

RUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT ST. PETER'S ROOMS ON TUESDAY 19th APRIL 2011 AT 7.30PM

Membership

Councillors	J.V. Norton	Chairman
	Mrs. B. M. Venes	Vice-Chairman
A	D. Bakewell	
	Mrs. B. Breakwell	
	Miss S.A. Chambers	
A	Mrs. M.G. Grice	
	Mrs. S. Kaur Samra	
A	P. Lyons Lewis	
	P.F. McGowan	
	K.S. Piggott	
	N.J. Tegerdine	
A	M. Walsh	
A	W.A. Wood	
	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
5 members of the public	

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Bakewell, Mrs. M. G. Grice, P. Lyons-Lewis and W. A. Wood.

C. 11/1443 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Councillor Mrs. B.M. Venes advised Members that she will be serving on the Borough Council's Development Control Committee when a final decision is taken on planning applications.

Councillor P. F. McGowan arrived at this point of the meeting.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2011, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

C. 11/1444 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were not matters arising from the Minutes.

C. 11/1445 MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

RESOLVED:

That the Council adjourn to allow the members of the public present to make statements on Agenda Items.

During the adjournment the following item was raised:

David Hollingworth stated that he was not alone in his disappointment that Councillor J. V. Norton had not stood for re-election on to the Parish Council. He said that he would like to take the opportunity to thank Councillor Norton for the way in which he has conducted himself over the years and hoped that he may consider standing again at some time in the future.

COUNCIL IN SESSION

C. 11/1446 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman advised that he would like to make a short statement at the end of the Meeting.

C. 11/1447 COMMUNICATIONS

Thank you letter

The Deputy Clerk read to Members the contents of a letter of thanks from Mr & Mrs McCullough following the receipt of flowers in celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Ruddington Baptist Church

The Deputy Clerk read to members the contents of a letter from Julie Lazonby, on behalf of the Ruddington Baptist Church, thanking the Parish Council for the grant of £200 towards the Ruddington Churches' Holiday Club.

C. 11/1448 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 8

There were no questions raised under Standing Order No. 8.

C. 11/1449 DEVELOPMENT

New Applications

There were no new applications for consideration.

Planning Appeal: 92 Loughborough Road – Erection of Garden Machinery Store and associated works (following demolition of stable block) (retrospective application) Planning Application No. 10/01899/FUL

Copies of the notification of Planning Appeal in respect of the refusal by Rushcliffe Borough Council to grant permission for the above application had previously been circulated to members. Members were reminded that the Parish Council had objected to this application.

RESOLVED

That the Planning Inspectorate be advised that the Parish Council supports Rushcliffe Borough Council in its decision to refuse permission in respect of the above application.

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Planning Meeting

The Deputy Clerk advised that she was already in receipt of planning applications where comments would be required before 17th May but that could not be considered at this meeting due to the lack of consultation time. Members agreed that a Planning Meeting would be scheduled for Tuesday 3rd May 2011 at St Peter's Rooms commencing 7.00pm

RESOLVED

That a Planning Meeting be scheduled for Tuesday 3rd May 2011 at St. Peter's Rooms commencing 7.00pm

C. 11/1450 COMMITTEE REPORTS AND MINUTES

The Minutes and Reports as set out below were presented and motions made for approval and adoption:

Amenities Committee	22 March 2011
Environment & Community Committee	29 March 2011
Finance & Policy Committee	12 April 2011

RESOLVED:

That the recommendations contained in the aforementioned Minutes and Reports be adopted.

C. 11/1451 PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY

12th March 2011 – Borough/Parish Councillor P. F. McGowan; PCSO Jenny Buggy – over at Co-op meeting public and asking about problems.

Members were reminded that County Councillor Reg Adair had previously given his apologies for this surgery as he would be attending a Councillors Conference.

The following matters were raised at the surgery:-

David Hollingworth of Elms Close – regarding Asher Lane allotments. Council (County?) cleaned gutter down hedge but left piles of soil which is preventing allotment holders mowing the verge.

David Hollingworth of Elms Close – Churchyard needs a tidy up after winter – untidy.

Mr. & Mrs. Middleton of Kirk Lane – Vehicles parked on the (County Council) grass verge outside No. 34 Kirk Lane – grass is ruined and an eyesore. Also caravan sales and repairs being carried out at 34 Kirk Lane; vermin have been seen; known to Planning Enforcement at RBC; also 3 dogs barking a lot.

