

RUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT ST. PETER'S ROOMS ON TUESDAY 19th OCTOBER 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	
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 J. V. Norton	
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 D.E.G. Williams.

DECLARATION OF MEMBER'S INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest made.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20th July 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 ADJOURNMENTRESOLVED:

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

During the adjournment the following items were raised:

David Hollingworth reported that gullies in the Charles Street area were still flooding despite being reported to County Councillor Reg Adair. Mr Hollingworth asked for this to be included when Agenda Item 12 was discussed.

Councillor J. V. Norton reported that he had been approached by several residents, particularly from St. Mary's Crescent and Packman Drive, who were concerned about a letter they had received from Jeff Burton, Project Engineer at Highway Design, Nottinghamshire County Council. The letter indicated that Bus Stop markings were to be positioned on the roads to prevent all parking at Bus Stops and residents were worried that disabled persons would not be able to park near their homes and in addition, loading, delivery vehicles, etc. would also be prevented from stopping at these locations. Residents expressed further concern about the direct impact on the value of their homes if they could not offer on-street parking. Councillor Norton had spoken to both County Councillor Reg Adair and to the Highways Department and was able to confirm that the letter was a consultative document and that no firm decisions had been made. He advised residents to put their valid concerns in writing to the department before the 5th November deadline indicated on the letter. Councillor Norton asked that if Members were approached by concerned residents, they advise them accordingly.

No further statements were made.

Councillor J. V. Norton left the meeting at this point.

COMMITTEE IN SESSION

E. 10/750 DEVELOPMENT

RESOLVED:

New Applications

That the observations contained in Planning Schedule 635 be adopted.

Decision Notices

Schedule DN 203 was presented to the Committee and the contents noted.

Planning Appeal

10/00929/OUT – 6 & 7 Paget Crescent, Ruddington – Hamilton Building Contractors Ltd.

Copies of the Planning Inspector's report had previously been circulated to Members. Members noted that the Parish Council had objected to the original application and agreed to support Rushcliffe Borough Council in its

objection to this appeal. Members also requested that the Deputy Clerk include the Parish Council's original objections in its comments to the Planning Inspectorate.

RESOLVED

That the Deputy Clerk write to the Planning Inspectorate in support of Rushcliffe Borough Council's objection to this application and include the Parish Council's original objections in the letter.

LC

Proposed Base Station Works at 1986 Willwell Farm, West Bridgford

Copies of an email from TE UK Infrastructure Ltd on behalf of Vodaphone (UK) Ltd and Telefonica O2 (UK) Ltd had been circulated at the beginning of the meeting. The Deputy Clerk reported that the Parish Council had received the email earlier in the day asking for comments to be submitted within 14 days.

Members had no comments to make on this issue and felt that it was merely an extension of the existing facility.

RESOLVED

That the above information be noted

E. 10/751 POLICING

The Jean Varnam Community Award

Copies of a notice from the Nottinghamshire Police Authority in respect of the Jean Varnam Community Award 2010 had previously been circulated. Members were asked to consider whether they could recommend a person or project suitable for nomination but in this instance were unable to do so.

Other policing matters

With the consent of Local Beat Manager PC Ann Gill, the Deputy Clerk read a notice which is due to appear in the Village Newsletter and on the website in respect of the enforcement of the temporary one-way system and potential penalty notices being given to drivers who continually ignore the signage.

Councillor Mrs. B. Breakwell reported that she is attending the Police Priority Setting Meeting on 20th October 2010 and would report back to the next committee meeting.

RESOLVED

That the above information be noted

E. 10/752 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Temporary one-way system and feedback from residents

Copies of emails from residents commenting on the temporary one-way system had previously been circulated. Members were interested to note the varying opinions and asked that the comments be retained for future reference. The Chairman asked the Deputy Clerk to acknowledge receipt of all emails in this respect.

Councillor Mrs. B. Breakwell advised that she had recently attended a Parent's Evening at James Peacock School and had received numerous comments about the scheme and would let the Deputy Clerk have a copy for future reference.

Cycle / footpath on Wilford Road and feedback from residents

Copies of emails from residents commenting on the cycle / footpath on Wilford Road had previously been circulated. Members were concerned about the safety of pedestrians walking along the same stretch of pavement as cyclists without any pavement markings as reminders. Councillor W. A. Wood commented that this is not the most pedestrian friendly system he has used as a cyclist. The Deputy Clerk was asked to chase up a response from County Councillor Reg Adair in reply to her email sent in August 2010. The Chairman asked that resident's comments be retained for future reference.

Other Highways Matters

The Deputy Clerk read the contents of a letter which had been sent to residents regarding the "Installation of Bus Stop Clearways – Ruddington Area" which had previously been referred to by Councillor J. V. Norton.

Members agreed that the letter could easily be misinterpreted as being a plan that is being implemented rather than being a consultative letter. The Chairman asked that if any members are approached by residents who are concerned about this issue, that they are advised to write in response to the letter and give valid and appropriate reasons why they feel a Bus Stop Clearway would be inappropriate outside or adjacent to their property.

There were no other highways matters to report

RESOLVED

- (a) That all comments in respect of the temporary one-way system and cycle / footpath on Wilford Road be retained for future reference.
- (b) That the Deputy Clerk make contact with County Councillor Reg Adair for a response to the email of August 2010.
- (c) That all other information be noted

LC

E. 10/753 TO CONSIDER WAYS TO IMPROVE THE LOOK AND FEEL OF RUDDINGTON

The Chairman reported that this item would continue to be on the agenda to enable to committee to identify ways in which to generally improve the appearance and feel of the village. He asked Members if they had any positive suggestions to put forward.

