

RUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Special Parish Council Meeting

Held at St Peter's Rooms on Tuesday 30th July 2013 at 7.00 p.m.

Action

Membership

Councillors

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

Chairman
Vice-Chairman

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

G D Long

Clerk to the Council

8 members of the public

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K S Piggott, Mrs M Robinson and Mrs B M Venes, and the reasons accepted.

Declaration of Member's Interests and Dispensations from Non-participation

There were no declarations of interest.

C. 13/1710 Motion for Adjournment

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

A number of members of the public spoke on the Rushcliffe Core Strategy. The points raised included:

- Concern about the volume of housing and the spread towards Ruddington.
- The golf course at Edwalton and how it will be replaced.

- The impact of all the extra housing on congestion on the roads.
- The amount of housing planned for Ruddington and that it can't take any more.
- Questions about the need for provision of Travellers sites. (Note: there is a legal requirement for Rushcliffe Borough Council to provide a certain level of provision for Travellers).
- Why are all the new houses being added to existing main conurbations rather than a small number added to each village?
- Clifton Pastures (south of Clifton) is the 2nd most historic site in Nottinghamshire.
- View expressed that the meeting was not well enough advertised.
- There are acres of brownfield sites in the City which could be used for housing rather than building on Green Belt.
- The Clifton site may benefit Ruddington providing easier access to the A453 and tram.
- Suggest that parish councillors visit local people and tell them about this consultation.
- There is a need for more affordable housing for young people.

Committee in Session

C. 13/1711 Development - New Applications

New Applications:

Resolved that: The observations contained in Planning Schedule 702 are adopted.

C. 13/1712 Rushcliffe Core Strategy (See minute E. 13/946)

The Clerk reported to Environment and Community Committee on 23rd July 2013 that in October 2012 Rushcliffe Borough Council (RBC) submitted the Rushcliffe Core Strategy (Part 1 of its Local Plan) for Public Examination. The inspector raised concerns on a number of issues, in particular that the level of proposed new housing is too low and that further Green Belt review work is required.

As part of this additional work RBC is now consulting on:

- Further proposals for new housing development, and
- Draft Rushcliffe Green Belt Review (Parts 1 and 2a).

There are proposals in for both housing and the Green Belt just outside Ruddington which are likely to have an impact in the Village. The deadline for comments is 9th August 2013.

Environment and Community Committee resolved that the matter should be discussed at a Special Parish Council Meeting and papers had been circulated contained details of the consultation relevant to Ruddington.

During a detailed debate the following points were agreed to be included in the Parish Council's submission to Rushcliffe Borough Council in response to the consultation. It was agreed that this would be drafted by the Clerk, the final version agreed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council and that this should be posted on the website.

Housing:

- Ruddington Parish Council has a major concern about the conurbation coalescing with Ruddington. It is important that Ruddington retains and protects a separate identity. There are also concerns about the impact of nearby developments, especially the increase in traffic on already crowded roads.
- Ruddington Parish Council opposes the proposed extension to the Sharphill development – and has concerns of West Bridgford growing into Ruddington.
- Smaller villages were not assessed in the Tribal study as 'the transport is inadequate for expansion'. With a half hourly bus service this assertion is challenged. A small amount of building in some of the smaller villages may keep them more viable e.g. improving trade in local shops. The whole approach of just adding to existing large centres is wrong.
- Developments from all 3 areas being consulted on will have an impact on traffic in Ruddington and on Ruddington residents as they travel to and from the village. Measures are needed to alleviate the impact of extra traffic:
 - Junction improvements at the Nottingham Knight.
 - Junction improvements on the A60 at the junctions with Ashworth Avenue, Easthorpe Street and Kirk Lane.
 - Improvements to the junction of Clifton Road and Wilford Road.
 - Bus priority measures at the Nottingham Knight.
 - Traffic calming measures (NOT humps) in the centre of Ruddington.
 - Improvements to the ring road and the dualling of the A52 by Edwalton.
 - A 'Park and Ride' on or near the Ruddington Business Park. This would reduce traffic from there to the City and reduce parking in Ruddington centre. This is critical in addressing these issues.
- Concern was expressed about creating of rat run from A453 through proposed new estate south of Clifton, onto Nottingham Road into Clifton and then onto Ruddington -see map on page 10 indicating a potential vehicular route. The Parish Council would like to see measures to alleviate/prevent this.
- Inspectors on previous occasions have said that Ruddington has limited potential for further development. Ruddington Parish Council would like the suggested number of new dwellings for Ruddington (250) to be reduced to 150.

- The Parish Council is concerned about proposals to build on Edwalton Golf Course. This would mean a reduction of sports facilities. How would this be replaced?

Green Belt

- Ruddington Parish Council has a major concern about the conurbation coalescing with Ruddington. Important that Ruddington retains and protects a separate identity.
- The Parish Council, therefore, welcomes and supports the recommendation in para. 5.16 to preserve Areas 4.9 and 4.10 as Green belt and the conclusion in the first two sentences of para. 4.14 not to carry Broad Location 3 forward (i.e. to retain it as Green belt).
- The final sentence of para. 4.14 raises concerns about opening the gates to possible coalescence, suggesting the possibility of changes to the Green belt on the edge of Ruddington. The Parish Council oppose this as any change will contribute to the possibility of Ruddington coalescing with the conurbation. Developments in what is now the Green belt would be remote from village facilities.

Resolved that:

1. The views agreed above should be included in a response to be drafted by the Clerk.
2. The final submissions (attached) to be approved by the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Parish Council.
3. The final submissions to be posted on the website.

The meeting closed at 8.27 p.m.

Chairman

Response to consultation on housing

July 2013

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Response to consultation on Greenbelt

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