

## RUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

HELD AT ST. PETER'S ROOMS ON TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2010 AT 7.30PM

**Membership**

Councillors	N. Tegerdine	Chairman
	W.A. Wood	Vice-Chairman
	D. Bakewell	
	Mrs. B. Breakwell	
A	Mrs. M.G. Grice	
	Mrs. S. Kaur Samra	
	Mrs. M. Woodhead	

Persons absent are marked 'A'

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs. L. M. Cooke

Deputy Clerk to the Council

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence had been received.

DECLARATION OF MEMBER'S INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest made.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2010, 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.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

There being no members of the public present, no motion for adjournment was made.

E. 10/760 DEVELOPMENTRESOLVED:New Applications

That the observations contained in Planning Schedule 639 be adopted.

Decision Notices

Schedule DN 204 was presented to the Committee and the contents noted.

E. 10/761 POLICINGNeighbourhood Watch

Councillor D. Bakewell said that following a conversation with PCSO Jenny Buggy, he is disappointed to have to report that local Neighbourhood Watch Schemes were no longer thriving through general lack of interest.

Police Contact Point

Councillor D. Bakewell also reported that due to a lack of volunteers, the Police Contact Point was closing for two days. Members noted that an article had recently been placed on the website, in the Newsletter and in the Evening Post appealing for new volunteers to come forward but without success to date.

“Join the Community”

Councillor D. Bakewell circulated a leaflet from South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership called “Be Alert – Join the Community”, advising that the Neighbourhood Alert System is now available online and asked that it be promoted on the website and in the Newsletter. The system is available by registering online at [www.rushcliffcommunity.co.uk](http://www.rushcliffcommunity.co.uk)

The Chairman asked that this information be made available via the Parish Council’s website and promoted in the Newsletter.

Circular from Neighbourhood Policing Team

The Deputy Clerk reported that the Neighbourhood Policing Team were hoping to deliver a circular to all residents in the village called “Don’t make a gift of your presents before Christmas”. The circular advises residents of simple procedures to help prevent burglaries and details all the contact points on the back page. The Deputy Clerk added that there were copies available in the reception area at St. Peter’s Rooms, although several Members reported that they had already received a copy of this circular.

The Chairman thanked Councillor D. Bakewell for his reports.

RESOLVED

- 1 That the Neighbourhood Alert System be made available via the Parish Council's website and promoted in the Newsletter.
- 2 That all other information be noted.

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E. 10/762 HIGHWAY MATTERSHGV's in the village

Councillor Mrs. M. Woodhead reported that she had noticed an increase in the number of HGV's going through the centre of the village since the temporary one-way system had ended.

The Chairman asked that Members monitor the situation and report back at the next meeting.

Footpath on Wilford Road

The Deputy Clerk reported that following a Risk Assessment at Sellors Playing Field, she had written to Nottinghamshire County Council Highways Department asking that a barrier is installed at the Wilford Road end of the Nottinghamshire County Council footpath from Brookside Road. The Risk Assessment had indicated that there was a risk to members of the public, and especially children running who could potentially run out onto the road at this point. This footpath exit is adjacent to the exit from Sellors Playing Field and any preventative measures taken by the Parish Council to prevent accidents would be negated if Highways did not take action.

There were no other highways matters to report.

RESOLVED

That the above information be noted.

E. 10/763 BUDGET 2011/2012

Copies of the Probable Out-Turn 2010/2011, Proposed Environment & Community Committee Budget 2011/2012 and Renewals and Repairs Funds 2011/2012 had previously been circulated to Members.

Probable Out-Turn 2010/2011

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that the Probable Out-Turn 2010/2011 had been based on the actual performance in the first six months of the year, with adjustments made for any known over/under spending. The Committee noted the comments and agreed the Probable Out-Turn 2010/2011 as presented.

### Annual Budget 2011/2011

Members noted that an amount had been included for the Garden Competition and Presentation Event as discussed at the last meeting.

The Committee agreed that the Environment & Community Committee Budget did not include anything exceptional and was as expected.

#### RESOLVED:

1. That the Probable Out-Turn 2010/2011, a copy of which is appended to these Minutes, be approved.
2. That the Annual Budget 2011/2012, a copy of which is appended to these Minutes, be approved and forwarded to the Finance & Policy Committee for inclusion in the Parish Council's Overall Budget Document.

### E. 10/764 TWINNING ASSOCIATION

The Chairman asked whether there had been any further interest in resurrecting the Twinning Association and the Deputy Clerk reported that despite articles being included on the website and in the Newsletter over several months, there had only been two residents who had responded. There had been one other member of the public who was interested in the association but did not wish to help with its organisation.

Councillor Mrs. S. Kaur Samra added that she would be interested in joining a Twinning Association along with the two members of public who had contacted the Parish Council office.

