

RUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held at St Peter's Rooms on Tuesday 15th May 2012 at 7.30 p.m.

Action

Membership

Councillors	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
	K S Piggott
	Mrs M Robinson
	N J Tegerdine
	Mrs B M Venes
	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	Mrs J Greenwood
County Councillor	R Adair
G D Long	Clerk to the Council
Mrs L M Cooke	Deputy Clerk
7 members of the public	

C. 12/1572 Appointment of Chairman

It was proposed by Councillor N J Tegerdine and seconded by Councillor K S Piggott that Councillor P F McGowan is elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year. There were no other nominations.

RESOLVED

That Councillor P F McGowan is appointed as Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by the Chairman.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Chopra and Mrs R Wilson.

Declaration of Member's Interests

Councillor Mrs B M Venes declared an interest in any item appertaining to the allotments and Vicarage Lane Cemetery.

C. 12/1573 Appointment of Vice Chairman

It was proposed by Councillor D J Hall and seconded by Councillor Miss S A Chambers that Councillor K S Piggott is elected Vice Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year. There were no other nominations.

RESOLVED

That Councillor K S Piggott is appointed as Vice Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by the Vice Chairman.

C. 12/1574 Appointment of Members of Amenities Committee and Environment & Community Committee

The Clerk explained that Standing Order 17 (2) states that the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council are ex-officio members of both Amenities and Environment & Communities Committees. Every member of the Council, except the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council, are on one or other of the committees. This gives both committees 9 members in total.

RESOLVED

That members are appointed to Standing Committees as set out below:

Amenities Committee

Councillors	Mrs B Breakwell
	D J Hall
	P F McGowan
	K S Piggott
	Mrs M Robinson
	Mrs B M Venes
	M Walsh
	Mrs R Wilson
	W A Wood

Environment & Community Committee

Councillors Miss S A Chambers
 A Chopra
 Mrs S Kaur Samra
 M S McGowan
 P F McGowan
 Mrs M Pell
 K S Piggott
 N J Tegerdine

C. 12/1575 Appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman of Amenities Committee and an additional member to serve on the Finance and Policy Committee

It was proposed by Councillor K S Piggott and seconded by Councillor Mrs B Breakwell that Councillor W A Wood is elected Chairman of Amenities Committee for the ensuing year. There were no other nominations.

It was proposed by Councillor W A Wood and seconded by Councillor K S Piggott that Councillor Mrs B Breakwell is elected Vice Chairman of Amenities Committee for the ensuing year. There were no other nominations.

It was proposed by Councillor K S Piggott and seconded by Councillor W A Wood that Councillor D J Hall is elected as the additional member from Amenities Committee to serve on the Finance and Policy Committee for the ensuing year.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs B Breakwell and seconded by Councillor M Walsh that Councillor Mrs B M Venes is elected as the additional member from Amenities Committee to serve on the Finance and Policy Committee for the ensuing year.

There being an equality of votes of members of the Committee, Councillor Mrs B M Venes was elected to serve as the additional member from Amenities Committee on the Finance and Policy Committee for the ensuing year on the casting vote of the Chairman of Amenities Committee.

RESOLVED:

1. That Councillor W A Wood is appointed Chairman of the Amenities Committee for the ensuing year.
2. That Councillor Mrs B Breakwell is appointed Vice Chairman of the Amenities Committee for the ensuing year.

3. That Councillor Mrs B M Venes is appointed to serve as the additional member from Amenities Committee on the Finance and Policy Committee for the ensuing year.

The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee.

C. 12/1576 Appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman of Environment and Community Committee and an additional member to serve on the Finance and Policy Committee

It was proposed by Councillor Miss S A Chambers and seconded by Councillor Mrs M Pell that Councillor N J Tegerdine is elected Chairman of Environment and Community Committee for the ensuing year. There were no other nominations.

It was proposed by Councillor N J Tegerdine and seconded by Councillor M S McGowan that Councillor K S Piggott is elected Vice Chairman of Environment and Community Committee for the ensuing year. There were no other nominations.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs M Pell and seconded by Councillor K S Piggott that Councillor Miss S A Chambers is elected as the additional member from Environment and Community Committee to serve on the Finance and Policy Committee for the ensuing year. There were no other nominations.