Councillor D. Bakewell suggested that once the re-instatement of The Green is complete to the satisfaction of the Parish Council, we should consider making it a centre piece for the village. He suggested a possible "Sensory Garden" with seating at its centre.

The Chairman stated that in his opinion The Green is something that people look at and not necessarily make use of and that Councillor Bakewell put his suggestion to the appropriate committee.

RESOLVED

That the above information be noted.

E. 10/754 THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE (Vide Minute E. 10/748)

The Deputy Clerk reported that despite editorials being published both in the Village Newsletter and on the website, there had been no suggestions for possible events forthcoming. There had also not been any volunteers to join a working party coming forward at this early stage.

Councillor Mrs. B. Breakwell advised that during her visit to James Peacock School, she had received suggestions from parents and children alike and would pass them on to the Deputy Clerk.

Councillor Mrs M. Woodhead identified several residents who had been active in helping to organise the Golden Jubilee celebrations and who might be approached again.

The Chairman advised that this item should be put on the agenda again in about 6 months when Members could formulate a plan to raise awareness and interest in this event.

RESOLVED

That this item be put on the agenda for the Environment & Community Committee due to meet on 29th March 2011.

LC

E. 10/755 BUDGET 2011-2012

Members discussed whether there were any special items which required to be included in the proposed Environment & Community Committee

Budget, which will be discussed at the next meeting of the Committee on 7th December 2010.

Councillor D. Bakewell suggested that the current arrangements for the Annual Garden Competition should be completely reviewed and the event could be publicised and promoted in line with some other villages. He suggested that the Parish Council should hold a special presentation evening for winners where members of the public could meet with their Parish Councillors.

The Chairman agreed that whilst this year's Annual Garden Competition was a great improvement on 2009, there was still much that could be done to encourage more entries. The Chairman suggested that an additional £500 be put towards the Annual Garden Competition budget to enable the committee to formulate a plan for a bigger event and presentation. Members were in agreement that this should be put forward for the Budget meeting.

RESOLVED

That the Budget 2011/2012 be prepared using the above guidelines

JG

E. 10/756 GULLY EMPTYING / CLEANSING POLICY – Nottinghamshire County Council

Copies of a letter from the Drainage Flood Risk Officer of the Communities Department Media at Nottinghamshire County Council, along with a street map of the village had previously been circulated to members.

The Chairman asked that Members indicate locations where blocked gullies are an ongoing problem on the village map supplied, and return it to the Deputy Clerk so that a response to the Communities Department can be raised at the earliest opportunity.

RESOLVED

That Members indicate locations where blocked gullies are an ongoing problem on the village map supplied and return it to the Deputy Clerk so that a response to the Communities Department can be raised.

LC

E. 10/757 RUSHCLIFFE COMMUNITY AWARDS

Copies of an invitation from Rushcliffe Community Partnership to attend the Rushcliffe Community Awards Presentation Reception at The Becket School, Wilford Lane on Thursday 11th November had previously been circulated.

The Chairman asked if any Members would like to attend the awards and on this occasion no Members were available.

RESOLVED

That the above information be noted

E. 10/758 THE VALERIE GILLESPIE CUP 2010

Copies of the entry form and guidance from the Campaign to Protect Rural England in respect of the Valerie Gillespie Award 2010, had previously been circulated along with a draft copy of the entry for the Greening Campaign.

Councillor Mrs. B. Breakwell stated that Ruddington is at liberty to apply for this award for the Greening Ruddington Campaign which started in 2009. Councillor Mrs Breakwell added that she had used a crib sheet supplied by CPRE to ensure that all the information required was included in the application.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Mrs Breakwell for her efforts and asked that she complete the relevant forms and registers the entry before the deadline of 31st October 2010.

RESOLVED

That Councillor Mrs B Breakwell enters the Greening Campaign for consideration for the Valerie Gillespie Cup.

BB

E. 10/759 OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS FOR REPORT

Garden Competition

Councillor D Bakewell suggested that the Garden Competition be reviewed in plenty of time for 2011's entries. The Chairman asked Councillor Bakewell to put forward any ideas he has for this review and for the Deputy Clerk to put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

LC

Greening Campaign

Councillor Mrs. B. Breakwell reported that she had been asked to speak at Radcliffe-on-Trent for the launch of their Greening Campaign. She has also been asked to speak at a further event on 13th November 2010.

Litter

Councillor Mrs. M. Woodhead reported that she had noticed an increasing amount of litter in the village. The Chairman added that he had noticed bottles and glasses being left around the village, especially at weekends. The Deputy Clerk said that she would include an item in the Newsletter and on the website asking for residents to use waste bins or to take their litter home with them.

LC

Twinning

The Deputy Clerk reported that the Parish Council office had received just one email of interest in reviving the Twinning Association following

Newsletter and website articles. The Chairman asked for the issue to be repeated in the near future to include an article which he had supplied.

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Website

The Deputy Clerk also reported that the website had recorded yet another record number of visits in one month and had received more than 4,000 visits in the month of September.

The meeting closed at 8.34pm

Chairman

Committee Chairman