

RUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the Environment & Community Committee meeting
Held at St Peter's Rooms on Tuesday 21st February 2012 at 7.30pm

Membership

	N. Tegerdine	Chairman
	K. S. Piggott	Vice-Chairman
	Miss S. A. Chambers	
A	Mrs S. Kaur Samra	
A	P. Lyons Lewis	
A	M. S. McGowan	
	Mrs M. Pell	
	Mrs M. Robinson	

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor	D. J. Hall
G. D. Long	Clerk to the Council
1 member of the public	

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs S. Kaur Samra, P. Lyons Lewis and M. S. McGowan.

DECLARATION OF MEMBER'S INTERESTS

Councillor Mrs M. Robinson declared an interest in Planning Application 11/02019/FUL.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th December 2011, having previously been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE REPORT

Ruddington Business Partnership (See minute E. 11/829)

The Chairman and Vice Chairman reported that the event for local businesses was now being planned for late spring/early summer.

Action

PCO =
Parish
Council
Office

PCG =
Parish
Council
Groundstaff

NT/KP

Dog Faeces (See minute E. 11/835)

Councillor Mrs M Pell reported that further information was now available and that the lady had slipped on ice and fallen onto dog faeces rather than having slipped on dog faeces.

Trees planted on Elms Park Playing Field (See minute 11/834)

The Clerk reported that he had received an e-mail from Mrs Dee Flight thanking the Parish Council for their positive response to her request.

E. 12/836 MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

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

There were no matters raised:

COMMITTEE IN SESSION

E. 12/837 DEVELOPMENT

New Applications

Resolved that: The observations contained in Planning Schedule 669 be adopted.

Decision Notices

Schedule DN 211 was presented to the Committee and the contents noted.

E. 12/838 POLICING

There were no new policing matters raised.

Resolved that: The above information be noted.

E. 12/839 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Councillor Mrs M. Pell reported that all the white lines on highways in the Village need renewing (including the parking bays).

Resolved that: The Clerk informs Nottinghamshire County Council of the need for relining in Ruddington.

PCO

E. 12/840 STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE (See minute E. 11/833)

Councillor Mrs M. Pell presented a brief summary of the progress of the Working Group to date including the SWOT analysis which had previously been circulated and informed members that the Working Group had prepared a written report.

Resolved that:

1. The written report is circulated to members of the Environment and Community Committee, and

PCO

2. A full discussion is held at the next meeting of the Environment and Community Committee.

PCO

E. 12/841 COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH (See minute E. 11/825)

A report summarising the position regarding setting up a Community Speed Watch scheme in Ruddington had previously been circulated. The Clerk reported that P.C. Ann Gill had spoken to P.C. Kelly Warwick who had helped set up the Community Speed Watch scheme in East Leake.

East Leake are using an old ultra light speed gun that Nottinghamshire Police no longer use. This could be used by a scheme in Ruddington and P.C. Kelly Warwick can train volunteers.

Resolved that:

1. The Parish Council should ask for volunteers interested in taking part in a Community Speed Watch scheme, and

PCO

2. The Clerk should find out how the scheme in East Leake is working and what impact it has had.

PCO

E. 11/842 BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2012

The Clerk reported that the application form for entering the Best Kept Village Competition 2012 had been received and that the Parish Council needed to decide whether or not to enter and, if so, how to take the matter forward.

Resolved that:

1. The Parish Council enter the Best Kept Village Competition 2012, and

PCO

2. An item be placed on the next Parish Council agenda to set up a Working Group to organise activities in preparation for the Best Kept Village Competition 2012.

PCO

E. 11/843 VILLAGE CLEAN-UP (See minute E. 11/822)

A report had previously been circulated reminding members that Councillor P McGowan had proposed a "Clean-up" community event in the village and that the Environment and Community Committee had resolved, at its meeting on 18th October 2011, to organise a "Clean-up" community event and to discuss it at an appropriate Committee meeting.

