

RUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Environment & Community Committee meeting
Held at St Peter's Rooms on Tuesday 15th October 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

Membership

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

Action

PCO =
Parish
Council
Office

PCG =
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Groundstaff

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

Also in Attendance

Councillor	Mrs M Robinson
R Turner	Deputy Clerk
1 member of the public	

Apologies for Absence

Apologies of absence were received from Councillor Mrs S Kaur Samra.

Declaration of Member's Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd July 2013, having previously been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

E. 13/955 Action List Update

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

Members noted this information.

Website update

Councillor Mrs B Breakwell reported the website had been updated and corrected by herself and the Deputy Clerk. The Chairman thanked them both.

Councillor Mrs B Breakwell reported that she had produced photographs of all the Councillors and this should be included on the website along with Councillors names

E. 13/956 Motion for Adjournment

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

Committee in Session

E. 13/957 Development

New Applications

The Deputy Clerk reported that the Parish Council Office had been informed that the deadline for comments on planning application 13/01913/TPO regarding the felling of 10 poplar trees and reduction of two sycamore trees had been deferred to the 7th November 2013 as Rushcliffe Borough Council is arranging for a tree specialist to inspect the trees.

Resolved that:

1. The observations contained in Planning Schedule 707 regarding 13/01863/FUL and 13/01866/FUL are adopted.
2. The decision on 13/01913/TPO is deferred to the 5th November Finance and Policy Committee.

PCO

Decision Notices

Schedule DN 220 was presented to the Committee and the contents noted.

Resolved that: The Clerk invites the RBC Liaison Officer to meet with Councillors to discuss the planning application/approval process.

PCO

E. 13/958 Policing

Councillor Mrs B Breakwell reported that a new Beat Manager is in the process of being recruited. Nottinghamshire Police's current priority is the fear of burglary and they are offering home security checks. They are also concentrating on tackling Christmas shoplifting.

Councillor Mrs B Breakwell will be attending the next Police Priority Setting meeting on the 20th January 2014.

E. 13/959 Highway Matters

Right turning on to Easthorpe Street

Councillor N J Tegerdine reported he had received correspondence from Nottinghamshire County Council and the ban to turn right on to Easthorpe Street will not be removed.

Parking Restrictions – Manor Park

Councillor Mrs B Breakwell reported that the parking restrictions in Manor Park have been implemented and there have been no problems to date. The scheme is being enforced by a private company employed by the residents. Also the Jolly Farmer Pub is offering parents the use of the car park to walk their children to school from there.

Parking in Ruddington

Councillor N J Tegerdine reported that he and the Clerk had spoken with David Warriner, Highways, Nottinghamshire County Council, with regards to parking. It had been a positive meeting and a number of points had been made including: parking at the entrance to Sainsbury's car park, the exit from the Parish Council car park onto Shaw Street and on Easthorpe Street. The County Council agreed to consider the representations made on behalf of the Parish Council.

E. 13/960 Street Market (See minute13/953)

As agreed at the last meeting a small group of councillors had a discussion on holding a Christmas Street Market in Ruddington. It was agreed it was too late for the Parish Council to organise for this year, but it should be considered for Christmas 2014.

Since the group met a local business person had approached the Parish Council and is pursuing an indoor market on the afternoon/evening of 30th November at St. Peter's Rooms, street stalls on parts of Church Street and a Community Choir. The arrangements are not yet finalised. Councillor Mrs B Breakwell reported that the funds raised will go towards St Mary's Park in Ruddington.

Resolved that: A Street Market should be considered for Christmas 2014.

E. 13/961 Garden Competitions 2013 (See minutes E. 13/926 and E. 13/937)

Copies of a report of the results of the 2013 Front Garden and Photographic Garden Competitions had previously been circulated to members.

The Deputy Clerk reported that, to date, only 3 winners had confirmed they would be attending the Presentation Evening on the 29th October 2013.

PCO

Resolved that:

1. That the prizes are awarded, in accordance with the judges decision, as follows:

Front Garden (including Window boxes, Baskets and Planters)

Winner	Mrs M Smith	36 Church Street
Second	Mrs L Sharp	40 Asher Lane
Third	Mrs Bradley	65 St. Mary's Crescent
Fourth	Mr & Mrs Cartwright	60 Churchill Drive

Photographic Garden Competition

Winner	Mr P Brown	6 Shaw Street
Second	Ms Bernacchia	The Meadows, 12 Manor Park

PCO

2. The Clerk to review 7 days before the 29th October 2013 whether or not this year's presentation should be cancelled.
3. The Clerk should review how future presentations are held including holding them on the same evening as a committee meeting.

PCO

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E. 13/962 Budget 2014/15

To decide on any special items to be included in the Environment and Community Committee budget for 2014/15

Councillors agreed on the following special items to be included in the budget: Christmas Market 2014, plaque at Flawford Churchyard (note: this would be part of the Amenities budget), additional notice boards.

PCO

E. 13/963 Restoration in the Conservation Area (See minute E. 13/947)

Environment and Community Committee, on 23/7/13, resolved that 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), and Environment and Community Committee should consider all nominations.

Councillor Nick Tegerdine has requested that 26 Easthorpe Street is given consideration for recognition.

Members recognised that they had not agreed any criteria to guide the decision. It was agreed that Councillor N J Tegerdine and the Clerk draft a list of criteria and bring it back to committee.

Resolved that: Councillor N J Tegerdine and the Clerk draft a list of criteria and bring it back to committee.

NJT/PCO

E. 13/964 Nottingham City Local Plan

Nottingham City Council is consulting on the new Nottingham City Local Plan. The Parish Council are invited to respond by Monday 2nd December. Councillor W A Wood volunteered to review the plans and report to Parish Council on 19th November if there are any issues that need to be discussed.

Resolved that: Councillor W A Wood is to review the plans and report to Parish Council on 19th November if there are any issues that need to be discussed.

WAW

E. 13/965 Ways to Improve the Look and Feel of Ruddington

Councillor Mrs M Pell raised the review of the Parish Council's litter and dog waste bins, which is ongoing. It was agreed that Councillor Mrs M Pell will check the progress of the bins with the Clerk.

MP

Members expressed the view that the new BT junction box on Church Street is an eyesore. They raised concerns that this might be the first of many. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to BT Open Reach requesting that the Parish Council are consulted on any plans for future boxes in Ruddington.

PCO

There was a discussion on future fund raising activities and assisting organisations schedule dates. It was agreed that Councillor Mrs B Breakwell to collate from organisations future events and the Deputy Clerk to include them in the diary on the website.

BB/PCO

E. 13/966 Other environmental matters for report

The Deputy Clerk reported that a letter had been received from two residents thanking the Parish Council for providing the Community Bus

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Chairman

Committee Chairman