

RUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETINGHELD AT ST. PETER'S ROOMS ON TUESDAY 20th JULY 2010 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	
A	D.E.G. Williams	
	Mrs. M. Woodhead	

Persons absent are marked 'A'

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor P. F. McGowan	
Mrs. L. M. Cooke	Deputy Clerk to the Council
Mr D. Thomas	Recycling Officer, RBC
1 member of 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 8th June 2010, having previously been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTESCorrespondence from resident at 140 Loughborough Road

The Chairman confirmed that a reply had been sent to Mr Norton in response to his letter in respect of parking in the village.

There were no other matters arising.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

RESOLVED:

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

No statements were made.

COMMITTEE IN SESSION

E. 10/739 DEVELOPMENT

RESOLVED:

New Applications

That the observations contained in Planning Schedule 629 be adopted.

Decision Notices

Schedule DN 202 was presented to the Committee and the contents noted.

Councillor P. F. McGowan left the meeting at this point.

E. 10/740 RUSHCLIFFE LITTER BINS WITHIN THE CONSERVATION AREA (Vide Minute C. 10/1352)

Dave Thomas, Recycling Officer from Rushcliffe Borough Council, presented pictorial samples of new litter bins which Rushcliffe Borough Council would like to site in Ruddington on a trial basis. The bins would be sectional with one section for general waste and the other section for cans / plastic bottles and would initially be sited near the bus stop on Church Street and outside the Co-op store replacing existing bins. The new style bins were designed to prevent fly-posting and would not require any more attention than the current waste bins. Mr Thomas asked that Members consider which of the sample bins they thought would be appropriate for the Conservation Area and added that whichever style/colour was chosen would also have the Ruddington Parish Council logo on the front. Mr Thomas also advised that bins belonging to the Parish Council could be re-sited elsewhere in the village.

Councillor D. Bakewell asked how the bins would be anchored and was advised that they are fixed in the same way as bins currently in situ. Mr. Thomas advised that if successful, the bins would eventually replace all existing bins in the village as and when they were due for replacement.

The Deputy Clerk reminded Mr Thomas that the Nottinghamshire County Council Local Improvement Scheme Team were due to refurbish the High Street this autumn and Mr Thomas said that he would work with NCC in the hope of also replacing those bins with the new ones.

Members agreed that the black, two section bin on the sample page was their preferred option.

RESOLVED

That the black two section bin showing the Ruddington Parish Council logo be sited in the two locations agreed on a trial basis and that Rushcliffe Borough Council liaise with the NCC Local Improvement Scheme Team to replace the bins on the High Street during the refurbishment.

Battery Box

Following enquiries from residents and a request from the Parish Council office, Mr Thomas also brought a box for recycling household batteries which he suggested might be sited within St. Peter's Rooms for those residents who prefer not to put battery bags on their waste bins for collection. He added that once full, the Clerk could contact him personally and he would organise for the box to be replaced.

Members welcomed this additional recycling facility.

RESOLVED

That the box for recycling household batteries be sited within St. Peter's Rooms.

E. 10/741 POLICING

Police Priority Settings Meeting

Councillor Mrs. B. Breakwell reported that she is attending the above meeting on 21st July 2010 and would report back to the committee after the summer break.

Other Policing Matters

Councillor Mrs M. Woodhead asked whether PC Ann Gill had attended the Parish Council Surgery on Saturday 10th July as planned and Councillor Mrs. B. Breakwell confirmed that she had.

There were no other policing matters reported.

RESOLVED:

That the above information be noted.

E. 10/742 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Parkyns Street - Hole in the road

Councillor Mr. W. A. Wood asked whether there had been any further developments in respect of the hole in the middle of the road on Parkyns Street. The Deputy Clerk advised that several people had reported this problem and that she would chase those concerned to get the issue resolved.

HGV's in the village

Councillor Mrs. M. Woodhead reported that she had seen two large DHL vehicles using the High Street, both of which had considerable difficulties in manoeuvring around the village. Councillor W. A. Wood suggested that whilst there is no way of knowing whether these were British Gypsum delivery vehicles, it might be appropriate to write to British Gypsum and ask that they remind new contractors to avoid the High Street whenever possible.

Other Highways Matters

Councillor Mrs. B. Breakwell advised that she had reported a water leak on Asher Lane at its junction with Top Road which had not been attended to. She had also emailed Highways in respect of the excessively overgrown areas at the Nottingham Knight Island (A52/A60) which were making it difficult to safely get onto the island and that the areas causing concern had been cut back within days of her report.

RESOLVED

1. That the Clerk / Deputy Clerk chase up repairs to Parkyns Street
2. That the above information be noted.

JG/LMC

E. 10/743 ANNUAL GARDEN COMPETITION 2010

Copies of a report prepared by the Clerk detailing the results of this year's competition had previously been circulated to Members. Members were advised that there was a considerable increase in the number of entries this year with 14 entries overall – 8 entries in the Window Boxes/Baskets/Planters Section and 6 entries in the Front Garden Section of the competition. The judging of the competition took place on the morning of 20th July 2010 and was carried out as usual by Mr. Alan Peat.

The Deputy Clerk thanked Councillor Mrs. M. Woodhead for her enthusiasm in distributing Garden Competition Application Forms, which clearly helped the number of applications this year.

