

RUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held at St Peter's Rooms on Tuesday 10th March 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

Action

Membership

Councillors

W A Wood
K S Piggott
Mrs A Auckland
A G Ellison
D J Hall
Mrs S Kaur Samra
M S McGowan
P F McGowan
Miss H Opie
Mrs M Pell
Mrs M Robinson
N J Tegerdine
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
Borough Councillor Jean Greenwood
10 members of the public

Death of parish councillor Miss S A Chambers

The Chairman informed members of the death of parish councillor Sheila Chambers, who had served on the Parish Council from 1983 to 1987 and 2001 onwards.

Councillor P F McGowan led the tributes to the work that Sheila had put into the Parish Council and the way she had contributed positively to discussions. With her death the Council loses a great deal.

There was one minute's silence as a tribute to her memory.

C. 15/03/01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor G Ellison (work).

C. 15/03/02 Declaration of Members' Interests

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

C. 15/03/03 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th January 2015, having previously been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C. 15/03/04 Action List Update

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

Members noted this information.

C. 15/03/05 Motion for Adjournment

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

Rebecca Collison spoke on the potential 'land swap' involving Sellor's Playing Field and requested that there would be an opportunity for the villagers to comment and that the Parish Council made clear the process for making the decision.

Alison Sail echoed those views and emphasised the importance of early engagement.

Committee in Session

C. 15/03/06 Development - New Applications

Resolved that: The observations contained in Planning Schedule 736 are adopted.

C. 15/03/07 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 | 10 February 2015 |
| Environment & Policy Committee | 24 February 2015 |

It was agreed to add the reasons for requesting a barrier round the senior football pitch to minute A.15/02/10 of Amenities Committee.

Resolved that:

1. The reasons for requesting a barrier round the senior football pitch are included in minute A.15/02/10 of Amenities Committee,
2. The recommendations contained in the minutes and reports mentioned above are adopted.

C. 15/03/08 Questions under Standing Order No. 26

There were no questions raised under Standing Order No. 26.

C. 15/03/09 Statement of Income and Expenditure to 31st December 2014

Copies of the Summary Report on Income and Expenditure to 31st December 2014, attached, had previously been circulated to members.

Resolved that: The above information is noted.

C. 15/03/10 Transport Plan (See minute C. 15/01/14)

The Ruddington Traffic and Transport Plan has been consulted upon and revised. Not many comments were received, the majority being favourable.

The revision to note is the inclusion of a section to do with a safe walking route to avoid the narrow pavements on the Clifton Road bridge. This was omitted from the first draft in error.

Resolved that:

1. The Ruddington Traffic and Transport Plan, attached, is agreed, and
2. The Plan is communicated to all relevant authorities/agencies

C. 15/03/11 Estates Working Group (See minute C. 15/01/15)

The Chairman reported on a meeting with Roger Davis on 6th March 2015 relating to the possible 'land swap' of Sellors Play Area. A summary is attached to these minutes.

The update and next steps were discussed and it was agreed:

- to register both Sellors Play Area & the Village Hall with the Land Registry, and that the Clerk may engage a solicitor to facilitate this,
- that the Estates Working Group will develop and release publicity to explain the Parish Council's desire to refurbish or replace the Village Hall, including a 'photo- essay', and
- that the survey on Village Amenities is refreshed using the newsletter, website, notice boards & social media, with paper copies available on request.

Resolved that:

1. The summary update of the meeting with Roger Davis on 6th March 2015 is noted,

Councillor Mrs B M Venes requested a recorded vote on items 2, 3 & 4.

2. Both Sellors Play Area & the Village Hall are registered with the Land Registry, and the Clerk may engage a solicitor to facilitate this,

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

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3. The Estates Working Group will develop and release publicity to explain the Parish Council's desire to refurbish or replace the Village Hall,

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

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4. The survey on Village Amenities is refreshed using the newsletter, website, notice boards & social media, with paper copies available on request.

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

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C. 15/03/12 Consultation on the draft Melton Road, Edwalton Development Framework Supplementary Planning Document

Correspondence regarding a consultation on the draft Melton Road, Edwalton, Development Framework Supplementary Planning Document had previously been circulated to members.

Resolved that: The above information is noted.

