

RUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the Environment & Community Committee meeting
Held at St Peter's Rooms on Tuesday 12th June 2012 at 7.30 p.m.

Membership

	N Tegerdine	Chairman
	K S Piggott	Vice-Chairman
	Mrs A Auckland	
A	Miss S A Chambers	
A	A Chopra	
	Mrs S Kaur Samra	
A	M S McGowan	
	P F McGowan	
	Mrs M Pell	

Persons absent are marked 'A'

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

Also in Attendance

Councillor	D J Hall
G D Long	Clerk to the Council
2 members of the public	

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Miss S A Chambers, A Chopra and M S McGowan.

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Mrs A Auckland to her first Environment and Community Committee meeting.

Declaration of Member's Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th April 2012, having previously been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

E. 11/861 Action List Update

Meeting with Businesses (See minute E. 11/829)

The Chairman informed members that the meeting to plan the event with businesses would be held by 19th June.

Action

PCO =
Parish
Council
Office

PCG =
Parish
Council
Groundstaff

Village Clean-up (See minute E. 11/843)

Councillor P F McGowan thanked those members who had helped with the clean-up, including Borough Councillor John Lungley, who had also helped.

It was agreed that it had been useful and that more regular clean-ups would be a good idea. This would best be discussed at a meeting of the Parish Council.

E. 12/862 Motion for Adjournment

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

Mr David Hollingworth, referring to the Strategic Plan, commented on parking as an issue that needed to be addressed. There was confusion over who is responsible for dealing with different types of parking offence. He was concerned that parking issues were not being dealt with effectively.

Mrs L M Cooke reported that a newsletter contributor was interested in raising a petition regarding restricted parking on one side of Church Street for part of the day. Members present indicated that they had no objection to the Parish Council being a collection point for the petition.

Committee in Session

E. 12/863 Development

New Applications

Resolved that: The observations contained in Planning Schedule 676 are adopted.

Decision Notices

Schedule DN 213 was presented to the Committee and the contents noted.

E. 12/864 Policing

The Clerk reported that P C Ann Gill had been out on Wilford Road with the speed gun and caught three cars speeding.

Resolved that: The above information is noted.

E. 12/865 Highway Matters

Parking Issues

Councillor P F McGowan reported that he had seen the bus having great difficulty turning into Church Street due to the proximity of parked cars.

Members discussed the confusion over who is responsible for dealing with different types of parking offense and agreed that the Parish Council should find out who is responsible for dealing with different types of parking problem. It was agreed that the Local Area Police Inspector should be contacted.

Resolved that: The Parish Council Office should write to the Local Area Police Inspector to get an overview of who is responsible for dealing with different types of parking problem.

PCO

E. 12/866 Strategic Plan for Environment and Community Committee (See minute E. 11/1537)

The notes of the Working Group to produce a first draft of the Strategic Plan for the Environment and Community Committee, together with a SWOT analysis and the Policy Briefing from 2007, had previously been circulated. Members went through the Strengths, Weaknesses, Threats and Opportunities in detail.

The Chairman mentioned that the Working Group was down one member due to the resignation of Peter Lyons-Lewis as a parish councillor. Councillor Mrs A Auckland volunteered to join the Working Group.

It was agreed that the work so far was very helpful and that now it needed to be drafted as a Strategic Plan. The Clerk agreed to draw up a 'pro forma' based on plans from elsewhere.

Resolved that:

1. Councillor Mrs A Auckland becomes a member of the Working Group.
2. The Working Group produces a draft plan based on the work so far and the discussion that had just been held.
3. The Clerk will draw up a 'pro forma' for the plan.
4. The Working Group reports on progress at the next meeting

AA

AA/SAC/
MP

PCO

AA/SAC/
MP

E. 12/867 A453 Widening

The Parish Council has received copies of the following Orders and the related Public Notices from the Highways Agency.

