

RUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Environment & Policy Committee meeting

Held at St Peter's Rooms on Tuesday 22nd July 2014 at 7.30 p.m.

Membership

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

Action

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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 B M Venes
Councillor	W A Wood
G D Long	Clerk to the Council
Mr D Banks	Rushcliffe Borough Council
5 members of the public	

E. 14/07/01 Apologies for Absence

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

E. 14/07/02 Declaration of Member's Interests

Councillor Mrs B Breakwell declared an interest in the planning application for James Peacock School.

E. 14/07/03 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th June 2014, having previously been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

E. 14/07/04 Action List Update

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

Members noted this information.

E. 14/07/05 Motion for Adjournment

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

Ali Ritchie spoke about the pending removal of the 63 bus. She had contacted various county councillors. Nottinghamshire County Council have pointed out that there are alternative options but these involve changing buses on the journey and a six fold increase in journey times. There had been no surveys of users and no publicity about the proposal. She had been informed that the City Hospital is raising concerns.

Paul Green said that other villages are affected and that doctors' practices could add some information. He asked for assurances that work had been done to support this change.

David Hollingworth pointed out that the 63 was also used by people to get to the Business Park.

George Lyon said that a journey from Ruddington to the QMC would now involve 2 buses.

Ali Ritchie pointed out that traffic issues will be included in the Village Plan questionnaire. She also said that requests for more signage in the village had been raised with the Village Plan Steering group, in particular near the bus stop on the Green.

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E. 14/07/06 Development

New Applications

Resolved that: The observations contained in Planning Schedule 721 are adopted

Decision Notices

A list of recent decision notices was presented to the Committee and the contents noted.

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

E. 14/07/07 Withdrawal of 63 Bus Service

The Chairman of the Committee, Councillor N Tegerdine, informed members that, in view of the urgency of this item, he had already e-mailed the appropriate county councillors with a notification that Ruddington Parish Council is highly likely to be objecting.

Members raised and discussed a number of issues and agreed that the Parish Council should write a letter of objection to Nottinghamshire County Council pointing out that this proposal was neither included in the consultation nor in the decision taken by Transport and Highways Committee on 21st May, residents have, therefore, not been able to exercise their democratic rights, and requesting that the implementation of the decision should be withdrawn until it has been consulted on and a proper, considered, democratic decision has been made by Transport and Highways Committee.

Resolved that:

The Clerk writes to Nottinghamshire County Council informing them of Ruddington Parish Council's objections to the withdrawal of this service and including:

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1. Pointing out that it was not included in the consultation nor in the decision taken by Transport and Highways Committee on 21st May,
2. Residents have, therefore, not been able to exercise their democratic rights, and
3. Requesting that the implementation of the decision should be withdrawn until it has been consulted on and a proper, considered, democratic decision has been made by Transport and Highways Committee.

E. 14/07/08 Traffic Issues

A proposal to develop a plan of action to alleviate traffic problems in Ruddington had previously been circulated.

A number of traffic issues were identified and agreed:

- Parking - parking enforcement in the village centre and Wilford Road (by Sainsbury's); provision for 'all day' parkers; the potential of residents' parking schemes to provide a solution; the potential for a park and ride facility on the A60;
- Through traffic - increased use of Ruddington roads by commuters as a cut through to and from the A453, M1, and beyond;
- HGV's - as above
- One-way system - would this help?
- Public transport - bus link to the centre of West Bridgford; absence of bus lanes to assist bus travel; the future possibility of a tram link to Ruddington;

- Safety - speeding in the village centre when traffic flows permit - calming measures needed; more safe crossing points needed; 'safe' footpaths to provide access to the village core from the new developments;
- Cycling - the desirability of promoting cycling and the possibility of extending cycle tracks through Ruddington;
- 'Rat running' through Ruddington, and
- A 'Park and Ride' south of Nottingham

It was agreed to set up a Working Group, the Ruddington Traffic Working Group, to consult on issues and possible solutions and to prepare a Ruddington Traffic Plan for adoption by the Parish Council by Christmas.