The Chairman advised that he had recently travelled close to Grenay, and that he had noticed the village was also interlinked with a village in Ireland. However, he was keen to pursue the Twinning Association and asked the Deputy Clerk to arrange for interested parties to make contact via the Parish Council office so that a meeting could be arranged.

#### RESOLVED

That the Deputy Clerk contact members of the public interested in reinstating the Twinning Association with the intention of arranging a meeting.

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### E. 10/765 GARDEN COMPETITION 2010

Councillor D. Bakewell had previously circulated his suggestions for an alternative garden competition which would involve gardeners taking a photograph of their garden at its best for consideration and would be initially judged from the photograph. He suggested that a special presentation evening is held instead of the current presentation of Garden Competition awards which takes place within the adjournment of a Parish Council Meeting.

Councillor Bakewell added that entrants for the current garden competition had to ensure that their garden was at its peak for the judging day. By having an additional photographic garden competition, gardeners could photograph even just part of their garden at a time when it is at its best.

Members discussed this issue in some detail and agreed on a selection of criteria that could be used as a guide for applications.

The Chairman stated that a relatively small percentage of residents get actively involved in the Garden Competition and that Councillor Bakewell's suggestions would open it up to a wider field. Members agreed that the Deputy Clerk draw up guidelines for the competition based on suggestions discussed at this meeting. The competition will be complimentary to the current Garden Competition and the guidelines to be presented to the next Environment & Community Committee Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2011 for further discussion.

### RESOLVED

That the Deputy Clerk draw up guidelines for the "Photographic" Garden Competition based on suggestions discussed at this meeting and present to the next Environment & Community Committee Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2011 for further discussion.

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### E. 10/766 TO CONSIDER WAYS TO IMPROVE THE LOOK AND FEEL OF RUDDINGTON (Vide Minute E. 10/753)

The Chairman reported that this item is again on the agenda to continue to develop ideas to improve the look and fell of the village.

#### Village Christmas Tree

Members asked whether there had been any further discussion about having a Christmas tree on the Green. The Deputy Clerk reported that although there had been no further developments about placing a tree on the Green, the Parish Council office is planning to purchase a tree to be situated within the railings at the War Memorial. The tree would use the existing electricity supply to power lighting and the groundsmen intend to install a goal post socket to hold and to secure the tree. It is hoped that all this will be done for Christmas 2011.

Members were unanimous in their approval of this arrangement.

#### New High Street Opening

Members were also reminded that Nottinghamshire County Council's Local Improvement Scheme Team are planning to hold a "Christmas Grand Opening of our New High Street" on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December starting at 4pm and local traders would be staying open until the end of the event.

Councillor D. Bakewell asked whether it would be possible to organise a meeting between traders and councillors to promote better co-operation between the two. This could be used to encourage traders to discourage delivery vehicles parking on the new block paving, and traders would have an opportunity to put any issues that they have to the Parish Council.

Councillor Mrs. B. Breakwell reported that she had been approached by business owners who had serious concerns about the possibility of a permanent one-way system and the effects it might have on their businesses. She added that at least two businesses had been in discussion about uniting with others to get their opinions heard.

Councillor W. A. Wood suggested that he make enquiries of several High Street traders to see whether there had been any further meetings. The Chairman added that traders in the village need as much support as they can get in order to continue to thrive. He asked the Deputy Clerk to put the issue of potentially organising a meeting with traders on the agenda for the next meeting for further discussion.

### RESOLVED

- 1 That the issue of potentially organising a meeting with traders in the village be put on the agenda for the meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2011.
- 2 That all other information be noted

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## E. 10/767 OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS FOR REPORT

### James Peacock Infant & Nursery School Ofsted Report

Councillor Mrs. B. Breakwell reported that the James Peacock Infant & Nursery School had just been awarded "Outstanding" following their recent Ofsted Inspection. This brings the school into the top 8% of schools in the country. The Chairman agreed that this item should be included in both the Parish Council website and the Village Newsletter, along with the Parish Council's congratulations.

### Village Hall Open Forum for Parish Councillors

The Deputy Clerk reminded Members that all councillors are invited to an open forum on the Village Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> December at St. Peter's Rooms starting 7.30pm. Any Members unable to attend but wishing to put forward a view could let the Parish Council office have their written comments before the meeting.

### Finance & Policy Meeting

The Deputy Clerk reminded Members that the next meeting of the Finance & Policy Committee would be Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2011 and not 11<sup>th</sup> January 2011 as shown on the Meetings Calendar.

Diamond Jubilee

The Deputy Clerk reported that following the notice asking residents and local businesses for suggestions of ways to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012, the Co-op had written to the Parish Council. They had offered to both get involved with, and help or organise an event. The Chairman asked the Deputy Clerk to thank the Co-op for their offer of support and advise them that the Parish Council would contact them again nearer the time.

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Website

The Deputy Clerk reported that during November, the website had set yet another record month, with over 5,300 visitors recorded.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Chairman

Committee Chairman