Ruddington Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of the Finance and Policy Committee Meeting

Held at St Peter's Rooms on Tuesday 19th June 2012 at 7.30 p.m.

Membership

Councillors N J Tegerdine Chairman

D J Hall Vice-Chairman

A Mrs B Breakwell
A Miss S A Chambers

P F McGowan K S Piggott Mrs B M Venes W A Wood

Persons absent are marked 'A'

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

Also in Attendance

Councillor Mrs M Pell

G D Long Clerk to the Council

1 member of the public

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs B Breakwell and Miss S A Chambers.

Declaration of Member's Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st May 2012, having previously been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

F. 12/1116 Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

F. 12/1117 Motion For Adjournment

RESOLVED:

That the Committee adjourn to allow the members of the public present to make statements on agenda items.

Committee in Session

F. 12/1118 Development

New Applications

There were no new applications to be considered.

F. 12/1119 Statement Of Accounts

RESOLVED:

That the Statement of Accounts as set out below be adopted and that payments contained therein be authorised:

Schedule of Payments for April 2012		6,547.11
Inter Account Transfers		
Current Account Transfers	Debit	166.25
	Credit	4,645.32
Deposit Account Transfers	Debit	112,058.36
	Credit	112,078.85
Imprest Account Transfers	Debit	0.00
	Credit	7,431.04
Money Market Transfers	Debit	100,022.60
	Credit	100,000.00
14-Day Deposit Transfers	Debit	11,890.00
	Credit	0.00

F. 12/1120 Statement Of Income Received

That the statement of income received, as set out below, be noted:

Income received for April 2012

4,131.22

RESOLVED:

That the above information be noted.

F. 12/1121 Outstanding Sundry Debtor Accounts

The Clerk reported that there are no outstanding sundry debtor accounts that need reporting.

RESOLVED:

That the above information be noted.

F. 12/1122 Ruddington Badminton Club (Vide Minute F. 12/1109)

Correspondence from Ruddington Badminton Club regarding a request for grant aid had previously been circulated to members.

Members considered the application and the information provided. They concluded that this was not a matter that the Parish Council could assist with at this time.

It was agreed that for future applications a more formal process would be beneficial.

RESOLVED:

That

1. The Clerk informs Ruddington Badminton Club that the Parish Council is unable to assist with funding at this time.

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2. A process for grant applications is discussed at the next Finance and Policy Committee meeting.

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F. 12/1123 Ruddington Medical Centre (Vide Minute C. 09/1273)

Information regarding the £16,400 received in rent from the siting of a temporary Medical Centre on the Green had previously been circulated to members. This money had been put into a separate fund. It is now an appropriate time to consider how to utilize the money.

It was agreed that the money should be used for one or more specific projects. The process should consider any ideas suggested in the village survey and circulate members for their ideas. Amenities Committee should then consider all suggestions and agree suitable options, these options should be advertised and feedback invited. Parish Council to make the final decision.

RESOLVED

That the process to be adopted is:

1.	Consider any ideas suggested in the village survey and circulate members for their ideas,	GDL
2.	Amenities Committee to consider all suggestions and agree suitable options, and	GDL
3.	Advertise the options and invite feedback	GDL
4.	Parish Council to make the final decision.	GDL

F. 12/1124 Flag Flying (Vide Minute F. 11/1035)

The Clerk reported that a number of requests to fly the union flag over the Queen's Jubilee weekend had been received by the Parish Council Office.

After he had consulted with members the flag was raised on Friday 1st June and lowered again on Wednesday 6th June.

One member requested that this be put on the Finance and Policy agenda to review the policy.

The Clerk reported that there had been no problems with the flag being left flying over the weekend.

RESOLVED

That the flag is flown on:

21st April (Queen's birthday) - Union Flag

23rd April (St George's Day) – English Flag

11th November (Remembrance Day) - Union Flag

Death of a royal - Union Flag at half-mast.

Other occasions as agreed by Committee or Parish Council.

On occasions that these dates fall when staff are not present the flag will be raised before they go off duty and lowered on their return.

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F. 12/1125 Dog Control Policy (Vide Minute F. 11/1005)

Finance and Policy Committee previously resolved to erect signage regarding control of dogs at Parish Council facilities and sites, and to review this after a suitable time.

Signs have been up at Elms Park and Sellor's Playing Field since February so there is now enough time lapsed for a review.

The Clerk reported that some dog walkers had started to keep their dogs on leads but that others had ignored the signs.

RESOLVED:

That the existing provision is maintained.

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F. 12/1126 A453 Widening

The Parish Council has received copies of the following Orders and the related Public Notices from the Highways Agency.

- A453 Birmingham to Nottingham Trunk Road (M1 Junction 24 to A 52 Nottingham improvement and slip roads orders) Order 2012
- A453 Trunk Road Detrunking Order 2012
- A453 Side Roads Order 2012
- A453 Compulsory Purchase Order (MP NO 70) 2012

The Chairman reported that he had reviewed the documentation. The scheme is going ahead, with work due to commence in January 2013.

The scheme has been welcomed by the Borough, County and City, local business leaders and others. Ruddington Parish Council has been, and will be, concerned about the impact of this scheme on traffic management in Ruddington and the possible future development of land near Clifton.

The Highways Agency has provided detailed plans to accompany the above Orders, and copies are retained by the Clerk for inspection.

The Chairman concluded that there are no implications for Ruddington other than those previously considered.

RESOLVED:

That this information is noted.

F. 12/1127 Insurance 2012/13

Information regarding the Parish Council's insurance renewal for 2012/13 had previously been circulated to members.

The Clerk reported that the brokers, Russell Scanlan, had been able to negotiate a reduction on the previous years cost.

RESOLVED:

That this information is noted.

F. 12/1128 Parish Lengthsman (Vide minute C. 12/1590)

Correspondence from Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) inviting parish councils to participate in a pilot of a Parish Lengthsman Scheme had previously been considered by the Parish Council.

The Clerk reported that NCC had contacted the Parish Council since then and that there was possible interest in a cluster locally. A firm proposal might be developed by the end of June.

It was agreed that any proposal should be taken to Parish Council for consideration and that if the Parish Council were asked to take the lead role in the cluster the administrative costs should be reclaimed as part of the scheme. Extra staffing would then be taken on to cover the extra work.

RESOLVED:

That

1. any proposal should be taken to Parish Council, and

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2. any additional administrative costs should be reclaimed.

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<u>F. 12/1129 Village Hall – Disabled Facilities</u> (Vide Minute F. 11/1090)

The Parish Council had previously agreed to provide additional disabled facilities at the Village Hall. The Clerk reported that two quotes had been obtained and that a third was delayed due to personal circumstances. In order to avoid further delay he requested that the decision on which quote to accept be delegated to appropriate members.

Councillor P M McGowan proposed the Chairman of the Council and the Chairman of Finance and Policy. This was agreed.

RESOLVED:

That the Chairman of the Council and the Chairman of Finance and Policy are delegated to decide which quote to accept.

PM/ NJT

F. 12/1130 Reports on Finance and Policy matters

There were no reports on Finance and Policy matters.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Chairman

Committee Chairman