ruddington Parish Council) has commented to the current Clerk how extremely well kept Vicarage Lane Cemetery is this year.

4. Cricket - Comment of Appreciation

In late July the Groundstaff were approached by an Australian chap who had sought them out to congratulate them on the excellent quality, preparation and maintenance of the grass wicket which has been put out throughout the season. He stated that as a bowler on the Ruddington second team he has been thoroughly impressed with the playing surface.

The meeting closed at 8.24 p.m.

Chairman

Committee Chairman