

RUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held at St Peter's Rooms on Tuesday 18th September 2012 at 7.30 p.m.

Action

Membership

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

PCO =
Parish
Council
Office

PCG =
Parish
Council
Ground
staff

Persons absent are marked 'A'

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

Also in Attendance

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| G D Long | Clerk to the Council |
| Mrs L M Cooke | Deputy Clerk |
| 2 members of the public | |

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M S McGowan, Mrs M Robinson and Mrs R Wilson, and the reasons accepted.

C. 12/1620 Casual Vacancy – Easthorpe Ward

The Chairman reported that a public meeting had been held prior to the Parish Council Meeting between an agreed panel of parish councillors and those persons wishing to be considered for co-option to the Parish Council. The panel resolved the decision should be made by written ballot and Miss Helen Opie had been selected to be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

It was proposed by Councillor P M McGowan and seconded by Councillor K S Piggott that Miss Helen Opie is co-opted to the Parish Council and this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED:

1. That Miss Helen Opie is co-opted to the Parish Council to represent Easthorpe Ward.

Miss Helen Opie signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Council's Proper Officer.

Declaration of Member's Interests

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

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd July 2012, having previously been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C. 12/1621 Action List Update

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

Members noted this information

C. 12/1622 Motion for Adjournment

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

During the adjournment the following matters were raised:

Mr David Hollingworth commented on the trees overhanging the parking area on Lees Road. This is the responsibility of Metropolitan Housing, who had been approached a number of times over a period of years.

Committee in Session

C. 12/1623 Chairman's Announcements

The Vice Chairman announced that Mr J McGowan the Chairman of Screveton Parish Meeting, the brother of Councillor P F McGowan, had died on Friday 14th September 2012 after a very short illness. Members stood in silence for one minute as a tribute to his memory.

C. 12/1624 Communications

There were no communications to report.

C. 12/1625 Questions under Standing Order No.8

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

C. 12/1626 Development

Planning Meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council Planning Meeting held on 21st August 2012, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

New Applications

Resolved that: The observations contained in Planning Schedule 682 are adopted.

C. 12/1627 Committee Reports and Minutes

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

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| Amenities Committee | 17 July 2012 |
| Environment & Community Committee | 31 July 2012 |
| Finance and Policy Committee | 14 September 2012 |

Councillor D Hall thanked the Clerk, the Deputy Clerk and the Senior Groundsman for the extra work they had put in over the Bank Holiday to address the backlog caused by the suspension and subsequent dismissal of Employee No 31. Members agreed. The Chairman asked that this was noted in the minutes.

Resolved that: The recommendations contained in the minutes and reports mentioned above are adopted.

C. 12/1628 Survey of Village – Parish Council Amenities

(See minute C.12/1607 and F. 12/1105)

A report containing an analysis of the results of the survey of social, recreational and sporting activities within the village had previously been circulated to members.

The Clerk reported that considerable work had gone into the analysis primarily by the Administrative Assistant and also that Councillor Mrs M Robinson had spent two mornings assisting with the analysis.

Members reflected on the varied nature of the responses with no clear, standout theme emerging.

It was suggested that the report be presented to each committee for more detailed consideration of relevant areas and that thanks were noted in the minutes to the Administrative Assistant and Councillor Mrs M Robinson for the work undertaken in the analysis.

Resolved that: The report containing the analysis of the results of the survey of social, recreational and sporting activities within the village is put on the agenda of each committee.

PCO

C. 12/1629 Regular Village Clean-up (See minute E. 12/879)

Environment and Community Committee agreed on 31st July to pursue a programme of regular village clean-ups and that this required someone, or a small group, to organise and promote it. The Committee resolved to seek volunteers at the Parish Council meeting on 18th September.

Members agreed that this was a good idea and Councillor N J Tegerdine agreed to convene a working group. Councillor Mrs B Breakwell and the Chairman of the Parish Council volunteered to be on the working group.

Councillor Mrs B Breakwell reported that the Scouts and Cubs are interested in helping. Members suggested that an article should be placed in the Village Newsletter asking for volunteers to help with the clean-up programme.

Resolved that:

1. Councillor N J Tegerdine convenes a working group consisting of himself, Councillor Mrs B Breakwell and the Chairman of the Parish Council.
2. An article asking for volunteers to help with the clean-up programme is placed in the Village Newsletter.

NJT

PCO

C. 12/1630 NALC AGM

The 67th AGM of the Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils (NALC) is to be held on Wednesday 14th November 2012 at Epperstone Village Hall. The Parish Council is entitled to appoint 2 voting delegates.

Councillor Mrs B M Venes volunteered to attend.

Resolved that: Councillor Mrs B M Venes represents the Parish Council at the NALC AGM on 14th November 2012.

BMV

C. 12/1631 Council Tax Support Scheme

Correspondence from Rushcliffe Borough Council consulting on their proposed Council Tax Support Scheme had previously been circulated to members.

