

RUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Environment & Community Committee meeting

Held at St Peter's Rooms on Tuesday 23rd July 2013 at 7.00 p.m.

Membership

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

Action

PCO =
Parish
Council
Office

PCG =
Parish
Council
Groundstaff

Persons absent are marked 'A'

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

Also in Attendance

Councillor	D J Hall
Councillor	Mrs M Robinson
G D Long	Clerk to the Council
1 member of the public	

Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence. Councillor W A Wood sent his apologies for late arrival.

Declaration of Member's Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th June 2013, having previously been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Councillor W A Wood arrived during discussion of the following item.

E. 13/941 Action List Update

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

Members noted this information.

Business/Shop Frontage Competition (See minute E. 13/938)

Councillor Mrs M Pell reported that it was now considered that businesses/shops should be asked to indicate their willingness to be part of the competition (by e-mail or phone).

The competition would be promoted in the September newsletter and by flyers which were to be designed by Councillors Mrs M Pell and P F McGowan.

PCO
PM/MP

E. 13/942 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 reported that the litter problem on the Green on Saturday mornings had improved since this was raised with the Youth Leader at the previous meeting.

Committee in Session

E. 13/943 Development

New Applications

Resolved that: The observations contained in Planning Schedule 701 are adopted.

Decision Notices

Schedule DN 219 was presented to the Committee and the contents noted.

E. 13/944 Policing

The Clerk reported that PC Ann Gill retires at the end of August. It was agreed that the Chairman of the Council, Councillor P F McGowan, would write a letter of thanks on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Clerk also reported that PCSO Jenny Buggy has been relocated to work in Gamston and that PCSOs Vee White and Jonny Wilkinson were covering the Ruddington Beat.

No current issues were raised.

Resolved that: Councillor P F McGowan, will write a letter of thanks to PC Ann Gill on behalf of the Parish Council.

PM

E. 13/945 Highway Matters

Potholes – Elms Gardens

Councillor Miss H Opie reported that there were large potholes on Elms Gardens. She phoned Nottinghamshire County Council and the potholes had been repaired within 24 hours.

Parking Restrictions – Manor Park

Councillor Mrs B Breakwell reported that the Manor Park Residents Association would be imposing parking restrictions from September. This would impact on parents taking children to James Peacock Infant School. The school have a right of way along Manor Park but, as it is a private road, the Residents Association are entitled to impose parking restrictions.

Parking in Ruddington

Councillor N J Tegerdine reported that he had received a response from the Portfolio Holder responsible for Highways, Councillor Kevin Greaves, and Andrew Warrington, Service Director Highways about the County Council's parking proposals for Ruddington. There will be further discussions with those objecting, the local County Councillor and the Parish Council.

E. 13/946 Rushcliffe Core Strategy

The Clerk reported that in October 2012 Rushcliffe Borough Council (RBC) submitted the Rushcliffe Core Strategy (Part 1 of its Local Plan) for Public Examination. The inspector raised concerns on a number of issues, in particular that the level of proposed new housing is too low and that further Green Belt review work is required.

As part of this additional work RBC is now consulting on:

- Further proposals for new housing development, and
- Draft Rushcliffe Green Belt Review (Parts 1 and 2a).

There are proposals in for both housing and the Green Belt just outside Ruddington which are likely to have an impact in the Village. The deadline for comments is 9th August 2013.

The Clerk suggested that the matter should be discussed at a Special Parish Council Meeting. It was agreed that this should be held on 30th July 2013 and that the meeting should be promoted on the website.

Resolved that: A Special Parish Council Meeting should be held on 30th July 2013 to discuss the housing and Green Belt proposals in the additional work on the Rushcliffe Core Strategy and that this should be promoted on the website.

PCO

E. 13/947 Restoration in Conservation Areas (See minute C. 13/1705)

Parish Council on 25th June 2013 agreed to recognise sympathetic restoration in the conservation area and resolved that Environment and Community Committee should consider the practical application of this.

Members agreed to recognise sensitive restoration in the Conservation Area by giving a certificate at the annual presentation evening (Allotments, Gardens and Photographic Gardens Competitions), that Environment and Community Committee should consider all nominations and this should be promoted on the website and in the newsletter.