RESOLVED:

1. That Councillor N J Tegerdine is appointed Chairman of the Environment and Community Committee for the ensuing year.
2. That Councillor K S Piggott is appointed Vice Chairman of the Environment and Community Committee for the ensuing year.
3. That Councillor Miss S A Chambers is appointed to serve as the additional member from Environment and Community Committee on the Finance and Policy Committee for the ensuing year.

The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee.

C. 12/1577 Appointment of members to the Finance and Policy Committee

The Clerk advised that the Finance and Policy Committee is made up of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council, Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Amenities Committee, Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Environment and Community Committee and the appointed representatives of each of the two Committees.

As Councillor K S Piggott qualifies on two counts it was necessary for the Council to appoint an additional member to serve on the Finance and Policy Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor N J Tegerdine and seconded by Councillor K S Piggott that Councillor D J Hall is elected as the additional member to serve on the Finance and Policy Committee for the ensuing year. There were no other nominations.

RESOLVED:

That the following members constitute the Finance and Policy Committee:

Councillors	Mrs B Breakwell
	Miss S A Chambers
	D J Hall
	P F McGowan
	K S Piggott
	N J Tegerdine
	Mrs B M Venes
	W A Wood

C. 12/1578 Appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman of Finance and Policy Committee

It was proposed by Councillor K S Piggott and seconded by Councillor W A Wood that Councillor N J Tegerdine is elected Chairman of Finance and Policy Committee for the ensuing year. There were no other nominations.

It was proposed by Councillor N J Tegerdine and seconded by Councillor K S Piggott that Councillor D J Hall is elected Vice Chairman of Finance and Policy Committee for the ensuing year. There were no other nominations.

RESOLVED:

1. That Councillor N J Tegerdine is appointed Chairman of the Finance and Policy Committee for the ensuing year.
2. That Councillor D J Hall is appointed Vice Chairman of the Finance and Policy Committee for the ensuing year.

The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee.

C. 12/1579 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies

Ruddington Local History & Amenity Society

It was proposed by Councillor W A Wood and seconded by Councillor K S Piggott that Councillor P F McGowan is elected as the Parish Council representative on the Ruddington Local History & Amenity Society. There were no other nominations.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor P F McGowan is appointed as the Parish Council representative on the Ruddington Local History & Amenity Society.

Allotments Working Group

It was proposed by Councillor P F McGowan and seconded by Councillor W A Wood that Councillor Mrs B M Venes is elected as the Parish Council representative on the Allotments Working Group. There were no other nominations.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Mrs B M Venes is appointed as the Parish Council representative on the Allotments Working Group.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th March 2012, having previously been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C. 12/1580 Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

C. 12/1581 Motion for Adjournment

RESOLVED

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

During the adjournment the following matters were raised:

County Councillor Reg Adair requested that the Parish Council consider including reports from County and Borough councillors earlier in the agenda for future meetings as this would enable him to attend more Parish Council meetings.

Two items related to Ruddington, the Hareham Garden Allotment improvements and the Labyrinth at Rushcliffe Country Park (by the Friends of Rushcliffe Country Park), were highlighted at a celebration of last year's Local Improvement Schemes

He has asked County Council officers to look at putting 2 or 3 hour parking in certain areas of the village to address traffic and parking issues. He is pressing the County Council to keep potholes filled up.

He informed those present that there are some more general improvements planned over the next 12 months.

Committee in Session

C. 12/1582 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman welcomed the members of the public especially the County and Borough Councillors and the two candidates for the Parish Council by-election on 17th May.

C. 12/1583 Communications

There were no communications to report.

C. 12/1584 Questions under Standing Order No.8

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

C. 12/1585 Development

New Applications

RESOLVED

That the observations contained in Planning Schedule 675 be adopted.

C. 12/1586 Committee Reports and Minutes

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

Amenities Committee	27 March 2012
Environment & Community Committee	17 April 2012
Finance and Policy committee	1 May 2012

RESOLVED

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

C. 12/1587 Chairman's Allowance

Members were reminded that £600 had been budgeted for the Chairman's Allowance for 2012/13.

