

RUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held at St Peter's Rooms on Tuesday 20th March 2012 at 7.30 p.m.

Action

Membership

Councillors		Mrs. B. M. Venes	Chairman
	A	K. S. Piggott	Vice-Chairman
		Mrs. B. Breakwell	
		Miss S. A. Chambers	
	A	A. Chopra	
		D. J. Hall	
	A	Mrs. S. Kaur Samra	
		M. S. McGowan	
		P. F. McGowan	
		Mrs. M. Pell	
		Mrs. M. Robinson	
		N. J. Tegerdine	
	A	M. Walsh	
	A	Mrs. R. Wilson	
		W. A. Wood	

Persons absent are marked 'A'

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

Also in Attendance

Borough Councillor	J. Lungley
G. D. Long	Clerk to the Council
3 members of the public	

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A. Chopra , Mrs S. Kaur Samra, K. S. Piggott, M. Walsh, and Mrs. R. Wilson. Councillor W. A. Wood had indicated that he would be late.

Declaration of Member's Interests

The Chairman declared an interest in any item appertaining to the allotments.

Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 24th January 2012 and 6th March 2012, having previously been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

C. 12/1560 Motion for Adjournment

RESOLVED

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

Committee in Session

C. 12/1561 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman reported that she had written to Mr Peter Lyons-Lewis thanking him for his contribution whilst a parish councillor.

C. 12/1562 Communications

There were no communications to report.

C. 12/1563 Questions under Standing Order No.8

There were no questions raised under Standing Order No. 8.

C. 12/1564 Development

New Applications

RESOLVED

That the observations contained in Planning Schedule 671 be adopted.

C. 12/1565 Committee Reports and Minutes

The minutes and reports as set out below were presented and motions made for approval and adoption:

Amenities Committee	7 February 2012
Environment & Community Committee	21 February 2012
Finance and Policy committee	6 March 2012

RESOLVED

That the recommendations contained in the aforementioned minutes and reports be adopted

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

C. 12/1566 Parish Plan

Members gave consideration to information that had previously been circulated regarding the production of Parish Plans. Although there has been a mixed history it was agreed that, overall, there would be benefits to Ruddington of producing a Parish Plan.

Since the whole community should be involved in producing the Parish Plan (with the Parish Council taking lead responsibility) it was agreed to actively look for people to get involved, for example by asking in the Parish newsletter, the website and putting a question in the survey about Parish Council amenities being undertaken over the summer.

RESOLVED

1. That the Parish Council should initiate the process of developing a Parish Plan for Ruddington.
2. That a question should be included on the survey about Parish Council amenities (Vide Minute C. 12/1567 below) asking for residents who are interested in being involved in producing a Parish Plan.
3. That an item be placed on a Parish Council agenda after the completion of the survey to consider the next steps.

BB

GDL

C. 12/1567 Street Lighting Proposals for Ruddington (Vide Minute C. 11/1529)

Copies of correspondence from Nottinghamshire County Council regarding the final street lighting proposals for Ruddington had previously been circulated. The proposals can be viewed on the Nottinghamshire County Council website and will be implemented by the end of March.

Members noted this information.

C. 12/1568 Parish Council Surgery

11th February 2012 – County Councillor R. Adair; Borough Councillor J. Lungley, and Parish Councillor P. M. Lyons-Lewis

Copies of a report of issues raised at the Parish Council surgery held on 11th February 2012 had previously been circulated to members.

10th March 2012 – Borough Councillors N. Boughton-Smith and Mrs J. Greenwood, and Parish Councillor N. Tegerdine

Copies of a report of issues raised at the Parish Council surgery held on 10th March 2012 had previously been circulated to members.

RESOLVED

1. That the reports of issues raised, which are appended to these minutes, be noted.
2. That actions be taken as necessary

C. 12/1569 Survey of Village – Parish Council Amenities

A draft of a survey regarding social, recreational and sporting activities within the Village had previously been circulated. The content was considered and the method of delivery debated. It was agreed that the survey should be delivered door to door by parish councillors.

RESOLVED

1. That the survey will be ratified at Finance and Policy Committee on 1st May, and
2. That the survey will be delivered, door to door, by parish councillors.

BB

Parish
Cllrs

C. 12/1570 Reports

Parliamentary Boundary Review

Councillor Miss S. A. Chambers reported that the Boundary Commission have proposed new constituencies. The constituency which includes Ruddington has a proposed name of Coalville and Keyworth. She reported that individuals can still submit comments and propose a different name to include the historic name of Rushcliffe.

Standards Board for England

Councillor W. A. Wood reported that the Standards Board for England is being abolished by July 2012. Rushcliffe Borough Council has set up a sub-committee to consider how to replace the functions. It has four parish councillor representatives, of which Councillor Wood is one. He will keep the Parish Council informed.

Ruddington Festival

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council's insurance brokers (Russell Scanlon) had reported that the insurers (Evolution) had decided that the Ruddington Festival could not be insured as part of the Parish Council's insurance as it is not a Parish Council event, even though supported by the Parish Council.

Applications for Liquor Licenses

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had started to receive notifications of liquor licensing applications. The Parish Council is not a statutory consultee, but individuals can submit representations if they are 'interested parties'.

Parish Council Vacancy

The Clerk reported that the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr P. M. Lyons-Lewis had now been advertised. A request for an election must be in writing, signed by ten electors within the parish and delivered to the Returning Officer by 29th March 2012.