Councillor P. M. McGowan advised that he had passed the site on more than one occasion and that on the last occasion there were vehicles parked on the grass verge as reported by the residents. Councillor McGowan suggested that the Deputy Clerk contact County Councillor Reg Adair and request that he takes a look at the site for himself in order to appreciate the impact and extent of damage to the verges.

9th April 2011 – County Councillor R. Adair; Borough/Parish Councillor Mrs B. M. Venes; PCSO Jenny Buggy

Stephen Ward of Leys Road – Interested in Parish Council vacancy.

Ian Wilbraham of Ashworth Avenue – Wants to know whether Reg Adair can fund him when losing his job.

Ralph Jennings of Fairham Close – concerned about traffic speed on Clifton Road (has complained previously) – wanted a traffic island on Clifton Road.

Muriel Woodhead of Musters Road – pavement bad on Asher Lane; also seat at top of Easthorpe Street near Loughborough Road.

Mr. & Mrs. Owen of Loughborough Road – enquiring about cricket nets – will come into PC office to look at plans.

RESOLVED:

- a) That the Deputy Clerk contact County Councillor Reg Adair and request that he takes a look at the site on Kirk Lane for himself in order to appreciate the impact and extent of damage to the verges.
- b) That the above information be noted.

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C. 11/1452 NOTICE OF ANNUAL AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2011

Copies of the Notice of the Annual Audit for the year ending 31st March 2011 had previously been circulated to Members. The notice advised that the annual return is required to be submitted to Clement Keys Chartered Accountants by 18th July 2011 to enable them to carry out the annual audit.

RESOLVED:

That the above information be noted.

C. 11/1453 REPORTS

Borough Councillors

Councillor Mrs. B.M. Venes reported that she had attended the Big Health Debate, Nottinghamshire County NHS which is promoting the idea that people with long terms health problems should get involved with their own care. She had also attended the 40th Anniversary of the Ruddington Framework Knitters' Museum.

Councillor Mrs. B. M. Venes reported that a survey into the need for a crossing patrol at the junction of Easthorpe Street and Packman Drive had been repeated in the spring and that numbers were insufficient to require a patrol at this time.

History Society

Councillor Mrs.M. Woodhead reminded members that as she is retiring as a Parish Councillor, the Parish Council would need to find a new representative to attend the History Society Meetings.

Digital Switch-off

The Deputy Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Rural Community Action Nottingham giving advice about what to do when the analogue television signal from Waltham is switched off in August 2011. She advised that if any Member is approached by a resident seeking information, this is available in the Parish Council office.

Messages from retiring Members

The Deputy Clerk read an email message from Councillor D. Bakewell and gave a verbal message from Councillor Mrs M. G. Grice, both thanking Members for their friendship, company, support and co-operation during their term of office.

The Deputy Clerk reported that Councillor D. Bakewell had served for 7 years, Councillor Mrs M. G. Grice for a total of 15 years, Councillor James Norton for 8 years and Councillor Mrs. M. Woodhead for 16 years.

Police Contact Point

The Deputy Clerk read a report in respect of the Ruddington Police Contact Point and plans for its future in the village. Inspector Craig Nolan and Sergeant Dermot Booth had recently visited the Parish Council office to see whether there might be a suitable premise for the Ruddington Beat Manager and PCSO to be relocated. Whilst the information given to the Deputy Clerk had been received too late to be included in the agenda for this Parish Council Meeting, it was hoped that the officers would be allowed to make a formal approach in the near future to see if relocation at St. Peter's Rooms might be considered.

Members were dismayed at the news that the Police Contact Point may be closed and said they would consider a more formal approach in due course.

Councillor J. V. Norton addressed the Meeting

Councillor Norton said that he had enjoyed a "great" 8 years on the Parish Council in his various roles especially the last few years as Chairman, and wished to thank everyone for their hard work. He also thanked retiring Councillors D. Bakewell, Mrs. M. G. Grice and Mrs. M. Woodhead for their contributions over the years and wished them well. Finally he thanked his Vice Chairman Councillor Mrs. B. M. Venes and members of the Parish Council office. Councillor Norton added that he would continue to be an interested member of the public, although perhaps not as vocal and attentive as some of the members of the public.

Finally, Councillor Norton asked for it to be recorded that he wished to thank ex-councillor David Hall who put a considerable amount of time and effort into his council work and who achieved "a hell of a lot" during his time as a Parish Councillor.

The meeting closed at 8.17pm

Chairman