C. 15/03/13 Parish Council Surgery

Copies of the reports of issues raised at the Parish Council surgery held on 14th February 2015 had previously been circulated to members

Resolved that:

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

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C. 15/03/14 Reports

Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman reported that the following people had received flowers for 100th birthdays or a planter for 50th wedding anniversaries

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| 28 th January | Alice May Ramsden | 100 th Birthday. |
| 1 st March | Barbara & John Hallatt | Golden Wedding |

Communications

The Chairman reported that thanks had been received from Barbara & John Hallatt.

Borough Councillors

Borough Councillor Jean Greenwood reported that Rushcliffe Borough Council were not increasing their element of the Council Tax for the forthcoming year and that the Asher Lane planning application would be considered at a special Development Control Committee after the elections in May.

Parish Council representatives on outside bodies

Councillor P F McGowan reported that the History Society had a number of interesting activities planned for the coming year.

Councillor Mrs M Pell reported that she had attended an interesting Town & Parish Forum and the opening of St. Mary's Park.

Councillor N J Tegerdine reported that he had attended a meeting with Pear Tree Orchard residents regarding some parking problems being experienced and that solutions were being sought.

Village Plan Working Group

Councillor Mrs A Auckland reported back from the Village Plan Working Group: The report is appended to these minutes.

C. 15/03/15 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. 15/03/16 Estates Working Group (See minute C. 15/01/15)

Members discussed some issues relating to the potential negotiations with Bloors and some of the questions that needed to be addressed before any decisions could be made.

The meeting closed at 8.57 p.m.

Chairman

Traffic and Transport Plan for Ruddington

This is the final draft of the Plan. The Plan will influence how RPC responds to traffic and transport matters, including housing and employment developments both within Ruddington and nearby. It has been drawn up following consultation with local residents and businesses and the intention is that it will be reviewed annually.

RPC works in partnership with Notts County Council (for Highways matters) and Rushcliffe Borough Council (for development). We have received a positive response to the draft Plan from the Transport Planning team at County Hall. Where RPC can act alone, and where resources permit, we will take assertive action.

Walking in Ruddington

Ruddington Parish Council will promote walking as an activity with health gains and as a way of reducing congestion. Specifically, we will encourage parents **/carers** to walk their children to and from school, which also reduces congestion around school opening and closing times.

To support this, we will campaign for more and safer crossing points at key locations in Ruddington, including the A60 Loughborough Road.

We will also continue to work in partnership with Highways to create an alternative walking route on Clifton Road so that the narrow and difficult footways on the bridge can be bypassed at ground level.

Cycling in Ruddington

RPC will promote cycling as an activity with health gains and as a way of reducing traffic congestion. We will campaign for more and improved cycle routes, especially through the centre of Ruddington.

We will campaign against cycling on the pavements and encourage enforcement action against serial offenders.

Parking in Ruddington

We will continue to seek ways to provide additional parking to support our local businesses. This will include public parking and parking for staff working in Ruddington.

Information on developing a Residents Parking Scheme will be publicised and made available to those requesting it.

We will seek ways of providing better enforcement of parking restrictions in the village core. Roads which have been identified as having particular problems at specific times will be targeted. We will encourage the County Council to review the strength and weaknesses of the most recent parking regulations. In particular we will campaign for the provision of disabled parking bays adjacent to the library and the doctors' surgeries.

HGV's

We will find measures to discourage the use of Ruddington as a 'cut through' between the A453 and the A60. Goods vehicles belonging to local employers will be exempt.

We will monitor the use of the A60 by HGV's in the very early mornings and, if necessary, campaign against the noise nuisance caused to local residents.

Traffic management

Besides HGV's, Ruddington's streets are used by non-residents in ways that contribute to congestion. We will promote Ruddington as a village, not as a town. This does not ultimately rule out the future development of a one-way system but currently opinion is divided, there are no funds available within Highways to pursue the idea, and such a development could be inconsistent with enhancing Ruddington as looking and feeling like a village.

We will resist developments that are likely to add more vehicles to the village's congested streets without significant improvements being made. We will support road improvements funded by developments only where they will clearly enhance Ruddington as a village, both in terms of relieving congestion, managing speed, and improving the 'look and feel'.

We recognise that the look and feel of a village can be enhanced by traffic calming measures (not speed bumps) which will discourage some drivers from using the village as a cut through. Road markings, natural chicanes and other measures with only modest costs associated could be included in a traffic calming scheme.