Streetwise

The Clerk reported that the local Streetwise Operative employed by Rushcliffe Borough Council has recently reported that he has been asked to take on another operative's work in addition to his current workload. If this is the case, it will result in a poorer service for Ruddington.

Death of Lucy Bagley

The Clerk reported the death on Thursday 8th March of Lucy Bagley. Lucy taught in both village schools years ago and has held several offices in the Phoenix Bridge Club. A service of celebration of Lucy's life will be held at the Methodist Church on Friday 23rd March at 2.30 p.m. This will be followed by afternoon tea at St. Peter's Rooms.

Borough Councillors

Councillor J. Lungley, on behalf of the three Borough Councillors, reported as follows:

- **Council Tax.** Rushcliffe Borough Council have, in spite of the current financial climate, frozen the council tax for 2012/13.
- **Rushcliffe Survey** A recent survey of Rushcliffe found that 93% of residents are satisfied with Rushcliffe as a place to live and 66% are satisfied with the services provided by Rushcliffe Borough council
- **Localism Act.** The Localism Act requires local authorities to publish a pay policy statement by 31st March each year. Rushcliffe Borough Council will publish theirs soon.

C. 12/1571 Best Kept Village Competition 2012 (Vide Minute E. 11/842)

The Environment and Community Committee on 21st February resolved to enter the Best Kept Village Competition 2012 and to ask for volunteers to be on the working group at the next Parish Council meeting.

A discussion was held regarding the issues and the need to organise a clean-up before the inspection which involved a broad spread of village people and organisations.

RESOLVED

That Councillor N. J. Tegerdine will take the lead in organising the preparations for the Best Kept Village Competition 2012.

NJT

The meeting closed at 8.47 p.m.

Chairman

SUMMARY OF SURGERY NOTES FOR SATURDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2012

In attendance:

Nottinghamshire County Councillor Reg Adair
Rushcliffe Borough Councillor John Lungley
Ruddington Parish Councillor Peter Lyons Lewis

Mrs Muriel Woodhead – Re: Thursday Lunch Club (held at St. Peter’s Rooms). Is there any possibility of a driving scheme to pick people up as at the moment people are taking meals out to those who cannot attend? – *Report to Environment & Community.*

Mrs Muriel Woodhead – Complaining about the amount of dirt around the village since cuts at Streetwise. – *B Cllr John Lungley to raise the matter.*

Mrs Muriel Woodhead – Ladies toilets in the Youth Club out of order for several weeks/months. – *County Cllr Reg Adair to raise the matter.*

Mrs Muriel Woodhead – Asher Lane, even numbered side – poor pavement surface. – *County Cllr Reg Adair to raise the matter.*

Colin Lowther, Parklands Stables, Ruddington Hall – Re: Planning application that Parish Council objected to for function marquee at Parkland Stables. Frustrated at nature of the objections. Parish objected on noise and environmental reasons but Notts Wildlife Trust had no worries. RBC eventually objected on grounds of Green Belt. His view is that the Parish Council objections need to be objective and justified. – *Report to Parish Council*

Colin Lowther, Parklands Stables, Ruddington Hall – Has reported fly tipping several times to RBC – never any response. He ends up self-policing tippers when they leave identifying details. – *Borough Cllr John Lungley to raise the matter.*

Penny Shields – concerned about the ‘dogs on lead’ signs at Elms Park. It is an issue for very local elderly with dogs, they cannot exercise their dogs anywhere else as they are not mobile enough. She says that dogs on leads can appear more aggressive as they act to protect their owner. Controlled dogs off-lead are less aggressive. – *Report to Amenities.*

In attendance:

Rushcliffe Borough Councillors Nigel Boughton-Smith and Jean Greenwood
Ruddington Parish Councillor Nick Tegerdine,
Apologies received from County Councillor Reg Adair.

Mrs Muriel Woodhead

Wanted to speak to Reg re toilet repairs at the Youth Centre. The repair that was made has failed so it has to be done again. A similar issue with a table tennis table. We explained that Reg was not attending today.

Muriel then lobbied against the charges for the coffee club, adding that 'we will have to close'. NT explained that the Parish Council are seeking a fair and transparent system and asked that she hold fire for a while.

ACTION. Ongoing dialogue.

Mrs Bramwell.

Asked about the noise from the generator operating at Bella Court building. NT explained that the Parish Council are aware of this and that information had been sought but that he was not aware of the reply, if any, received. Mrs Bramwell complained mainly about the noise, but then also about the building itself.

Borough Cllrs said that planning consent had been given but that the building was not thought to have been finished according to the design brief.

ACTION. NT agreed to get back to her re. the response received about the generator.

Michael Hollands.

Lobbied about the rent increase for the badminton club using the Village Hall. He said that he had been told 'after the meeting' (F and P, last Tuesday) that the increase remained. Therefore, he said, they'd have to close. NT repeated the points made on Tuesday.

Mr Hollands repeated the view that 'you want to close it down and build houses on the land at the back', and that to achieve that, 'you want to force us out'. NT pointed out that his information was incorrect and that he needed to verify his sources!

Mr Hollands also complained about the absence of public toilets in Ruddington. A useful discussion ensued.

His final issue was to do with hedge clippings. He is a cyclist and gets punctures from unswept hedge clippings, particularly hawthorn. He asked who was responsible for tidying up after hedge trimming.

ACTION' Ongoing dialogue.

NT