RESOLVED:

1. That awards be made as per the Judge's recommendations.
2. That cash prizes be awarded as follows for each category:

Winner	£25.00
Second	£15.00
Third	£10.00

3. That the overall winner be awarded an additional cash prize of £25.00.
4. That prizes be awarded as follows:

FRONT GARDEN

WINNER	Mr. E. Radford	11 Sheepfold Lane	£25.00
SECOND	Mr. & Mrs. P. Brown	6 Shaw Street	£15.00
THIRD	Mrs. M. Sadler	40 Fairham Close	£10.00

WINDOW BOXES/BASKETS/PLANTERS

WINNER	Mrs. P. Summers	39 Packman Drive	£25.00
SECOND	Mr. J. Calladine	41 Packman Drive	£15.00
THIRD	Mr. V. Calladine	16 Charles Street	£10.00

OVERALL WINNER OF THE HAROLD WROUGHTON MEMORIAL TROPHY

Mrs. P. Summers	39 Packman Drive	£25.00
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5. That the Council in accordance with its powers under Sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act of 1972 should incur the following expenditure which in the opinion of the Council is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them commensurate with this expenditure:-

a.	Prize money	£125.00
b.	Judge's Fee	£20.00

6. That the awards be presented at the Parish Council Meeting scheduled to take place on 21st September 2010.

E. 10/744 BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2010

Copies of a letter and accompanying Judge's comments from Stuart Byfield, County Organiser Nottinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition, had previously been circulated.

The Chairman reported that despite not being placed in the top four for Section A this year, in his opinion the comments were very helpful for future entries. Councillor Mrs. M. Woodhead added that in her opinion the judging had been completed early and that the village was not totally ready and at its best. Councillor Mrs. Woodhead suggested that in future local public houses be encouraged to make a bigger effort.

RESOLVED

That the above information be noted.

E. 10/745 VILLAGE WEBSITE UPDATE

The Deputy Clerk reported that a record high of 925 visits had been recorded during the week ending 11th July and the third highest of 803 visits the following week.

The Chairman thanked the Deputy Clerk for keeping the website up to date which resulted in its being well used within the village.

RESOLVED

That the above information be noted.

E. 10/746 VILLAGE NEWSLETTER UPDATE

The Deputy Clerk reported it is anticipated that the August edition of the Village Newsletter will be an 8-page edition to accommodate information and a plan of the proposed improvements to High Street being undertaken by NCC through the Local Improvement Scheme Team. This would be an exception and would cost an additional £11-£12 for 1,000 copies although there would be a slight increase in labour for collating the additional copies.

RESOLVED

That the above information be noted.

E. 10/747 WAYS TO IMPROVE THE LOOK AND FEEL OF RUDDINGTON (Vide Minute E. 10/737)

The Chairman advised that the work being done to enhance the High Street would be an excellent start to improving the look and feel of the village and asked that Members consider in what ways this trend could continue.

Councillor Mrs. M. Woodhead added that the completion of the proposed extensions to Ruddington Medical Centre and removal of the temporary accommodation on The Green would also help to improve the look of the area.

Councillor Mrs. B. Breakwell reported that she had made initial enquiries about the Village in Bloom Competition which might be an alternative to the Best Kept Village Competition. This could offer the Parish Council an opportunity to further enhance the look of the village particularly in the main summer period. The Chairman asked Councillor Breakwell to make further enquiries and report back to the next Committee Meeting so that Members could consider whether to enter one or both competitions for 2011.

RESOLVED

That Councillor Mrs. B. Breakwell make enquiries about the Village in Bloom Competition and report to the next meeting of the Environment & Community Committee.

BB

E. 10/748 QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE 2012

Copies of a document from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport along with Minutes taken from the Parish Council Meeting on 29th June 2010 had previously been circulated to members.

The Deputy Clerk reminded Members that the Parish Council had held an event on The Green for the Queen's Golden Jubilee and that it had been organised by a working party. The Chairman suggested that a working party be established and ideas requested via the website and the newsletter.

Councillor W. A. Wood suggested that for the time being, the Environment & Community Committee act as the Working Party until after the elections in 2011 and then ask whether any members of the public would like to get involved.

Councillor Mr. D. Bakewell recommended that the Parish Council contact Rushcliffe to see whether there were any events being held on the Rushcliffe Country Park which would clash with a Parish Council event and was advised that since the celebration period covers a four day period the event could be planned to avoid any conflict of dates.

RESOLVED

That the Village Newsletter and website be used to request ideas for an event from the general public.

LC

E. 10/749 OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS FOR REPORT

Notice Board at the Village Hall

Councillor Mrs M. Woodhead had been asked by the History Society to find out when the Notice Board at the Village Hall was to be installed. The Chairman asked the Deputy Clerk to find out and report back.

LC

Signpost on Charles Street

Councillor Mrs. M. Woodhead also asked whether the signpost on Charles Street directing people to public toilets could be removed as it was not longer relevant. The Chairman asked the Deputy Clerk to report this item again.

LC

Replacement seat at the bus shelter, Loughborough Road

Councillor Mr. D. Bakewell suggested that the replacement seat at the bus shelter on Loughborough Road should be sited away from its original position to enable travellers to more easily see approaching buses. The Deputy Clerk reported that the Clerk had spoken to someone from the

Local Improvement Scheme who had been instructed to replace the seat and not to move it to an alternative site. Councillor Mr Bakewell asked whether it would be possible to be given more notice in future so that residents could be consulted before installation.

Consultation on the revised draft of Rushcliffe Borough Council's Statement of Licensing Policy

The Deputy Clerk stated that the Parish Council had received the above consultation document and asked that a Member read it to report back to the Finance & Policy Meeting in September 2010. Councillor W. A. Wood agreed to take the report and the Chairman added that he would also be reading the document. The consultation period is due to end on the 4th October 2010.

JG

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Chairman

Committee Chairman