Resolved that:

1. The Parish Council should recognise sensitive restoration in the Conservation Area by giving a certificate at the annual presentation evening (Allotments, Gardens and Photographic Gardens Competitions),
2. Environment and Community Committee should consider all nominations, and
3. This should be promoted on the website and in the newsletter.

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E. 13/948 Village Newsletter- Development

The Clerk reported that Village Newsletter is both popular and successful with some 1,200 copies being taken each month. It is, nevertheless, appropriate that consideration is given periodically to the broad content, production and delivery of the Village Newsletter.

He requested ideas so that they could be considered over the coming months for practicality and appropriateness. A number of ideas were suggested including: making the newsletter A4, having more pages, keeping the newsletter as A5, including births, deaths and marriages (however this would need to be carefully considered to be inclusive), longer articles, finding more distribution points in outlying parts of the village, more details of speakers to village organisations and content to attract younger readers.

The Clerk thanked everyone for their contributions and said that all the ideas would be considered.

E. 13/949 Best Kept Village Results

The results of the Best Kept Village had previously been circulated. Ruddington had not been placed in the top four for Section A and so will not go on to the final round. The front garden of Ruddington Methodist Church had been awarded a certificate of merit. The judges commented that it was beautifully maintained and provided a cameo of both care and colour.

Members considered the result and that most of the factors that attracted negative comments were beyond the control of the Parish Council and agreed not to enter the competition in 2014.

Members further agreed to try to influence areas that need improvement one at a time. The first area to tackle is the poor maintenance of the grass verges. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting, with the Clerk to provide background information.

Resolved that:

1. The Parish Council do not enter the Best Kept Village Competition 2014.
2. Areas that need improvement should be addressed one at a time, and
3. The first area should be the poor maintenance of grass verges, the Clerk to prepare a paper with background information to inform discussion at the next meeting.

PCO

E. 13/950 Statement of Licensing Policy

Rushcliffe Borough Council is beginning its five year review of the Statement of Licensing Policy and is inviting comments by 16th September 2013.

Councillor W A Wood volunteered to read the draft statement and bring any issues that needed comment to Finance and Policy Committee.

Resolved that: Councillor W A Wood would review the paper and bring any issues that needed comment to Finance and Policy Committee.

WAW

E. 13/951 Nottingham City Aligned Core Strategy

The Clerk reported that Nottingham City Aligned Core Strategy was submitted to the Secretary of State on 7th June 2013 and this is the start of the examination process.

Members noted this information.

E. 13/952 Nottinghamshire County Council Health and Wellbeing Strategy

Nottinghamshire County Council is consulting on the Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2014 - 2016 and is inviting comments by 26th September 2013. Councillor W A Wood volunteered to read the draft strategy and bring any issues that needed comment to Parish Council.

Resolved that: Councillor W A Wood would review the strategy and bring any issues that needed comment to Parish Council.

WAW

E. 13/953 Ways to Improve the Look and Feel of Ruddington

Open Gardens

A member of the public had suggested an 'Open Gardens' when some people opened their gardens to the public for a period of time. Councillor Mrs B Breakwell agreed to write an article for the newsletter to gauge interest.

BB

Street Market

A member of the public had suggested that Ruddington hold a Street Market. Members agreed this is a good idea and considered options: Farmers, Christmas, Street or Craft Market. Issues were considered regarding competition with village shops, parking, location, insurance, street closure, lighting, power, footfall, and the resources required to organise. It was agreed that a small group consisting of Councillors D J Hall, Miss H Opie and W A Wood would meet with the Clerk to consider the issues and produce a suggested way forward.

DJH/HO/
WAW/
GDL

E. 13/954 Other Environmental Matters for Report

The Noise

Councillor Mrs M Pell reported on 'The Noise' which she had seen in operation and was fantastic. The Noise is a weekend organised by the churches in Ruddington where practical help (for example with gardens) is offered to Ruddington residents who need assistance.

Twinning

Councillor P F McGowan reminded members of the twinning visit from Grenay on 16th and 17th August.

Pubwatch

Councillor N J Tegerdine reported that he had met with the Chair of Pubwatch and will do so again. The issue of glass litter was raised. A meeting of Pubwatch is scheduled for early August.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Chairman

Committee Chairman