We will therefore take steps to encourage all Ruddington residents to respect the restrictions of the village roads and we will campaign for measures which will reduce the traffic speed. We will campaign for a 20mph limit throughout the village core.

Additional measures to deter all-day parking (except for residents) would be included at the same time.

We will seek improvements to the traffic light controlled junction of Kirk Lane and the A60.

Public transport

We will encourage the use of public transport to relieve congestion and enhance the environment.

We will campaign for improved public transport links to the QMC, to West Bridgford town centre, and to the city and the Midland Railway Station. We will campaign for junction improvements and bus lanes to be introduced to reduce journey times.

We will campaign for the development of a Park and Ride site south of Ruddington with fast public transport links to the city.

We will seek to extend the electronic information displays to all bus stops in Ruddington.

Update for Parish Council after meeting with Roger Davis 6/3/2015 Relating to possible 'land swap' of Sellors

Present: Allen Wood, Roger Davis & Gary Long

GH = Geo Hallam's. RD = Roger Davis

1. Bloors have an option on land both north & south of Packman Dyke. The land to the north (shown as public open space on the diagrams put out by Bloors is unlikely to be developed for housing due to flooding & ground level issues (as well as probably not getting planning permission!))
2. Bloors have informed RD that discussions with RBC have been generally positive. Bloors are looking at submitting a planning application around June.
3. No precise valuation on Sellor's but estimate that new Community Hall (depending on what is required) could be funded from sale of Sellor's.
4. Assuming this goes ahead RD recommends negotiating a price for Sellor's. Go out to tender for building of the new Community Hall, including Bloors in the list of tenderers. GH to provide detailed specification based on RPC requirements.
5. GH can provide estimated building costs of a new Community Hall once it is known what is required.
6. Bloor's would be interested in RPC taking over as much of the land north of Packman Dyke as willing to take on. There would be a covenant on this land (put on by existing owner) to restrict it to leisure uses. RD informed that RPC will NOT take on the balancing pond. Discussion over exact boundary and responsibility for Packman Dyke (Commonly it would be used as a boundary and each landowner would be responsible up to the middle).
7. Asked RD to get GH to do a 'call out' for any possible sites for a new community centre in the middle of Ruddington.
8. Made RD aware of issues of timing with RPC making decisions over an election period i.e. not too close before elections & not too quickly (e.g. at first meeting!) afterwards. AW & GDL made it clear that there can be no guarantee of RPC moving forward with the proposal or supporting a planning application (even if have agreed proposal subject to planning permission may decide to make no comment on the application itself).

Council Surgery

14th February 2015

In attendance: Cllr. Barbara Venes - Ruddington Parish Council
Cllr. Jean Greenwood - Rushcliffe Borough Council
Cllr. Reg Adair – Nottingham County Council
Kenneth Clark - MP

Mr Rob Palmer

Street lighting the whole street – poor lighting when lights go off. Has had car stolen and someone else has had car stolen. Reg Adair to deal with.

Mr Tim Philbrick

NCC 20mph – sign near school. Sited too near to overgrown bush so will not be seen. Reg Adair to deal with.

Wants a crossing across Church Street for disabled people. Reg Adair to deal with.

Metropolitan decommissioning gas fires in social housing for danger of fumes to other properties. Jean Greenwood to deal with.

RUDDINGTON VILLAGE PLAN

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REPORT FROM THE STEERING GROUP OF THE RUDDINGTON VILLAGE PLAN

Parish Council meeting 10th March 2015

The group has been playing catch-up at the last three meetings as a result of the Christmas and New Year break and the cancelled January meeting.

In February we had six guests to help with questions related to Health & Welfare, which was a good thing because we had several members of the Steering Group absent from that meeting. This section was completed at the follow-up meeting and a further section of the questionnaire was also completed at the mid-February meeting.

Now that the project is progressing, the group has been able to outline a timescale for the consultation period.

The draft questions will be completed by the end of May, reviewed, finalised and printed during June and July.

Public consultation events will be held during August and early September and at the same time online questionnaires will be made available so that residents can see what we are consulting about.

The printed consultation questionnaire will be distributed early in September and collected towards the end of the same month.

From August the group will be able to start collating and analysing the responses as they come in.

Minutes from our meetings are available online at RuddingtonParishCouncil.gov.uk or you can follow our progress and respond to sample questions on the Village Plan Facebook or Twitter pages.