It was proposed by Councillor K S Piggott and seconded by Councillor N J Tegerdine that the Chairman's Allowance for 2012/13 is £600.

RESOLVED

That the Chairman's Allowance for 2012/13 is £600.

C. 12/1588 Armed Forces Day 2012

Copies of correspondence from the Chief of Defence Staff regarding Armed Forces Day 2012 had previously been circulated. He was requesting local councils to fly the Armed Forces Day flag on 25th June. The Clerk advised that the Parish Council did not currently have an Armed Forces Day flag. The cost would be £10.

RESOLVED:

That the Parish Council purchase an Armed Forces Day flag and fly it on 25th June 2012.

GDL

C. 12/1589 Ruddington Festival in 2012 (Vide Minute C. 11/1536)

Members were reminded that at the Parish Council meeting on 15th November they had resolved to take a stall at the Ruddington Festival on Saturday 14th July 2012 and that the question of manning the stall be discussed at a Parish Council meeting nearer the day.

The Chairman advised that both he and Councillor Mrs Barbara Breakwell were already in attendance on the day. Councillors Miss S A Chambers, D J Hall, M S McGowan, Mrs M Pell, N J Tegerdine, and Mrs B M Venes indicated that they were available. Other councillors gave their apologies for not being able to attend.

The Clerk reminded members that no decision had yet been made as to the purpose and contents of the stall.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Clerk draw up a rota of those councillors available on the day, and
2. That the Chairman and the Clerk decide on appropriate content for the stall.

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C. 12/1590 Parish Lengthsman Scheme

Correspondence from Nottinghamshire County Council inviting parish councils to participate in a pilot of a Parish Lengthsman Scheme had previously been circulated to members.

The Lengthsman will be a person employed or contracted by a cluster of parish and/or town councils to work locally and carry out minor highways and environmental works. The pilot runs from June 2012 to March 2013 and any expression of interest need to be submitted as soon as possible.

It was agreed that further work would be needed before a formal submission was made, that the Clerk should inform the County Council that the Parish Council may be interested and a fuller discussion should be held at the next Finance and Policy committee.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Clerk inform Nottinghamshire County Council that the Parish Council might be interested, and
2. That an item should be placed on the agenda of the next Finance and Policy Committee.

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C. 12/1591 Early Day Motion – Planning Appeals

Correspondence from the National Association of Local Councils asking parish councils to write to their MP to request them to sign the Early Day Motion (EDM) on Planning Appeals had previously been circulated to members.

The EDM seeks to support a Bill giving local councils the right of appeal against the granting of planning permissions to which they have previously objected.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk write to the Rt. Hon Kenneth Clarke QC MP requesting him to sign the Early Day Motion on Planning Appeals.

GDL

C. 12/1592 Parish Council Surgery

14th April 2012 – Borough Councillor J. Lungley, and Parish Councillor Mrs B M Venes

Copies of a report of issues raised at the Parish Council surgery held on 14th April 2012 had previously been circulated to members.

12th May 2012 – County Councillor R Adair, Borough Councillor Mrs J. Greenwood, and Parish Councillor M Walsh

The Clerk gave a verbal report of issues raised at the Parish Council surgery held on 12th May 2012.

RESOLVED

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

C. 12/1593 Reports

Borough Councillors

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

- **Localism Act.** There are a number of changes happening as a consequence of the Localism Act. These are being progressed. Any changes directly affecting Ruddington will be reported at a future meeting.
- **Yearly Calendar.** Rushcliffe Borough's year calendar shows a lot of meetings that were held on Monday evenings are now to be held on Tuesdays. This will make it more difficult for Borough councillors to attend Parish Council meetings.
- **Police Contact Point.** The Police Contact Point in Ruddington is closing in June 2012. The volunteers will open for the last time on Friday 25th May from 4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. The last day for the Rushcliffe Borough Council staff will be Tuesday 29th May.

Police Priority Setting Meeting

Councillor Mrs B Breakwell reported on the Police Priority Setting Meeting she had attended on 18th April 2012.

