

RUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held at St Peter's Rooms on Tuesday 30th January 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

Membership

Councillors

W A Wood
K S Piggott
A Mrs A Auckland
D J Hall
J Hawson
A Mrs S Kaur Samra
S Kirby
A Mrs Y Lishman
Mrs M Pell
M Pinks
Mrs J Reedman
P Reedman

Chairman
Vice-Chairman

Action

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

C Dorans

5 members of the public

Clerk to the Council

C. 18/01/01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies of absence were received from
Councillor Mrs A Auckland (Another engagement)
Councillor Mrs S Kaur Samra (Holiday)
Councillor Mrs Y Lishman (Sick)

C. 18/01/02 Declaration of Interests

None

C. 18/01/03 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Councillor Mrs J Reedman reported that she had attended the Parish Council Meeting on 28th November 2017 but was not listed.
Subject to the above amendment, the minutes of the meetings held on 28th November 2017 having previously been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C. 18/01/04 Action List Update

An update on actions resulting from recommendations had previously been



circulated.

Members noted this information and commented that the mobile Youth Workers were to visit Ruddington as the Youth & Community Centre was still non-operational. Clerk to arrange a meeting with NCC to discuss the issue.

C. 18/01/05 Motion for Adjournment

Resolved that: The Council adjourns to allow the members of the public present to make statements on agenda items.

Sarah Godfrey spoke on Item 11

A resident of Charles Street spoke on Item 11

David Hollingworth spoke on Item 11

Martin Brownnett spoke on Item 11

4 emails from residents were read out by the Clerk

Committee in Session

C. 18/01/06 Borough & County Council Reports

Councillor Greenwood had given apologies due to illness

C. 18/01/07 Development - New Applications

Resolved that: The observations contained in Planning Schedule 806 are adopted.

C. 18/01/08 Resolutions of Committee

The resolutions of the committee listed below were presented:

Amenities Committee
Environment & Policy

13th December 2017
12th December 2017

Resolved that: The resolutions of the above committee are noted.

C. 18/01/09 Questions under Standing Order No. 26

Councillor M Pinks submitted the question 'Please can you explain the reason for the felling of the Cricket Bat Willow tree on Elms Park, identified as T278 in the Tree Management Report (dated August 2016, identified therein as 'No works required at the time of assessment'), and were the interested parties on the memorial plaque consulted beforehand, or informed after the felling?'

Response: The tree had a significant lean from the base and the tree report had mentioned this along with the fact that the root plate showed evidence of lifting. A risk assessment conducted in 2017 identified that with the further growth of the willow and the tendency of willow limbs to fail, it was considered prudent to remove the tree. The tree was not a memorial tree but a commemorative tree donated by Rushcliffe Borough Council to all

Parish Councils to commemorate the Twenty20 cup.

C. 18/01/10 Co-option Process

It is advisable to have a process to follow in the event of vacancies to fill by co-option as this will ensure that vacant places are filled as soon as possible.

Resolved that: The Parish Council adopt the process set out in Appendices 1, 2 & 3 of the report.

C. 18/01/11 Charging for Car Parking

The Councillors were asked to consider whether the Parish Council should charge for parking at the Church Street Car Park

Resolved that: The Parish Council should contact the County Council to investigate whether residents parking schemes and on-street parking regulations could be introduced within the Village Centre, to minimise the effect of charging for car parking on the residents in the immediate vicinity of the car park. A report to be brought to a future Parish Council Meeting.

PCO

C. 18/01/12 Fees & Charging Benchmarking Exercise

On 14th December 2016 it was resolved that the scale of charges for residents and non-residents will be reviewed before the setting of the 2018/19 budget (Minute Ref: A.16/12/07). Benchmarking was carried out with between 10 – 15 other local authorities where possible, most local but some farther afield where services were not provided locally. All hiring/services that the Parish Council provides for a fee was included. In general our fees and charges are comparable to others with the exception of our cemetery fees. Our monument fees for non-residents are significantly higher as we charge extra fees for non-residents. , it is therefore proposed to remove the additional charges and charge the same rate as residents for the permission of a headstone, additional inscription and vase.

Resolved that: The Schedule of Charges as shown in the proposed budget for 2018 – 19 is approved, to come into force on 1st April 2018.

C. 18/01/13 Budget 2018 - 19

Resolved that:

1. The probable out-turn 2017/18, a copy of which is appended to these minutes, is approved;
2. The General Fund balance be maintained at £60,000 for 2017/18 and any surplus be added to the earmarked reserve for wages
3. The annual budget 2018/19 showing a net expenditure of £297,315 a copy of which is appended to these minutes, is adopted and the

precept is set at £297,315 with a council tax charge of £110.93.

C. 18/01/14 Financial Report

Resolved that: The schedules of payments October – December 2017 are noted.

C. 18/01/15 Elms Park Boiler

Parish Council were advised of decisions taken under Delegated Authority by the Clerk to resolve the boiler failure at Elms Park Pavilion

Resolved that: The action taken under Delegated Authority by the Clerk is noted

C. 18/01/16 St Peter's Rooms Heating

Parish Council were advised of decisions taken under Delegated Authority by the Clerk to resolve the heating failure issue at St Peter's Rooms from 7th January – 12th January 2018.

Resolved that: The action taken under Delegated Authority by the Clerk is noted

C. 18/01/17 Grounds Maintenance Apprentice

Parish Council was advised of the intention to advertise and employ a new Grounds Maintenance Apprentice due to the current apprentice successfully completing his apprenticeship.

Resolved that: The report was noted.

C. 18/01/18 Parish Council & Committee Meetings for 2018 – 19

Resolved that: The meeting dates were agreed

C. 18/01/19 Reports

Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman reported that the following people had received flowers for 100th birthdays or planters for 50th wedding anniversaries

15th January 2018, Mrs Crocker, 100th Birthday.

20th January 2018, Mr Paul Wright & Mrs Gill Wright, Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Communications

The Clerk reported that a thank you card had been received from Paul & Gill Wright.

Parish Council representatives on outside bodies

Councillor Mrs M Pell reported that she had attended the St Peters Junior School Christmas Play on 13th December 2018 and a Committee meeting of the History & Amenity Society on 22nd January 2018.

Resolved: The public be excluded during consideration of the following items of business in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (Access to Information: Exempt Information) under paragraph 3.

C. 19/01/20 St Peter's Rooms Wall

Resolved that: The Clerk to investigate the cost of tarmacking and award the contract as per the recommendation if this is less than the difference between the quotes being considered.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

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Chairman

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