

RUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting

Held at St Peter's Rooms on Tuesday 26th February 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

Membership

	W A Wood	Chairman
	Mrs B Breakwell	Vice-Chairman
	D J Hall	
	P F McGowan	
A	K S Piggott	
	Mrs M Robinson	
	Mrs B M Venes	
A	M Walsh	
A	Mrs R Wilson	

Persons absent are marked 'A'

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

Also in Attendance

Councillor	Mrs A Auckland
Councillor	Miss H Opie
Councillor	N J Tegerdine
G D Long	Clerk to the Council
3 members of the public	

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K S Piggott, M Walsh and Mrs R Wilson and the reasons accepted.

Declaration of Member's Interests

Councillor Mrs B M Venes declared an interest in any item relating to the allotments and Vicarage Lane Cemetery.

Order of Business

The Chairman of Amenities Committee asked the meeting for agreement that the item relating to Ruddington Colts could be dealt with directly after consideration of developments and that Mr Andy Scott, secretary of the Colts could address the meeting during the item. Members agreed.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th November 2012, having previously been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Action

PCO =
Parish
Council
Office

PCG =
Parish
Council
Groundstaff

A. 13/1008 Action Update

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

Members noted this information.

A. 13/1009 Motion for Adjournment

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

Councillor Mrs H Opie commented on the consultation regarding the mini-MUGA on Vicarage Lane Playing Fields and said that she assumed that since the majority of households did not respond they had no objections.

Councillor Mrs H Opie commented on the building on Sellor's Playing Field and expressed the opinion that it is not worth spending money just to support the Wakes.

Councillor Mrs H Opie asked why the Church doesn't pay for the gold paint on the finials of the railings.

Committee in Session

A. 13/1010 Development

New Applications

Resolved that: The observations contained in Planning Schedule 691 are adopted

A. 13/1011 Ruddington Colts

A. Request to display Ruddington Colts name and details on Jubilee Clubhouse

Mr Andy Scott presented the request from Ruddington Colts to display information on the Jubilee Clubhouse. This would be cellophane signage that was durable, safe and weatherproof. The information would include the Colts name and contact details, who to contact to book the rooms, and partnership working with the Parish Council. The Colts would pay for this and get the work done.

Members welcomed the idea, which would promote the Clubhouse and the Colts. It was agreed that the Colts could put the signs up as outlined, ensuring that it is clear that the Parish Council and the Colts are working in partnership and with final approval of content to be agreed by the Clerk.

Resolved that: The Ruddington Colts can put the signs up on Jubilee Clubhouse as outlined with final approval of content to be agreed by the Clerk.

PCO

B. Request to put up advertising hoardings

Mr Andy Scott presented the request from Ruddington Colts to display advertising hoardings (approx. 1.5m by 0.75m) on the Jubilee pitches. The hoardings would all face into the ground except two which would face onto Loughborough Road. These would not be advertising but would have the clubs name and promote the Summer Soccer School.

The Colts had found a sponsor who would underwrite the cost of 18 hoardings and were asking permission to erect up to 18 hoardings either on the railings round the car park or along the fence between the pitches and the Business Park. Only if the scheme was successful would they would come back for permission to put up more. The Club would work with the Parish Council and agree each advert with them.

Members discussed this matter in detail considering both positive and negative issues. Members felt that it was important that no hoardings should go up without the content being agreed by the Parish Council. Overall, it was agreed to support the proposal. It was also agreed that this matter had wider, policy, implications and should be referred to Finance and Policy Committee for ratification.

Resolved that:

1. The Ruddington Colts proposal to put up advertising hoardings should be supported in principle,
2. No hoardings should go up without the prior agreement of the Parish Council as to the content, and
3. The matter should be referred to Finance and Policy Committee for consideration of the wider policy implications and final ratification.

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A. 13/1012 Mini-MUGA on Vicarage Lane Playing Field

(See minute C. 13/1663)

A report on the outcome of the consultation of houses backing onto Vicarage Lane Playing Field (VLPF) had previously been circulated.

Of 35 letters delivered 11 responses were received. 7 raised concerns and 3 were in support. The concerns were considered and balanced against the results of the survey of the village conducted in June 2012 where the responses had included requests for a more even spread of children's play facilities across Ruddington.

Members agreed to go ahead with the proposal. Members also considered the location of the mini-MUGA within VLPF and agreed that a slightly more central location, as suggested by Proludic, would have marginally less impact on the surrounding housing.

Resolved that: A mini-MUGA should be sited on Vicarage Lane Playing Field, the exact location to be agreed in consultation with Proludic.

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A. 13/1013 Sellor's Building

(See Minute number A. 12/996)

A report requesting Amenities Committee to reconsider the decision to demolish the building on Sellor's Playing Field had previously been circulated.

The Deputy Clerk had, as requested, spoken to David Cox of Cox Amusements (who run the annual Wakes) who confirmed that he would prefer to retain both water and electricity supply on site and that to remove one or both utilities would be very disruptive to his use of the site.

Members also considered the costs of re-instating the electricity and water supplies if required at a later date and agreed that they should be retained in order to keep open options in the review of estates currently being undertaken.

Resolved that:

1. The building, electricity supply and water supply should be retained for the present and the decision reconsidered in the light of the outcome of the review of the Parish Council's estate currently being undertaken.
2. The minimum amount possible should be spent to make the building safe.

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A. 13/1014 Adult Cricket

The Chairman of Amenities Committee reported that this item had been deferred to 21st May 2013 due to the illness of the Head Groundsman.

Resolved that: The above information is noted.

A. 13/1015 St. Peter's Church Railings

Details of a request from St. Peter's Church for the finials of the railings around St. Peter's Churchyard to be painted in gold had previously been circulated.

Members agreed that this request should not be approved in the current 'austere' financial climate.

Resolved that: St Peter's Church should be informed the Parish Council would not provide gold paint for the finials of the railings around St. Peter's Churchyard.

PCO

A. 13/1016 Section 106 Monies (See minute F. 13/1179)

The January meeting of Finance and Policy Committee resolved that the report on Section 106 monies should be referred to Amenities Committee for any suggestions regarding use of Section 106 monies. Details of the Section 106 monies had previously been circulated.

No new suggestions were raised at this time.

Resolved that: The above information is noted.

A. 13/1017 Reports on Amenities Matters

War Memorial (See minute A. 12/990)

The work to refurbish the War Memorial has been granted Listed Building Consent and Notts County Council are in the final stages of selecting the contractor to do the work.

Sellor's Play Equipment (See minute F. 13/1180)

The Parish Council has been awarded the Awards for All England (Big Lottery Fund) grant for play equipment and has also agreed to fund some equipment for younger children at Sellor's Playing Field. The order for the work has been placed.

Motor Bike: Vicarage Lane Playing Field

The Clerk reported that he had received reports of a motor bike (subsequently identified as a 'micro bike') using Vicarage Lane Playing Field and the alleyway to 50 steps. The resident who reported the issue subsequently managed to speak to the individuals concerned who had agreed not to ride on the alleyway or playing field.

Resolved that: The above information is noted.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Chairman

Committee Chairman