Resolved that:

1. A working group, the Ruddington Traffic Working Group (RTWG), is set up with the following purposes: to survey the views of Ruddington residents and businesses regarding potential solutions to the issues that are described above, and to identify of any other highways issues of concern,
2. The RTWG will consist of the Chairman of the Parish Council, the Chairman of Environment and Policy Committee and Councillors Mrs A Auckland, Mrs B Breakwell and Miss H Opie.
3. The RTWG will develop a questionnaire for residents and businesses; will publicise and distribute that questionnaire electronically (unless a paper copy is requested); and collate the findings,
4. The findings of the survey, together with a draft 'Ruddington Traffic Plan' (RTP), will be reported to Parish Council for agreement,
5. The RTP will be opened up for a further round of public consultation,
6. RTWG will revise (if necessary) the draft RTP in light of the consultation, and
7. The RTP is presented to Parish Council for adoption as Parish Council policy.

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E. 14/07/09 Signage in the Village (See minute E. 14/06/09)

Information regarding a request for improved signage in the village had previously been circulated to members. Members agreed that the main place this was needed was near the bus stop on the Green and that a metal finger post similar to the one at the High Street end of the Green should be sited near to the bus stop.

Resolved that: The Clerk should arrange for a metal finger post, similar to the one at the High Street end of the Green and indicating the same destinations to be sited near the bus stop on the Green. If this costs more than £2,000 a report is to be brought to the next Committee.

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E. 14/07/10 Christmas Shop Window Competition

Information regarding agreeing a budget for prizes for the Christmas Shop Window Competition had previously been circulated to members. It was agreed that these should be paid for from the 'Xmas Tree' budget for this and future years.

Resolved that: Prizes for the Christmas Shop Window Competition should be paid for from the 'Xmas Tree' budget for this and future years.

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E. 14/07/11 Dress Code Policy

A draft Dress Code Policy had previously been circulated to members. This was agreed.

Resolved that: The Dress Code Policy (attached to these minutes) is approved.

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E. 14/07/12 Membership of Working Groups

A report on membership of Environment and Policy Committee Working Groups had previously been circulated to members.

It was agreed that the work of the Speed Limits and Traffic Calming Group should be included in the Ruddington Traffic Working Group (See minute E. 14/07/05 above) and the membership of the Christmas Event Group should remain unchanged.

Resolved that:

1. The work of the Speed Limits and Traffic Calming Group should be included in the Ruddington Traffic Working Group (See minute E. 14/07/08 above) and
2. The membership of the Christmas Event Group should remain unchanged.

RTWG

E. 14/07/13 Review of Parliamentary Polling Districts and Polling Places

Correspondence regarding Rushcliffe Borough Council's review of parliamentary polling districts and polling places had previously been circulated to members.

Resolved that: The above information is noted.

E. 14/07/14 Policing

Councillor Mrs B Breakwell reported on the Police Neighbourhood Priority Setting meeting held on 14th July 2014.

There has been a 7.4% reduction in crime across Rushcliffe for the year to date. The main issues are bike thefts and shed break ins. The Police have recently caught and charged a thief with a 'capture' bike.

Warnings have been issued and prosecutions taken place regarding speeding on Clifton Lane. Particular concerns about the speeding over the railway bridge have been raised by local residents.

The priorities for the next quarter are speeding on Clifton Lane/the railway bridge and burglaries/sheds.

Members noted this information.

E. 14/07/15 Highway Matters

Parking on Wilford Road (Dutton's Hill)

Councillor Mrs B Breakwell reported that she had been working with the PCSOs and the manager of Sainsbury's to ensure that deliveries were made outside of peak hours. A letter had been drafted to all their suppliers asking them to respect the parking/loading restrictions.

Other Issues

Councillor Miss H Opie raised the issue of parking by Allen Vending vehicles on the double yellow lines on Kirk Lane for long periods of time.

E. 14/07/16 Meeting with Businesses

Agenda items for the next meeting: traffic plan; Xmas event and shop window competition; community toilets; and how businesses can contribute to the 'look and feel' of the village.

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E. 14/07/17 Ways to Improve the Look and Feel of Ruddington

House on the corner of the Green

Councillor Mrs B Breakwell reported that local residents were still raising concerns about the house on the corner of the Green. Mr David Banks reported that Rushcliffe Borough Council have been in dialogue over a long time with the owner. The legal process of dealing with such properties is not well drafted or easy to implement. The Borough Council have done what is in their power. Residents need to raise this with their MP to get the law changed.

E. 14/07/18 Other environmental matters for report

There were no other matters raised.

E. 14/07/19 Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved that: In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted the public and press be temporarily excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item in accordance with Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and they are asked to withdraw.

E. 14/07/20 Employee 39

Resolved that: The temporary contract of Employee No 39 is extended until the end of October 2014.

The meeting closed at 9.02 p.m.

Chairman

Committee Chairman

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