

RUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the Environment & Community Committee meeting
Held at St Peter's Rooms on Tuesday 19th March 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

Membership

	N J Tegerdine	Chairman
A	K S Piggott	Vice-Chairman
	Mrs A Auckland	
	Miss S A Chambers	
	Mrs S Kaur Samra	
A	M S McGowan	
	P F McGowan	
	Miss H Opie	
	Mrs M Pell	

Persons absent are marked 'A'

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

Also in Attendance

G D Long Clerk to the Council
2 members of the public

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M S McGowan and K S Piggott, and the reasons accepted.

Declaration of Member's Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2012, having previously been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

E. 13/917 Action List Update

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

The Chairman reported that, due to the frequent changes in landlords, Pubwatch not had a fully attended meeting recently.

It was agreed, therefore, to raise the issue of litter and glass at the meeting with businesses.

Members noted this information.

Action

PCO =
Parish
Council
Office

PCG =
Parish
Council
Groundstaff

E. 13/918 Motion for Adjournment

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

Mr D Hollingworth informed the meeting that he had raised the issue of trees and bushes blocking the view from the exit of Loughborough Road (from West Bridgford) onto the Nottingham Knight roundabout with County Councillor Reg Adair. He had been told this is the responsibility of the Highways Agency.

Committee in Session

E. 13/919 Development

New Applications

Resolved that: The observations contained in Planning Schedule 692 are adopted.

Decision Notices

Schedule DN 217 was presented to the Committee and the contents noted.

Appeal: Southview Stables, Flawforth Lane

Details of the Notice of Appeal in respect of Rushcliffe Borough Council's refusal of permission in respect of planning application 12/00605/FUL had previously been circulated.

Members were reminded that the Parish Council had objected to the application.

Resolved that: The Parish Council's previous comments are endorsed and the Borough Council's position is supported.

PCO

Appeal Decision: 26 Sheepfold Lane

The appeal in respect of Rushcliffe Borough Council's refusal of permission in respect of planning application 12/01411/FUL had been dismissed. Members noted the decision.

E. 13/920 Policing

A number of members reported seeing cars illegally turning right from Loughborough Road onto Easthorpe Street. It was agreed that the local Beat Manager should be informed.

PCO

E. 13/921 Highway Matters

Parking in Ruddington

A meeting is being arranged with Cllr Reg Adair, officers of Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) and representatives of the Parish Council to discuss NCC's proposed parking scheme and the possibility of using pub car parks for 'Park and Ride'.

NCC have agreed to repaint white and yellow lines where necessary as part of the parking scheme.

A suggestion has been received that the Parish Council could develop the land near the Slope on Elms Park (currently used as a car park) as a 'Park and Stride'.

Resolved that: This information is noted.

Street Lighting (See minute C. 12/1567)

Environment & Community Committee resolved that a representative from NCC Highways should be invited to the next meeting of the Committee.

The invitation was declined as the Energy Savings Manager is involved in a large number of schemes across the County and it is difficult for her to commit to attending individual meetings. Information is available on the NCC website.

Councillor Miss H Opie has reported that the issue she raised of some street lighting going out early appears to have been resolved.

Resolved that: This information is noted.

Bus Shelters (See minute C. 12/916)

Environment & Community Committee resolved to invite a representative of NCC Highways to the next meeting to discuss the issue of bus stops.

An officer is willing to attend, but was unavailable for this meeting. He requested the Parish Council to provide a specific list of bus stops at which the Parish Council has any suggestions/concerns before the meeting so that he can give them proper consideration. It was agreed that the Clerk would e-mail members asking for any suggestions/concerns.

The bus shelter requested on Loughborough Road (near the end of Ashworth Avenue) is now in place.

Resolved that: The Clerk contacts members asking for any suggestions/concerns regarding specific bus stops.

Any Other Highways Matters

No further Highways matters were raised.

E. 13/922 Meeting with Businesses

Ruddington Parish Council held a meeting with local businesses on 31st January 2013.

The response had been very positive. The main issue raised was parking in Ruddington.

Members agreed to hold further meetings, normally twice a year, the next being in late May or June. It was agreed that the Clerk identifies a suitable date and venue. Councillor N J Tegerdine to draft an agenda.

Resolved that:

1. Future meetings are normally held between the Parish Council and local businesses twice a year.
2. The Clerk arranges the next meeting in late May/June and arranged a suitable venue.
3. Councillor N J Tegerdine drafts an agenda.

