

RUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT ST. PETER'S ROOMS ON TUESDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2011 AT 7.30PM

Membership

Councillors	N. Tegerdine	Chairman
	W.A. Wood	Vice-Chairman
	D. Bakewell	
	Mrs. B. Breakwell	
A	Mrs. M.G. Grice	
A	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
1 Member of the public	

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. M.G. Grice and Mrs S. Kaur Samra.

DECLARATION OF MEMBER'S INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest made.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2010, having previously been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTESFootpath on Wilford Road (Vide Minute E. 10/762

The Deputy Clerk reported that following a meeting with Clare Murden the Senior Highways Liaison Officer at Highways South, pedestrian barriers have been installed at the junction of the footpath at the edge of Sellors Playing Fields and Wilford Road pavement. The Parish Council will be installing a short stretch of ranch fencing to complete the work. The Chairman asked that the Deputy Clerk write to Highways South and thank them for their prompt attention in this matter.

LC

There were no other matters to report.

RESOLVED:

That the above information be noted.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

RESOLVED:

That the Committee adjourn to allow the member of public present to make statements on Agenda items.

E. 11/768 DEVELOPMENT

RESOLVED:

New Applications

That the observations contained in Planning Schedule 643 be adopted.

Decision Notices

Schedule DN 205 was presented to the Committee and the contents noted.

E. 11/769 POLICING

Nottinghamshire Police Authority "Could you become an Independent Custody Visitor?"

Copies of a notice from the Nottinghamshire Police Authority asking for volunteers to act as Independent Custody Visitors had previously been circulated. The Chairman asked that the information is posted on the website and in the Village Newsletter.

Local Area Group Meeting

Councillor Mrs. B. Breakwell reported that she had attended the "Super" Local Area Group Meeting on 26th January 2011 along with Beat Manager PC Ann Gill. The meeting identified key issues for the Rushcliffe Area as burglary and auto crime, with Anti-Social Behaviour continuing to be a key issue for Ruddington. Councillor Mrs Breakwell added that the local police have added the Elms Park Play Area to their patrol list.

Councillor Mrs. B. Breakwell also reported that in response to residents' questions in respect of a lack of PCSO presence in the village, she had been advised that the police have been involved in a high visibility patrol focusing on Trent Bridge, to deter criminals coming into the area. This has proven very successful and will continue.

Finally, Councillor Breakwell advised that there were changes ahead for policing reduction in divisions, changes to areas and staffing allocations although PCSO's funding is apparently secure for a further 2 years.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 4th May and Councillor Mrs Breakwell said that she will report the results of that meeting at the appropriate Committee.

BB

RESOLVED:

That the above information be noted.

E. 11/770 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) 30 MPH & 40 MPH Speed Limit Order Landmere Lane & Loughborough Road, Ruddington (Job No. 8162)

Copies of a notice from Nottinghamshire County Council Highway Design Department along with a map detailing the proposed route of the speed limit changes had previously been circulated to Members. Members welcomed the proposals but were uncertain about its success as enforcement would be difficult.

A52 Underpass

Councillor Mrs. B. Breakwell reported that she had attended a meeting with the Pedals group who were trying to get the A52 underpass from Landmere Lane to Sharphill re-opened to both walkers and cyclists. She said that the group were looking for any support and that she would report back if and when there were further developments.

Barrier on Wilford Road

Councillor Mrs. B. Breakwell also stated that "Pedals" were concerned about a barrier on Wilford Road which crossed into the cycle path.

RESOLVED

That the above information be noted.

E. 11/771 THE HARRY JOHNSON AWARD

A copy of the notification of results for the Harry Johnson Award had previously been circulated. Members noted that there had been four awards this year.

RESOLVED

That the above information be noted.

E. 11/772 THE VALERIE GILLESPIE AWARD 2010

Copies of the results for the Valerie Gillespie Award 2010 had previously

been circulated. The Chairman stated that the comments made in the letter from The Campaign to Protect Rural England suggested that Ruddington should not be disillusioned by not winning an award this year and that there had been "some very strong entries". Councillor W. A. Wood added that Ruddington should consider re-submitting the Greening Campaign next year if it has proceeded further, or an alternative if it had not.

Councillor Mrs. B. Breakwell said that she had not been able to find out who or which project had won the Award and asked the Deputy Clerk if she could find out and report to the next meeting.

The Chairman thanked and congratulated Councillor Mrs. Breakwell for her efforts on entering the Greening Campaign for the 2010 Award.

RESOLUTION

That the above information be noted and that the Deputy Clerk attempt to find out who won the Award for 2010.

LC

E. 11/773 THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

Copies of a notice from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport detailing the competition for the grant of city status and the competition for a Lord Mayoralty had previously been circulated.

RESOLUTION

That the above information be noted.

E. 11/774 EAST MIDLANDS PLANNING AID

Copies of a letter from the Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils detailing the loss of funding for Planning Aid had previously been circulated. NALC asked for individual parish councils to voice their concerns about this removal with their local MP.

RESOLUTION

That the above information be noted.

E. 11/775 "PHOTOGRAPHIC" GARDEN COMPETITION 2011 (Vide Minute E. 10/765)

The Deputy Clerk reported that following a conversation with Councillor W. A. Wood, she had produced a more concise set of guidelines for consideration. These were circulated and Members considered the single page of "Simple Guidelines" in comparison with the 2-page Guidelines which had been circulated with the Agenda.