Resolved that: The Clerk obtain an update from Councillor P. F. McGowan.

PCO

E. 11/844 CHRISTMAS TREES IN VILLAGE

A report had previously been circulated advising that a number of shopkeepers had approached the Parish Council office asking to be added to the scheme for Christmas trees and lights and recommending that new brackets are purchased for all sites, a budget price is obtained for fitting new electrical points, new sites are identified, costs calculated and the donation from shopkeepers is reviewed.

During the discussion a 'Christmas Tree Light Switching On' ceremony and a 'Christmas Shop Window Display' competition were suggested.

Resolved that: The Parish Council

1. Obtains a quotation for the fabrication of tree brackets with screw fittings (Parish Council to supply and fit), for all sites. PCO
2. Obtains a 'budget' price for the installation of electrical points which the shopkeeper / owner will be required to supply and pay for (for advisory purposes only). PCO
3. Establishes how many additional sites would like installations. PCO
4. Presents a spread sheet of all additional costs that will be incurred to the Finance & Policy Committee. PCO
5. Reviews the donation requested and reports to the Finance & Policy Committee. PCO
6. Organises a 'Christmas Tree Light Switching On' ceremony for the tree in the grounds of St Peter's Church, and PCO
7. Considers a 'Christmas Shop Window Display' competition. PCO

E. 11/845 THURSDAY LUNCH CLUB

The Clerk reported that Mrs Muriel Woodhead (who runs the Thursday Lunch Club) had requested that the Parish Council consider setting up a Community Care Association to co-ordinate a list of volunteer drivers to give lifts to those who needed them. The person using the service would pay the driver a set price per mile.

During the discussion it was pointed out that this would duplicate the existing work of the Rushcliffe Voluntary Transport Scheme.

Resolved that: The Clerk should inform Mrs Woodhead of the Rushcliffe Voluntary Transport Scheme.

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E. 11/846 NALC PLANNING ROADSHOWS

Details of NALC Planning Roadshows, together with a booking form, had previously been circulated to members. The Clerk encouraged members to attend.

Resolved that: The above information is noted

E. 11/847 NCC FLOOD RISK PLANS

Details of correspondence from Nottinghamshire County Council regarding Flood Risk Plans had previously been circulated to members. NCC wish to encourage communities to become more 'flood resilient'. They provided an update on current flood risk management work, and advice on improving resilience to flood emergencies.

Resolved that: The above information is noted

E. 11/848 WAYS TO IMPROVE THE LOOK AND FEEL OF RUDDINGTON

No additional ideas were raised at this point.

E. 11/849 OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS FOR REPORT

Empty Properties

Councillor Mrs M. Pell reported that, as part of the work on the Strategic Plan for the Environment and Community Committee, she had requested the Clerk to obtain information on empty properties in Ruddington from Rushcliffe Borough Council. The Clerk reported that he had received a reply from RBC requesting a clarification of the information sought and would report back when a final response was received.

Lighting Plans in Ruddington (See minute C.11/1529)

The Clerk reported that Nottinghamshire County Council had published their proposals for street lighting energy saving and that these are available on the NCC website.

NET Phase Two – Information Sessions

The Clerk reported that NET are advertising a number of information sessions about NET Phase Two. Details are on the notice board at St Peter's Rooms.

Prints of Nottingham

The Parish Council had received an offer of four prints of Nottingham. It was felt that there may be a more suitable location for these prints. The Clerk reported that he would contact the donor and thank him for the offer.

Trees in rear garden of 50 Church Street

The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from Rushcliffe Borough Council informing the Parish Council that they had decided not to put a Tree Preservation Order on two Sycamore trees in the rear garden of 50 Church Street. Therefore work to fell them could proceed.

Lorry Watch

The Chairman reported that he was gathering information on 'Lorry Watch', a scheme using local people to detect the misuse of weight restricted routes by heavy goods vehicles in Nottinghamshire, and will report back.

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

Chairman

Committee Chairman