The Government is planning to abolish the national scheme of Council Tax Benefits from April 2013. Each local billing authority needs to design and approve a Council Tax Support Scheme which protects pensioners and offers support to other groups of people.

Members suggested that this should be considered at the next Finance and Policy Committee. Councillor Allen Wood volunteered to produce a draft response.

Resolved that:

1. Finance and Policy Committee on 30th October 2012 should consider Rushcliffe Borough Council's proposed Council Tax Support Scheme
2. Councillor W A Wood produces a draft response for consideration at the meeting.

PCO

WAW

C. 12/1632 Superfast Broadband Scheme

Correspondence from Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) regarding the Notts Campaign for Superfast Broadband had previously been circulated to members.

The Campaign has so far helped secure £4.25 million towards the Nottinghamshire Local Broadband Plan. This has been match funded by the Nottinghamshire principle local authorities.

NCC is aiming to achieve 5,000 pledges of support. To date some 3,000 responses have been received. NCC is requesting parish councils to publicise the campaign.

Resolved that: The Notts Campaign for Superfast Broadband is publicised in the Village Newsletter and on the Parish Council website.

PCO

C. 12/1633 Parish Council Surgery

14th July 2012 – Parish Councillor P F McGowan

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

8th September 2012 – Parish Councillors Miss S A Chambers and Mrs M Pell

Copies of a report of issues raised at the Parish Council surgery held on 8th September 2012 had previously been circulated to members

The issue of items placed on the pavement in front of Kelham's causing difficulties for pedestrians had been omitted from the record made on the day. County Councillor Reg Adair had agreed to follow this up.

Resolved that:

1. The reports of issues raised, which are appended to these minutes, are noted.
2. Actions are taken as necessary.

C. 12/1634 Reports

Police Priority Setting Meeting

Councillor Mrs B Breakwell reported she attended the Police Priority Setting Meeting on 18th July 2012. She raised the issue of the withdrawal of the dedicated police vehicle for the Ruddington Beat Manager.

The locality update report included a large reduction in burglaries, and an 80% year to date reduction in robberies. The priority work for April to July was speeding on Clifton Road and regular patrols had resulted in prosecutions and warnings. The priority for July to October was still speeding but over an extended area.

Town and Parish Councils Forum

Councillor Mrs B M Venes reported that she and Councillor Mrs B Breakwell had attended the Town and Parish Councils Forum event on 13th September. The main theme was housing. One item was a report from Metropolitan Housing (who is the main housing provider in Ruddington, with 428 units) about possible plans for Leys Court, which is now nearly empty. Our representatives asked why the Parish Council had not been informed and received an apology.

There was also a short presentation on Rushcliffe Borough Council's Council Tax Support Scheme.

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

Chairman

Council Surgery

14th July 2012

In attendance:

Ruddington Parish Councillor: Peter McGowan

Rushcliffe Borough Councillors: Nigel Boughton-Smith and John Lungley

County Councillor: Reg Adair.

P.C. Ann Gill

Gillian Worster 67 Easthorpe Street 984 7237 –

Interested in Speed Watch Parish Council Office to deal

Speed on Easthorpe Street. P.C. Ann Gill to deal

David Hollingworth

Carter Ave – hedge overgrown B Telecom. County Councillor Reg Adair. to deal

Police car – complain to Police about withdrawal. P.C. Ann Gill to deal

Sue Willbraham

Ditch on Ashworth Avenue – totally overgrown on the land beyond the school other side from golf course. County Councillor Reg Adair. to deal

Any news on development on Padgett Close. Borough councillor Nigel Boughton Smith to deal

Betty Kidd (ex. The Elms)

Philos & chip shop – not got rail to help access for disabled

No name recorded

Narrow pavement on end of St. John's Road needs widening & hedge (Jolly Farmers) cutting – suggest remove hedge. County Councillor Reg Adair to deal

Council Surgery

8th September 2012

In attendance:

Ruddington Parish Councillors: Marion Pell and Sheila Chambers

County Councillor: Reg Adair.

Mrs Morley. The Green

Church Street – Query white lines parking problem for buses.

Signage at Vicarage Lane. Obliterated!

David Hollingworth

A52 Nottm Knight Island: Visibility for exit from West Bridgford. County Councillor Reg Adair to deal.

Leys Road – Parking area, overgrown tree's prevent parking facilities. Metropolitan Housing to deal.

Mrs Vargas Block – Savages Road

Pasture Lane Bellway Development. What green hedges are being moved. Advised to speak to Planning Office Architect.

Mrs Forman Camelot Street

Duplication of letters from Notts CC. County Councillor Reg Adair to deal

Clifton Road parking by seats. Park on pavement. County Councillor Reg Adair to deal

Michael Hollands – Brookside Gardens

Manor Park: Query retirement homes on vacant site. County Councillor Reg Adair to deal.