Inspector Hallam reported that there are many planned changes in policing and community engagement. The 3 monthly Priority setting Meetings are likely to be replaced by less regular "Safe Neighbourhood Committee" meetings.

The main issues in the Rushcliffe North police area are:

- Motorbike thefts
- Shoplifting
- Drive offs from petrol stations
- Shed, allotment and outbuildings break in/theft
- Theft of cycles (70% of the crime in the first 2 weeks of April).

The priority for Ruddington in the next 3 months is speeding on the road in to Ruddington from Clifton. The Beat Manager and PCSO will be monitoring along Clifton Road.

Rushcliffe Community Cohesion Network

Councillor Mrs B Breakwell reported on the Rushcliffe Community Cohesion Network Annual event she had attended on 30th March 2012. The theme was "Celebrating Diversity through Sport and Physical Activity". Presentations were given regarding services available in the area to promote sport and physical activity. Issues were explored in depth in a number of workshops.

Licensing Application for Parklands

Councillor Mrs B M Venes reported that she had attended the hearing for the licensing application for Parklands and had been able to speak. She outlined the conditions under which the license had been granted.

C. 12/1594 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.

C. 12/1595 Staffing Approval of the appointment of Employee No. 36.

RESOLVED

1. That Employee No. 36, having completed the 6 months probationary period satisfactorily, is appointed to the permanent establishment.
2. That Employee No 36 is awarded a salary increment of 1 spinal point i.e. to spinal column point 26 within salary scale LC1/LC2 (spinal column points 25 – 31) from 10th April 2012 following 6 months satisfactory service.

C. 12/1596 Superannuation Application for G D Long

RESOLVED

That Parish Council employee G D Long is admitted to the County Council's superannuation scheme as from 10th April 2012.

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

Chairman

SUMMARY OF SURGERY NOTES FOR SATURDAY 14th APRIL 2012

In attendance:

Rushcliffe Borough Councillor John Lungley

Ruddington Parish Councillor Mrs Barbara Venes

For Neighbourhood Policing: PCSO Jenny Buggy

Note: On this occasion, councillors were unable to get in to the hall. Councillors to ensure that in future they collect a key from the Parish Council Office before the surgery.

Mrs Hann and Mrs Pat Oliver – Parking on Cumberland Close.

Mrs Oliver's mother tripped on the kerb when she could not get through to the pavement due to parked cars. She now has a serious injury to her leg. The police have been informed but no action has been taken. The situation has existed for years and very little action has been taken by any agency. New action by some councils to stop pavement parking.

David Hollingworth – Rubbish on Elms Park.

Councillor Mrs Pell complained about litter on Elms Park. He suggests that: a) The clubs clear up and b) the ground staff clear up. Litter bins should be emptied before match days. Could black bin bags be left for teams to clear up before leaving the ground. – *Report to Amenities*

Elder tree: On the Green needs cutting also 2 sycamores. – *Report to Amenities*

Mrs Ann Tribble, 22 Flawforth Avenue – Garden of Rest

Was upset. Had visited cemetery where ashes of her husband were interred. Remembrance Garden neglected and state of path had many weeds. Felt the Parish did not maintain it sufficiently – leaves and weeds about. Compares poorly with other cemeteries. – *Report to Amenities*

Council Surgery

12th May 2012

In attendance:

Ruddington Parish Councillor Martin Walsh
Rushcliffe Borough Councillor Jean Greenwood
County Councillor Reg Adair.

Councillor Reg Adair sends his apologies for the June surgery.

David Hollingworth: The path across the Green

The path towards Elms Gardens is narrowing. There are drainage problems during heavy rain. Two people cannot pass. DH suggested spraying the edge of the path or chipping away the turf where it has encroached.

Action: Report to Amenities Committee

Mrs Hancock – Green Wheelie bin.

Mrs Hancock has been requesting a refund as her gardener disposes of her garden waste.

Action: Councillor Greenwood agreed to take this up.

Councillor David Hall: Potholes Wilford Road.

Councillor Hall reported potholes in Wilford Road and a subsided gulley which has now been fixed.

Action: Reg Adair to take this up.