

RUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Environment & Community Committee meeting
Held at St Peter's Rooms on Tuesday 18th March 2014 at 7.30 p.m.

Membership

N J Tegerdine	Chairman
Mrs M Pell	Vice-Chairman
Mrs A Auckland	
Mrs B Breakwell	
Mrs S Kaur Samra	
P F McGowan	
Miss H Opie	
K S Piggott	
W A Wood	

Action
PCO =
Parish
Council
Office
PCG =
Parish
Council
Groundstaff

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

Also in Attendance

Councillor	G Ellison
Councillor	Mrs M Robinson
G D Long	Clerk to the Council
1 member of the public	

Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

Declaration of Member's Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th December 2013, having previously been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

E. 14/983 Action List Update

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

Members noted this information.

E. 14/984 Motion for Adjournment

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

Committee in Session

E. 14/985 Development

New Applications

Resolved that: The observations contained in Planning Schedule 715 are adopted.

Decision Notices

Schedule DN 222 was presented to the Committee and the contents noted.

It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Rushcliffe Borough Council to obtain an explanation of why the Parish Council's objections to Planning Application 13/02327/FUL were not sufficient to result in a refusal of permission. It is to be stressed that this is for the purpose of increasing the understanding of parish councillors.

PCO

E. 14/986 Policing

Councillor Barbara Breakwell expressed her appreciation for the Police for holding "bike coding" sessions.

E. 14/987 Highway Matters

Easthorpe Street, near junction with Rufford Road

Borough Councillor N Boughton-Smith written regarding the dangers for pedestrians near the point at which Easthorpe Street narrows towards the junction with Rufford Road. It is a busy crossing point, especially for school children, and particularly high risk. He had asked Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) to put in some measures to mitigate the risk.

Councillors discussed this and agreed to include this in the ongoing discussions with NCC about highways issues.

Councillor Helen Opie pointed out that there used to be a large traffic mirror opposite the entrance to Rufford Road. Councillors agreed this should also be raised with NCC.

Resolved that: The dangers on Easthorpe Street near Rufford Road, a request for a mirror opposite Rufford Road should be raised with Nottinghamshire County Council.

NJT

Kirk Lane

Councillor P McGowan reported that he had received a letter pointing out the dangers for pedestrians on Kirk Lane caused by parked cars. He agreed to reply.

PM

E. 14/988 Meeting with Businesses 4th March 2014

The meeting with businesses held on 4th March 2014 had included updates on previous actions and breakout sessions to identify ideas and suggestions.

Notes from breakout session:

- ❖ Speed of traffic through village. 20mph limit in middle.
- ❖ Encourage businesses to car share.
- ❖ Promoting businesses within Ruddington inc. Business Park.
- ❖ Loyalty card.
- ❖ Continue RPC & business partnership.
- ❖ Markets – Xmas etc.
- ❖ Annual business gala
- ❖ Niche network marketing
- ❖ Problem – physical access to some premises
 - Icon in business guide re access.
- ❖ Better communication between businesses
- ❖ “Business Watch”
- ❖ RPC – twitter and facebook

The various suggestions were discussed.

The Clerk reported that Parish Council items are sent out through twitter by a third party and that a number of councillors followed facebook and responded where appropriate. If the Parish Council office staff were to directly engage in social media this would have a significant resource impact.

The Clerk suggested that the Parish Council Office could facilitate ‘Business Watch’. As long as businesses provided the input the Parish Council could circulate this to the e-mail list. The Christmas event is later on the agenda of this meeting.

It was agreed that: Councillor N Tegerdine would raise the matter of speed calming in the centre of the village with Nottinghamshire County Council; the Parish Council would not formally engage with social media at this time; and the Parish Council facilitate a ‘Business Watch’.

The next meeting is to be held at 6 p.m. on 30th September 2014 at St. Peter’s Rooms. It was also agreed that people should be asked to sign in on the way in and that the hand invitations now only needed to go out once a year.

Resolved that:

1. The date of the next meeting, 30th September 2014, is noted,
2. Councillor N Tegerdine will raise the matter of speed calming in the centre of the village with Nottinghamshire County Council,

NJT

3. The Parish Council will not formally engage with social media at this time, and
4. The Parish Council will facilitate a 'Business Watch'.

PCO

E. 14/989 Christmas Event 2014 (See minute 13/973)

The Environment and Community Committee resolved at its last meeting that the Parish Council should initiate a Community Christmas Event in 2014 and the Clerk should produce a report as to how to take this forward in order to involve the community and businesses of Ruddington in delivering the event.

The event will be held on Saturday 29th November 2014. The Clerk suggested that a group should be set up and volunteers sought from amongst parish councillors, organisations, residents and businesses of Ruddington.

An article will be prepared for the newsletter and website which will also be distributed via social media asking for volunteers.

Councillors Mrs A Auckland, Mrs B Breakwell, G Ellison, Mrs S Kaur Samra, Miss H Opie and Mrs M Robinson volunteered to be involved in the group organising the event. It was agreed that Councillor Mrs B Breakwell would initiate and co-ordinate the group with Councillors Mrs S Kaur Samra and Miss H Opie as deputies.

Resolved that:

1. Councillor Mrs B Breakwell would initiate and co-ordinate the group with Councillors Mrs S Kaur Samra and Miss H Opie as deputies, and
2. Councillors Mrs A Auckland, G Ellison, and Mrs M Robinson will be on the group.

BB/SKS/
HO

AA/GE/MR

E. 14/990 Open Garden Event 2014 (See minute 13/953)

Councillor Mrs B Breakwell had spoken to the Gardeners Association regarding this who had been positive. She agreed to follow this up and report back.

BB

Resolved that: This information is noted.

E. 14/991 Ways to Improve the Look and Feel of Ruddington

Councillor Mrs B Breakwell reported that the anti dog fouling campaign had been launched on 8th March by herself, and Councillors Miss H Opie and P McGowan in the Co-op under the banner RUDD (Remove Unacceptable Dog Dirt). So far 147 'action packs' have been given out and 83 dogs have nominated their responsible owners for a competition.

Councillor Mrs B Breakwell suggested that a sign post for the Country Park near the bus stop to direct visitors down Asher Lane would be useful. The Clerk agreed to write to Nottinghamshire County Council.

PCO

Councillor Miss H Opie mentioned that the sign on Elms Park at the park gates was pointing in the wrong direction. The Clerk agreed to write to Nottinghamshire County Council.

PCO

Councillors Mrs M Pell suggested that there was a need to get businesses and pubs involved in clearing up their own rubbish. There had been an increase in the number of A boards and advertising hoardings. She agreed to write an article for the newsletter to raise this matter and encourage all businesses to help keep Ruddington clean and tidy.

MP

E. 14/992 Other environmental matters for report

Councillors Mrs M Pell reported that the Business Christmas Shop Window competition 2014 would be held in w/c 1st December and the judges are already in place. This would be on the agenda of the next appropriate meeting to approve expenditure on the prizes.

PCO

Councillor P McGowan reported that the Ruddington special charge, for maintenance of Shaw Street Cemetery, has risen by 66% for 2014/15. The Clerk agreed to contact Rushcliffe Borough Council and ask for an explanation of this increase.

PCO

The meeting closed at 8.54 p.m.

Chairman

Committee Chairman