PCO

PCO

NJT

E. 13/922 Community Toilet Schemes (See minutes E. 12/856 & E. 12/898)

A number of areas across the country run community toilet schemes where local businesses, usually pubs or restaurants, allow the general public to use their facilities. These are advertised by signs in the shop windows etc. provided by the council promoting the scheme. Some schemes pay a fee to businesses; other schemes encourage participation of businesses by 'selling' the possibility of increased patronage.

Provision of public toilets is a discretionary service for local authorities. Parish councils have the power to provide public conveniences under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 14, paragraph 9.

Members agreed to explore the possibility of a Community Toilet Scheme, without fees, with local businesses. This could be tied in with the invitations to the next meeting with businesses. The Parish Council would assist with promoting the scheme.

Resolved that: The possibility of a Community Toilet Scheme, without fees, is explored with local businesses and information is sent out with the invitation to the next meeting with businesses.

PCO

E. 13/923 Best Kept Village 2013

Members agreed to enter the Best Kept Village Competition 2013.

Resolved that:

- 1) The Parish Council enters the Best Kept Village Competition 2013
- 2) Councillors P M McGowan and N J Tegerdine organise a clean-up before the judging.

PCO

PM/NJT

E. 13/923 Section 106 Monies (See minute F. 13/1179)

The January meeting of Finance and Policy Committee resolved that the report on Section 106 monies should be referred to Environment & Community Committee for any suggestions regarding use of Section 106 monies. Details of the Section 106 monies had previously been circulated.

A number of suggestions were discussed but none were put forward for consideration by Rushcliffe Borough council at this time.

Resolved that: The above information is noted.

E. 13/924 Garden Competition and Photographic Garden Competition 2013

Garden Competition (See minute E 12/876)

Environment and Community Committee agreed on 31st July 2012 to combine the Front Garden Competition and the Hanging Basket, Planters and Window Boxes Competition to make a single Garden Competition for 2013.

Members agreed that the competition will be judged by an independent judge during July with the final date to be agreed with the Clerk and the judge.

Members agreed prize money as follows:

Winner	£50
Second	£25
Third	£15
Fourth	£10

The winner will receive the Harold Wroughton Memorial Trophy.

'Photographic' Garden Competition

Members agreed that the competition will be judged by an independent judge on or soon after 31st August 2013 and that prizes are awarded as follows:

Winner	£35
Second	£20
Third	£15

Resolved that:

- 1) The Parish Council Office raises posters, application forms, etc. for both the Garden Competition and the 'Photographic' Garden Competition, promotes both through the Newsletter and on the website, and organises the judging. PCO
- 2) Prize money is allocated for both competitions in accordance with the suggestions above. PCO
- 3) The Council, in accordance with its powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them commensurate with this expenditure:
 - a) Prize money totalling £170 as above
 - b) Judge's fee for Garden Competition £20PCO
- 4) A presentation evening is held at St. Peter's Rooms on a Tuesday to be arranged in September or October 2013 and it is suggested to Amenities Committee that it is a joint event with the Allotment Competition. PCO

E. 13/925 Conservation Area Briefing

A briefing on Conservation Areas had previously been circulated to members. A number of issues were raised. Members agreed that an e-mail should be sent to Rushcliffe Borough Council after Easter listing concerns/issues, and that all members should be asked if they have anything to raise.

Resolved that:

- 1) The Clerk contacts all members asking them if they have any concerns/issues relating to the Conservation Area. PCO
- 2) An e-mail should be sent to Rushcliffe Borough Council after Easter listing members' concerns/issues. PCO

E. 13/917 Ways to Improve the Look and Feel of Ruddington

(See minute E. 12/915)

A number of issues were raised including:

- Looking into the possibility of providing planters on Dutton's Hill,
- Organising a Christmas Fair/Market, possibly on the Green, and
- Encouraging the re-introduction of the Village Festival.

Members agreed that these items should be given more detailed consideration so that a specific proposal can then be considered for inclusion in the Environment and Community Committee Strategic Plan.

E. 13/917 Other Environmental Matters for Report

6-A-Side Tournament

The Clerk reported that Ruddington Colts are organising their annual 6-a-side fundraising tournament for 8th June 2013 and have been given consent by the Amenities Chairman to use Elms Park/Jubilee Playing Fields without charge. This is an annual event which the Parish Council has supported for many years.

Last year the Colts were also asked to advise the Parish Council if they planned to charge for parking. They intend to charge a £2 parking fee which will include a programme for the event and entry. This will be publicised on the posters promoting the event.

A453 Road Widening

The Clerk reported that he has a plan of the A453 road widening scheme in the Parish Council Office.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

Chairman

Committee Chairman