Councillor W. A. Wood stated that in his opinion, the original guidelines were too long and complex for a trial year and might be off-putting for potential contestants. He added that the guidelines could always be

expanded if the competition was a success and if additional regulations were necessary.

Councillor D. Bakewell suggested that the shorter version could be circulated as part of the application form but the full set of regulations could be retained in the Parish Council Office for reference as necessary.

Councillor Mrs. M. Woodhead asked for confirmation that the "Photographic" Garden Competition was an addition to the existing Garden Competition and not in place of it and the Chairman confirmed that this is the case.

Members agreed that the "Simple Guidelines" were more appropriate for a trial year and that the competition go ahead as planned.

RESOLUTION

That the "Photographic" Garden Competition proceeds as previously agreed using the "Simple Guidelines" presented at this meeting.

LC

E. 11/776 TO CONSIDER WAYS TO IMPROVE THE LOOK AND FEEL OF RUDDINGTON (Vide Minute E. 10/766)

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

Local Traders / Environment & Community Committee Liaison Group

Following discussions at the last committee meeting, the Chairman asked whether any Members had spoken to local traders to ascertain whether this might be something they were interested in getting involved with. It had been previously suggested that the committee should organise a meeting so that local traders had an opportunity to put forward their suggestions on how to improve the look and feel of Ruddington.

Councillor Mrs. B. Breakwell stated that her discussions seemed to indicate that businesses want to get engaged with the Parish Council on this issue.

Councillor W. A. Wood suggested that initially an open invitation could go out to all local shops and businesses to ascertain how much interest there might be. The Chairman agreed that the Environment & Community Committee should set a date and time for a meeting and issue the invitation through the website, Village Newsletter and Parish Council Notice Boards.

Councillor W. A. Wood added that in his opinion, since the Parish Council was nearing the end of its term of election, it might be appropriate to wait until a new Council was in session so that a new Environment & Community Committee could take this issue on from the start rather than taking it over in its infancy. Members agreed with this suggestion and the Chairman asked for this item to be put on the Agenda for the meeting on Tuesday 7th June 2011 after the Parish Council elections.

New High Street Paving

Councillor Mrs. M. Woodhead reported that she had serious concerns about the number of vans, lorries and other vehicles which were parking on the new block paving. She added that County Councillor Reg Adair had said there would be bollards to prevent this happening but that they were few and far between and that Councillor Adair had nothing further to add when questioned about this.

Councillor D. Bakewell asked whether Nottinghamshire County Council's Local Improvement Scheme Team who funded the work, or the Highways Department, could write to shops and businesses on High Street and ask them to request that delivery vehicles refrain from parking on the block paving.

The Chairman asked the Deputy Clerk to pursue this matter through one of the above departments if neither has already been approached.

RESOLVED

1. That the issue of potentially organising a meeting with traders in the village be put on the agenda for the meeting on 7th June 2011.
2. That the Deputy Clerk write to Notts. County Council's Local Improvement Scheme Team in respect of the problem of parking on the new block paving and what can be done to prevent it.

LC

E. 11/777 VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Copies of the transcript of a letter from a resident giving views of several environmental issues in the village and comments about the Village Newsletter were previously circulated to Members. Members noted that all of the issues raised by this resident had at some time been featured either in the Newsletter, on the website or at Parish Council and Committee Meetings.

The Chairman stated that whilst all of the points made were valid, they had all been discussed in detail at some time and some were ongoing. However, the comments made about the Newsletter were encouraging and the Chairman asked the Deputy Clerk to write and thank the resident for her comments and ask that she continue to read the Newsletter to keep up with developments.

RESOLVED

That the Deputy Clerk write and thank the resident for her comments.

LC

E. 11/778 OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS FOR REPORTAdvisory Lorry Route

Councillor Mrs M. Woodhead asked whether there had been any further developments on the Advisory Lorry Route and the Deputy Clerk advised that despite several phone calls from the Clerk, it had not been issued. Councillor Mrs Woodhead added that she was concerned about the number of lorries which were now using the centre of the village again.

Rushcliffe Community Cohesion Network RCCN

Councillor Mrs. B. Breakwell reported that she will be attending the above Annual Event which will take place on Monday 7th March 2011. The event "aims to develop an understanding of the causes and impact of Hate Crime and how we can work in and with our communities to respond and prevent it". Councillor Mrs Breakwell advised that she will report back after the meeting.

Town and Parish Council Forum

Councillor Mrs. B. Breakwell also advised that she had attended the above forum on 7th February at which time the theme was Elections and about being a councillor. At this event there was also a short input on the Localism Bill and its potential implications. Further dates and themes are to be confirmed.

"Village People" on BBC Radio Nottingham

The Deputy Clerk reported that she was still short of at least one more person for the above radio item which is part of the Afternoon Show on Radio Nottingham. The presenter, Mark Dennison, was hoping that three residents of the village would attend one afternoon to talk about Ruddington. The Deputy Clerk advised that one member of public had come forward as a result of the Newsletter. The Chairman and Councillor Mrs. B. Breakwell both volunteered to make up the group of three, with Councillor W. A. Wood volunteering as reserve.

The meeting closed at 8.26pm

Chairman

Committee Chairman