

RUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Draft Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting**

Held at St Peter's Rooms on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

**Membership**

	D J Hall	Chairman
	M Walsh	Vice-Chairman
A	Miss S A Chambers	
A	M S McGowan	
	P F McGowan	
	Mrs M Robinson	
	Mrs B M Venes	
A	W A Wood	

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	Mrs H Pell
G D Long	Clerk to the Council
R Turner	Deputy Clerk
C Churches	Senior Groundsman
S Evans	Groundsman
1 member of the public	

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Miss S A Chambers, Councillor M McGowan and Councillor W A Wood 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.

Councillor M Walsh declared an interest in the allotments.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2013, having previously been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Action

PCO =  
Parish  
Council  
Office

PCG =  
Parish  
Council  
Groundstaff

**Councillor P F McGowan arrived during discussion of the following item.**

A. 13/1018 Action Update

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

Members noted this information.

A. 13/1019 Motion for Adjournment

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

No matters were raised.

**Committee in Session**

A. 13/1020 Development

New Applications

**Resolved that:** The observations contained in Planning Schedule 697 are adopted

A. 13/1021 Reserving Plots in Vicarage Lane Cemetery

Details of a request from a parishioner to be able to reserve plots in Vicarage Lane Cemetery had previously been circulated. The Council's Cemetery Rules and Regulations state (3.5.2) 'The Council will not permit the reservation of graves'.

Members discussed this matter in detail and agreed the current policy should remain, as allowing plots to be reserved could potentially result in the Cemetery being full. This being the case, as the Parish Council has a legal obligation to provide burial space to the residents of Ruddington, it would have to acquire additional land.

**Resolved that:** The Parish Council will not allow plots to be reserved.

PCO

A. 13/1022 Annual Wakes (See minute F.13/1197)

Details of a request from D Cox Amusements for the use of Sellar's Playing Field for the Annual Wakes from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July, leaving Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2013 had previously been circulated.

**Resolved that:** D Cox Amusements be granted use of Sellar's Playing Field for the Annual Wakes.

PCO

A. 13/1023 The Noise

Details of a request from The Noise for free use of St Peters' Rooms for two days in July 2013 had been previously circulated. Over the

two days, teams of people will be allocated projects and tasks to complete like: interior painting, garden clearing, hedge cutting, fence or shed painting, for anyone who is unable to carry out these kind of tasks for themselves such as a pensioner or unwell community member.

**Resolved that:** The Noise, is granted free use of St Peters' Rooms in July, dates to be agreed with the Parish Council Office.

PCO

A. 13/1024 Action on Hearing Loss

Details of a request from Action on Hearing Loss for the free use of Parish Council premises for a monthly drop in centre for about one hour had previously been circulated. Hear to Help will provide residents who have restricted mobility or no transport to have their hearing aids maintained locally.

The Hear to Help staff and volunteers can provide support with the following:

- tubing, minor repairs, ear mould cleaning and battery replacement
- training on maintenance of hearing aids
- advice and support on making the most of the hearing aids
- rehabilitation courses
- information and signposting to other services
- introduction to other useful equipment.

**Resolved that:** Action on Hearing Loss is granted free use of Parish Council Premises to provide a monthly drop in service, suitable time and day to be agreed with the Parish Council Office.

PCO

A. 13/1025 Ruddington Fun

Details of a request from Ruddington Fun for free use of Parish Council facilities had previously been circulated. Ruddington Fun provided sessions for children and families during the school holidays in 2011 and 2012.

They have requested the use of Parish Council facilities during the school holiday periods in 2013 for up to a maximum of 6 sessions for a maximum of 3 hours per session; they have also requested permission to use Parish Council play areas for some events.

**Resolved that:**

1. Ruddington Fun' is granted free use of Parish Council facilities for up to 6 sessions of 3 hours for holiday activities for the children of Ruddington, and
2. Permission is given for 'Ruddington Fun' to hold some events on Parish Council play areas in consultation with the groundstaff.

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#### A. 13/1026 Allotments Competition 2013

A report on the Allotment Competition for 2013 had previously been circulated. All allotment gardens within the Parish are automatically entered into this competition unless they request otherwise.

#### **Resolved that:**

1. The judging takes place starting at 6.30 p.m. on a date in July to be agreed between the Clerk and the judge. PCO
2. Awards are made as per the judge's recommendations. PCO~
3. Prizes are awarded as follows:

£50.00	First Prize and the Thorncroft Trophy
£25.00	Second Prize
£15.00	Third Prize
£10.00	Fourth Prize

PCO~
4. The Council, in accordance with its powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which in the opinion of the Council is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them commensurate with this expenditure:
  - a. Prize Money £100.00
  - b. Judge's Fee £30.00PCO
5. The current year's winner is requested to stand down from entering next year's competition. PCO
6. The awards are presented at a presentation evening at St. Peter's Rooms on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October at a joint event with the Garden Competition. PCO

#### A. 13/1027 Reports on Amenities Matters

1. War Memorial (See minute A. 12/990)

The work to refurbish the War Memorial was completed on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2013. A rededication service by the British Legion took place on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May exactly 90 years since it was first unveiled and dedicated.

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

The new play equipment, funded largely by Awards for All England (Big Lottery Fund), has been installed and is in use.

3. Sellors Building (See minute A. 13/1013)

The work to make the building on Sellor's Playing Field safe has been completed.

4. Mini MUGA Vicarage Lane Play Area (See minute A. 13/1012)

The mini MUGA, funded by LIS, has now been installed on Vicarage Lane Play Area and is in use.

5. Scott Evans - Probation

Scott Evans, Qualified Groundsman, has successfully completed his probationary period.

6. SPR outhouse roof

The ivy on the roof of the outhouse at SPR had grown dangerously high and, when wet or covered in snow, was pressing down on the roof. The ivy has been removed and some necessary repairs undertaken to make the roof watertight again.

7. Electrical inspections

The Clerk reported that the remedial work at Elms Park Pavillion and Jubilee Pavillion has been completed. A light switch has been installed just inside the main entrance door of the Jubilee Pavilion.

8. Fanzines

The Clerk reported that he had received correspondence from the Manager of the Fanzines football team, complimenting the Parish Council for providing a high standard of sports amenities and conveyed his thanks and appreciation to the grounds staff.

The meeting closed at 8.21 p.m.

Chairman

Committee Chairman