- A453 Birmingham to Nottingham Trunk Road (M1 Junction 24 to A 52 Nottingham improvement and slip roads orders) Order 2012
- A453 Trunk Road Detrunking Order 2012
- A453 Side Roads Order 2012
- A453 Compulsory Purchase Order (MP NO 70) 2012

The Chairman reported that he had reviewed the documentation. The scheme is going ahead, with work due to commence in January 2013.

The scheme has been welcomed by the Borough, County and City, local business leaders and others. Ruddington Parish Council has been, and will be, concerned about the impact of this scheme on traffic management in Ruddington and the possible future development of land near Clifton.

The Highways Agency has provided detailed plans to accompany the above Orders, and copies are retained by the Clerk for inspection.

The Chairman concluded that there are no implications for Ruddington other than those previously considered.

Resolved that: This information is noted.

E. 12/868 Committee Pilot feedback (see minute C. 11/1555)

The Clerk reminded members of the pilot on committee papers agreed by the Parish Council, based on Environment and Community Committee and that a report on the pilot was to be taken to Parish Council on 3rd July. Individual councillors had been asked for feedback but, as the pilot was based in this committee, he asked for feedback.

Members reported that they appreciated the reduction in the amount of paper and the new format of papers. Some members said that it was important for them to be able to receive paper copies, especially for committees that they are on. The Chairman reported that there had been no suggested changes arising from the sharing of minutes with him before the draft minutes being placed on the website. The process had caused no concerns.

Resolved that: The comments made are reflected in the report to Parish Council on 3rd July.

PCO

E. 12/869 Ways to Improve the Look and Feel of Ruddington

Park and Ride Using Pub Car Parks

A suggestion by County Councillor Reg Adair had been made that pubs might be encouraged to utilise their car parks as 'Park and Rides'. Members agreed that this might help with the issue of parking in Ruddington. More information was required; in particular the possibility of some financial assistance from Nottinghamshire County Council to facilitate this should be explored.

It was also felt that this issue should also be raised with shop owners, who might be able to encourage their staff to park there, freeing up space for shoppers.

Resolved that:

1. The Clerk find out if Nottinghamshire County Council are able to provide any financial incentive
2. That consideration is given to raising this at the meeting with businesses.

PCO

NT

Grass Cutting along Loughborough Road

Councillor P F McGowan raised the issue of grass cutting by Nottinghamshire County Council along Loughborough Road, in particular on the side furthest from the village. He would like all of Loughborough Road in Ruddington to be treated as urban by the County Council. As had previously been agreed, the Clerk is to write to Nottinghamshire County Council.

Resolved that: The above information is noted.

Empty Properties on the Green

There has been considerable correspondence over the years regarding two empty properties on the Green. Correspondence from Rushcliffe Borough Council advising that it is not appropriate to take further action had been circulated.

Members agreed that it was desirable to take this matter further if possible and that advice should be obtained from NALC as to the best course of action.

Resolved that: The Clerk contacts NALC for advice as to how best to take this matter forward.

PCO

Cigarette Butts

The Chairman suggested that the Parish Council consider the provision or promotion of 'Butts Out' boxes which cost approx. £2 each. He reported that these had helped improve, but not solved, the problem of cigarette butts being dropped elsewhere.

Members discussed getting the pubs to distribute the 'Butts Out' boxes and also the provision of small 'cigarette bins' outside shops. The Chairman agreed to raise the matter at 'Pubwatch'.

Resolved that: The Chairman raises the idea of pubs distributing 'Butts Out' at Pubwatch.

NJT

E. 12/860 Other Environmental Matters for Report

Jubilee Weekend

The Clerk circulated an e-mail complaining about the lack of celebration in Ruddington over the Jubilee weekend and asking why the Parish Council had not arranged something. Consideration was given to the elements of a response, which would be drafted by the Parish Council Office.

PCO

Request for Bus Shelters on Loughborough Road

The Clerk reported that a local resident had, both at the Parish Council meeting on 15th May and in writing, requested bus shelters on Loughborough Road (on the side farthest from the village). County Councillor Reg Adair had agreed to take this up.

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

Chairman

Committee Chairman