

Draft Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting

Held at St Peter's Rooms on Tuesday 24th March 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

Membership

D J Hall	Chairman
Mrs M Robinson	Vice-Chairman
G Ellison	
M S McGowan	
P F McGowan	
Mrs B M Venes	
W A Wood	

Action

PCO =
Parish
Council
Office

PCG =
Parish
Council
Ground
staff

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
Councillor	Mr N Tegerdine
G D Long	Clerk
R Turner	Deputy Clerk
16 members of the public	

A. 15/03/01 Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence were received.

A. 15/03/02 Declaration of Member's Interests

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

A. 15/03/03 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2015, having previously been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

A. 15/03/04 Action Update

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

Members noted this information.

A. 15/03/05 Motion for Adjournment

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

Mr Mike Hollands spoke against the planning application 15/00534/ADV Bloor Homes to erect a temporary development advertising board on Sellors Playing Fields advertising a development on Woodhouse Gardens. He asked if the sign would be taken down once the 14 houses on Woodside Gardens were occupied.

Rebecca Collinson spoke with regards 15/00534/ADV. The sign is not located at the access point of where the properties are located. The application runs from May 2015 until 2019, that is four years. It impacts on the street scene and sets a precedent to put signs inappropriate to a rural setting.

Mr John Harman spoke regards agenda item 7. Charges for the hire of the Village Green. He said they have two businesses in the village and also reside in the village paying both business rates and parish council precept. He asked why the rate for the hire of the Green was not comparable to the rate paid by the Wakes for the hire of Sellors. A lower rate should be set to help businesses within the village.

Alex Watts spoke with regards agenda items 8. Requesting financial support from the Parish Council towards the cost of installing a tarmacked path on St. Mary's Community Park and item 9. Requesting the Parish Council to provide dual use dog and litter bins on St. Mary's Park.

Committee in Session

A. 15/03/06 Development

New Applications

When introducing planning application 15/00534/ADV the Chairman reminded members of the advice previously circulated: "Whilst this is not a legal requirement the Clerk has obtained advice that it is best practice for the Parish Council not to comment on this application as it involves land owned by Ruddington Parish Council." He recommended to members that this advice should be followed.

Councillor Mrs B M Venes said that she wished to ignore the advice the Clerk had obtained and proposed that the Parish Council should object to planning application 15/00534/ADV. She also requested a recorded vote. Councillor P F McGowan seconded the motion to object.

D J Hall	Abstain
Mrs M Robinson	Abstain
M S McGowan	For
P F McGowan	For
Mrs B M Venes	For
W A Wood	Abstain

Resolved that: The observations contained in Planning Schedule 737 are adopted.

A. 15/03/07 Charges for the hire of the Village Green

A discussion was had on the report regarding the fees for the hire of the Village Green set by Amenities Committee 4th November 2014 (see minute A. 14/11/09B), which had been previously circulated. It was suggested setting a two tier fee for the hire of the Green with a fee for a local business paying local rates and another higher fee for 'outside' business interest.

Resolved that: Local Businesses pay £150 per day excluding VAT and outside Businesses £300 per day excluding VAT

PCO

A .15/03/08 St. Mary's Park Path Support

Details of a request for funding towards the costs of installing a path on St. Mary's Community Park, had previously been circulated.

Phase 1 of the play equipment and seating has been successfully installed. The next priority is the installation of the path for which part funding has already been raised in donations.

The initial quotation, which can be covered by the funds raised already, was for a gravel path. The Committee has liaised with Ruddington Parish Council Grounds staff to ensure they were happy with the plans proposed. The Senior Groundsman, Chris Churches, proposed that the surface of the path should be changed to tarmac as this requires less maintenance in the long run. A new quote was obtained just under £10,000, excluding VAT. This is twice the amount of the gravel path quote. Two further quotes are being obtained.

Resolved that:

The Parish Council contributes up to 50% of the cost of a tarmac path across St. Mary's Play Area up to a maximum of £5,000.

PCO

A .15/03/09 St. Mary's Play Area – Litter/Dog Bins

Details of a request to replace the two existing dog bins with dual use dog and litter bins, had previously been circulated.

The St Mary's Community Park Group has requested that the existing two dog bins be replaced by two dual purpose litter bins. The existing dog bins are in a poor condition and would require replacing anyway.

It was agreed to replace the bins at an estimated cost of £810 excluding VAT. This could be met from the reserve for Environmental Assets.

Resolved that:

The Parish Council purchases two dual usage litter bins for use at St. Mary's Play Area at a cost not exceeding £810.

PCO

A. 15/03/10 Annual Meeting with RVFC

Members had a discussion regarding Parish Council's representatives at the meeting with the Ruddington Village Football Club (RVFC).

The Parish Council meets each year with representatives of the RVFC to discuss any issues. The current parish council representatives were agreed in 2011.

The Senior Groundsman and Clerk/Deputy Clerk are regularly involved with RVFC as required. Their attendance at the meeting would provide a useful link with the day to day concerns. It also seems sensible that the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Amenities Committee are involved in the meeting. Substitutes can be agreed if necessary for each meeting. This was agreed.

Resolved that:

The representatives of the Parish Council at the annual meeting with the Ruddington Village Football Club are: the Chairman of Amenities Committee (Substitute: member of Amenities Committee nominated by the Chairman, the Vice Chairman of Amenities Committee (Substitute: member of Amenities Committee nominated by the Vice Chairman), the Clerk (substitute: Deputy Clerk) and the Senior Groundsman (substitute: Qualified Groundsman)

PCO

A. 15/03/11 Request for use of Football Pitches

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

The Club is looking to stage a small sided football competition on Saturday 6th June 2015.

They would require 8 pitches, as usual, as this helps spread wear and tear if it is raining and to park cars around the slope in order to keep the roads clear. The intention is to offer parking on Elms Park and a programme for the tournament for £2 (total) to help with fundraising and ensure high quality clean up on the day of the whole site.

The Colts are willing to pay for hire, but have asked if the Parish Council would waive the fee to help meet the costs associated with the next season.

They have also requested a representative from the Parish Council to attend mid-afternoon to present some of the trophies to the children. This was agreed.

Resolved that:

1. Ruddington Village Colts FC are granted free use of the pitches.
2. The Chairman of Amenities will attend to present the trophies.

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A. 15/03/12 Ruddington Fun

Details of a request from Ruddington Fun for free use of Parish Council facilities had previously been circulated. Ruddington Fun provided sessions for children and families during the school holidays in 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.

They have requested free use of Parish Council facilities during the school holiday periods in 2015 for up to a maximum of 6 sessions for a maximum of 3 hours per session; they have also requested permission to use Parish Council play areas for some events. This was agreed.

Resolved that:

1. 'Ruddington Fun' is granted free use of Parish Council facilities for up to 6 sessions of 3 hours for holiday activities for the children of Ruddington, and
2. Permission is given for 'Ruddington Fun' to hold some events on Parish Council play areas in consultation with the Ground Staff

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Councillor G Ellison arrived during discussion of the following item.

A.15/03/13 Commemorative Plaque for Rouke's Drift graves and Francis Wheatley

A discussion was had to consider making an application under the L.I.S scheme for a commemorative plaque for the Rouke's Drift graves and Francis Wheatley VC. Concerns were raised that there was not a detailed proposal to consider.

Resolved that:

A detailed proposal is brought to Amenities Committee at a future date.

DH

A. 15/03/14 Reports on Amenities Matters

There were no reports on Amenities matters.

The meeting closed at 8.46 p.m.

Chairman

Committee Chairman