

RUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting**

Held at St Peter's Rooms on Wednesday 26th July 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

**Membership**

A	D J Hall J Noble Mrs A Auckland R Crinage Mrs Jill Reedman M Pinks Mrs M Robinson W A Wood	Chairman Vice Chairman
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PCO =  
Parish  
Council  
Office

PCG =  
Parish  
Council  
Ground  
staff

Persons absent are marked 'A'

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

Also in Attendance

S E Peacock 1 member of the public	Deputy Clerk
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A. 17/07/01 Apologies for Absence

J Noble - Illness

A. 17/07/02 Declaration of Member's Interests and Dispensations for non-participation

Non declared

A. 17/07/03 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th May 2017, having previously been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

A. 17/07/04 Action Update

An update on actions resulting from recommendations had previously been circulated.

Members noted this information.

D Hall requested that the signs for the Church Street car park should include Disabled Bays are reserved for Blue Badge Holders only.



## A. 17/07/05 Motion for Adjournment

Mr G Walker spoke on Agenda item 8 Lifting the Covenant on Elms Park in respect of sale of alcohol. Although he understood about the unenforceability of the covenant, Samuel Carter was a staunch Methodist and his wishes should be observed from a moral perspective. He also expressed concerns that future donors may be discouraged from making donations.

Mr G Walker spoke on Agenda item 10 Install an information board at St Peter's Rooms to commemorate Rorke's Drift. Concerns were expressed whether the information board would be sufficient and a finger post should also be considered.

Residents have failed to find the Shaw Street Cemetery to find the graves and look at alternative ways of identifying the location of the graves. Mr G Walker would support another board in the cemetery. In addition a mobile app or a leaflet was suggested to give information about the graves.

## Committee in Session

### A. 17/07/06 Development

#### New Applications

**Resolved that:** The observations contained in Planning Schedule 795 are adopted.

### A. 17/07/07 Sellors' Field - Charges for Hire of Sellors' Field for events

After an event held on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2016 it was resolved at Parish Council that appropriate charge rates and conditions would be set for future bookings on Sellors' Field (minute reference C. 16/06/12).

The charges proposed were £125.00 including VAT per day for local businesses and £149.30 including VAT per day for businesses outside of Ruddington. The charge for electricity, if required, would be £30 per day. A deposit of £500 would be required and returned subject to all of the conditions being met.

An alternative charging structure was proposed £150.00 including VAT for local businesses and £179.16 including VAT for businesses outside of Ruddington.

Discussions were held about the reasons for the increase and alternative suggestions were made.

**Resolved that:** A report is brought back to Amenities Committee with comparisons from other parish council charges for hire of fields for events to determine appropriate charges for Sellors Field.

PCO



A. 17/07/08 Restrictive Covenant on Elms Park

A donation for Mr Samuel Carter enabled the Parish Council to Purchase Elms Park. A trust deed was drawn up dated 6<sup>th</sup> December 1932 referring to a covenant for the Council to Use their "best endeavours" to ensure proper management; orderly conduct of person's using the land, no sports or games on a Sunday, no intoxicating liquors, betting or bad language. .

At the present time, the sale and consumption of alcohol is still prohibited at Elms Park, although many of the covenant's other aspects have been breached over time. .The Council has been asked by Ruddington Cricket Club if the sale and alcohol can now be allowed at the site, so the club can raise funds through the sale of alcoholic refreshments

Legal advice has been sought and the terms of the Deed are, enforceable for a period of 12 years only. However a prudent approach would be to get confirmation of a release from the covenant from Mr Carter's descendants.

**Resolved that:** A letter is sent to Mr Carter's relatives inviting them to give their views on the sale and consumption of alcohol at Elms Park and if positive, consult with residents surrounding Elms Park.

PCO

A. 17/07/09 Replacement Planters Elms Park

On 13th April 2017 two wooden planters at Elms Park were vandalised. The planters were made of decking boards. They have been in place for five years and were beginning to rot.

The proposed planters are recycled plastic planters and would be more robust and less likely to be damaged by vandalism. They would be planted and maintained by the grounds staff. The planters would be 900mm x 900mm x 488mm at a cost of £295.00 each excluding VAT.

**Resolved that:** The purchase of two planters is approved at a total cost of £590 excluding VAT and will be funded from the Repairs and Renewals fund for Playing Fields.

PCO

A. 17/07/10 Rorke's Drift Information Board

The Rorke's Drift graves are in the Shaw Street Cemetery. It has been suggested that the Parish Council provides an information board describing the story of Rorke's Drift. This would be sited at St Peter's Rooms where the Parish Path partnership signage is currently situated.

An indicative quote has been obtained from Sign of the Times who have produced the Gateway to the Village Signs, for the Parish Council. The cost is estimated to be £1,250 and the artwork £350 excluding VAT.

The Village Plan has indicated that fingerpost signage to the Rorke's Drift graves is also required.

The Parish Paths Partnership signage would be re-sited on the Green. This would be a suitable place as they meet on the green before setting off walks around Ruddington.

Discussions centred on how best to accommodate the signage directing visitors to the Rorke's Drift graves and to tell the story of Rorke's Drift.

A number of suggestions included a Ruddington Mobile Application (app), a leaflet providing information on other attractions in Ruddington including Rorke's Drift and a site map of the various attractions in the Village.

**Resolved that:** A report will be brought back to Amenities Committee with proposals for the Rorke's Drift information board (s) siting and appropriate signage for directions to various attractions (including Rorke's Drift) in the Village.

#### A. 17/07/11 Installation of additional electrical sockets

The report addressed safety issues that were raised on the report to Amenities Committee 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017 minute number A. 17/05/07 refers.

It was confirmed that the present load on the supply cable is sufficient to support the additional sockets and there is overload protection in place. The letterbox slot where the cables are fed through would be enlarged to accommodate the commando cabling.

The extension cables would be supplied by the stalls hiring on the Green. The Parish Council would have to ensure all safety standards are met including PAT testing and check the rating of the cables meet the IP67 standard as part of the booking conditions.

Rubber flashing would protect the cables running over the road on the Green and other trailing wires on the Green would be covered by carpet.

**Resolved that:** The additional sockets 4 16amp Commando plugs (IP rated) and 2 32Amp Commando plugs (IP rated) are installed at a cost of £486 excluding VAT and met from the repair and renewals fund for other Amenities.

#### A. 17/07/12 Reports on Amenities matters only

Marilyn Robinson reported that 14 stalls have been booked which includes food and other outlets. Plans will be prepared for the siting of the stalls after the closing date.

Mark Pinks reported that the litter bin near the play area was loose and would need securing.

Meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.



Committee Chairman