

RUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Environment & Policy Committee meeting

Held at St Peter's Rooms on Tuesday 10th June 2014 at 7.30 p.m.

Membership

	N J Tegerdine	Chairman
	Mrs M Pell	Vice-Chairman
A	Mrs A Auckland	
	Mrs B Breakwell	
	Mrs S Kaur Samra	
	Miss H Opie	
	K S Piggott	
A	M Walsh	

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	G Ellison
Councillor	Mrs B M Venes
G D Long	Clerk to the Council
1 member of the public	

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M Walsh, and the reasons accepted.

Declaration of Member's Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes

The minutes of the Environment and Community meeting held on 18th March 2014 and the Finance and Policy meeting held on 29th April 2014, having previously been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

E. 14/06/01 Action List Update

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

It was agreed that the Village Guide would be updated and copies printed as required.

Members noted this information.

E. 14/06/02 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. 14/06/03 Development

New Applications There were no new applications

Decision Notices

Schedule DN 223 was presented to the Committee and the contents noted.

E. 14/06/04 How Environment and Policy Committee Will Work

Members raised and discussed a number of issues.

Resolved that:

1. The 'standard' items from the Environment and Community Committee would be included on agendas PCO
2. There would be a discussion on items being agreed at the appropriate committee and working groups including members of an appropriate committee at the next Parish Council meeting. PCO
3. A discussion to consider the Parish Council's involvement in twinning would be put on an agenda at a future meeting. PCO
4. A formal complaints procedure should be developed by the Clerk for discussion at a future meeting, and PCO
5. The list of planning decisions will not be reported to future committees. The details will be included on the agenda of any decisions where (a) the Parish Council objected and Rushcliffe Borough Council granted permission, (b) the Parish Council did not object and the Borough Council refused permission or (c) the decision was of significance. PCO

E. 14/06/05 Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Consultation

Information regarding a consultation on proposed changes in provision by Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue had previously been circulated to members.

Members noted this information.

E. 14/06/06 Policing

The arrangements for liaison with the Police and attendance at the priority setting meetings were noted. Currently it was reported that break-ins to sheds and the theft of cycles were high in the local area.

Members also discussed issues with quad bikes and the police operation at Pasture Lane.

E. 14/06/07 Highway Matters

Parking on Wilford Road (Dutton's Hill)

Councillor Mrs B Breakwell reported that a further session handing out 'polite notices' to drivers parking illegally outside Sainsbury's had resulted in 25 letters being given out.

Other Issues

A number of other issues were discussed including: parking on double yellow lines on the High Street, the dangers on St. John's Road/St. Mary's Crescent, and the junction of Kirk Lane and Loughborough Road (leaving Kirk lane on to Loughborough Road) needing widening.

E. 14/06/08 Meeting with Businesses

It was agreed that the last meeting had been a success. One member expressed a dissenting view about splitting attendees in to small groups, pointing out that one group was 'top heavy' with councillors and that this restricted the discussion in that group. It was agreed that a different method would be applied next time so that a councillor dominated group would not happen.

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E. 14/06/09 Ways to Improve the Look and Feel of Ruddington

White Horse Car Park

Councillor Mrs B Breakwell reported that there had been a positive response to public parking in the White Horse Car Park. Councillor Miss H Opie suggested that it would be helpful to have a sign on the gate. The Clerk agreed to follow this up.

PCO

21 + 23 Church Street

Councillor Mrs B Breakwell reported that the front gardens of 21 + 23 Church Street were now looking very nice. In view of the complaints over a long period she suggested that the Chairman of the Parish Council should write to the new tenants expressing the Parish Council's appreciation. This was agreed.

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Conservation Area

Councillors Mrs M Pell suggested more consideration needed to be given to controlling the Conservation Area. It was agreed to discuss this at Parish Council and for the Clerk to supply some background information.

PCO

Signage in the Village

The Parish Plan Working Group had requested that the issue of signage in the village is considered by the Parish Council. The initial concerns centred on people getting off the bus at the Green being signposted to, for example, the Country Park. However suggestions were made for signage to museums, parks, churches, cemeteries, graveyards and the Business Park.

It was agreed that this was a potentially large and costly request and consideration needed to be given to what really needed signing and the potential costs. It was agreed that members would get ideas to the Clerk by 10th July in preparation for a discussion at the next meeting.

PCO

E. 14/06/10 Other environmental matters for report

Councillor Barbara Breakwell reported that she had delivered a letter agreed with her co-ward councillors (Councillors D Hall, M Walsh and W A Wood) to inform residents of the proposal for 250 houses on Asher Lane to all houses on Musters Road and Asher Lane (see minute C. 14/05/14). This information had also been included in the June newsletter.

The Clerk reported a consultation from the Government on reforming the procedure for gaining underground access to oil or gas deposits and geothermal energy had arrived the previous day. This was noted.

The Clerk reported that Borough Councillor N Boughton-Smith had emailed requesting consideration of trees outside the library and at other places (unspecified) in the village. It was agreed to invite him to a future meeting to discuss his ideas.

PCO

The meeting closed at 8.58 p.m.

Chairman

Committee Chairman