

Ruddington Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of the Finance and Policy Committee Meeting

Held at St Peter's Rooms on Tuesday 15th January 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

Membership

Councillors	N J Tegerdine	Chairman
	D J Hall	Vice-Chairman
	Mrs B Breakwell	
	Miss S A Chambers	
	P F McGowan	
	K S Piggott	
	Mrs B M Venes	
	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
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 30th October 2012, having previously been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

F. 13/1171 Action List Update

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

Members noted this information

F. 13/1172 Motion For Adjournment

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

Action

PCO =
Parish
Council
Office

PCG =
Parish
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Groundstaff

Mr D Hollingworth commented on the diversion of Ruddington Footpath No 1. He informed members that the footpath is being diverted to the route people have used for many years, along the edge of the field. He suggested another diversion of the footpath further along at Willowbrook Farm where the footpath crosses the middle of a field and could be diverted round the edge.

Committee in Session

F. 13/1173 Development

New Applications

Resolved that: The observations contained in Planning Schedule 688 are adopted.

Planning Appeal: 26 Sheepfold Lane Two storey and single storey side extension

Copies of the Notice of Appeal in respect of Rushcliffe Borough Council's decision to refuse permission for the above application had been circulated to members.

Members were reminded that the Parish Council had not previously objected to the application.

Resolved that: The above information is noted.

F. 13/1174 Schedule of Payments

Resolved that: The schedules of payments and inter account transfers attached are adopted and the payments are authorised:

Month	Total Payments £
October 2012	12,033.04
November 2012	14,584.57

F. 13/1175 Statement Of Income Received

Resolved that: The statement of income received, attached, is noted:

Month	Income Received £
August 2012	4,762.52
September 2012	4,836.68

F. 13/1176 Outstanding Sundry Debtor Accounts

The Clerk reported that there are no outstanding sundry debtor accounts that caused concern.

Resolved that: The above information is noted.

F. 13/1177 Budget 2013/14

The Clerk reported that final information on the Council Tax base is still awaited and that a revised schedule of meetings will be presented to Parish Council on 29th January to enable the budget and precept to be set.

Resolved that: The above information is noted.

F. 13/1178 Grant Application Process (See minute F. 12/1122)

A report on a process for considering grant applications had previously been circulated to members. The draft form was considered. It was agreed to remove the eligibility criteria requiring the applicant to be a resident of Ruddington and to add a question requesting copies of the accounts (if available). A revised draft is attached to the minutes.

It was agreed that the form was designed for grant applications and would not apply to requests for free use of Parish Council facilities, which are normally dealt with by Amenities Committee.

Resolved that: The form attached is adopted.

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F. 13/1179 Section 106 Monies

A report updating members on Section 106 monies arising from recent developments in Ruddington had previously been circulated.

Members agreed that the report should be referred to Amenities Committee and Environment & Community Committee for any suggestions and that it would be useful if a report on Section 106 monies was brought to Finance and Policy Committee on a regular basis, say every six months.

Resolved that:

1. The report on Section 106 monies should be referred to Amenities Committee and Environment & Community Committee for any suggestions regarding use of Section 106 monies, and
2. Section 106 should be a regular item on the Finance and Policy Committee agenda.

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F. 13/1180 Play Equipment on Sellor's Play Area

(See minutes A. 12/988 and A. 12/996)

A report on the provision of play equipment at Sellor's Play Area had previously been circulated. The Clerk explained that two proposals had previously been agreed by Amenities Committee.

An application for grant aid for children's play equipment on Sellor's Playing Field had been provisionally approved by Awards for All England (Big Lottery Fund). In parallel with that Amenities Committee had approved, subject to suitability, provision of 'Tyre Park' play equipment for younger children.

A suitable alternative to the 'Tyre Park' play equipment discussed at Amenities Committee had been identified. This is from the same provider (Proludic) as for the grant aided play equipment. A discount of £600 had been negotiated if both schemes are ordered together.

In order to progress these schemes within the planned timescales the Clerk asked the Finance and Policy Committee to approve the purchase of play equipment for younger children subject to the final approval of the grant aid for the other play equipment.

Resolved that: Both sets of play equipment for Sellors should be purchased from Proludic subject to the final approval of the grant aid from Awards for All England (Big Lottery Fund).

F. 13/1181 Ruddington Footpath No 1 – Proposed Diversion

A consultation from Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) regarding the diversion of Ruddington Footpath No 1 had previously been circulated to members.

Members noted that the diversion was along a route that was already generally used. Councillors Mrs B M Venes reported that NCC had informed her that the footpath was being refurbished and that this route was a cheaper option than the original.

Members agreed that the new route was sensible and that a diversion further along the footpath would also be beneficial, taking a route round the edge (rather than across the middle) of a field above Willowbrook Farm.

Resolved that:

1. The proposed diversion of Ruddington Footpath No1 is noted, and
2. Nottinghamshire County Council should be contacted suggesting that a further diversion would be beneficial taking a route round the edge of a field (rather than across the middle) above Willowbrook Farm.

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F. 13/1182 Reports on Finance and Policy matters

Village Hall: Disabled Facilities

The Clerk reported that work to provide facilities for the disabled at the Village Hall is now substantially complete.

Dog Poop Glove Dispensers

The Clerk reported that the dog poop glove dispensers are now all in place.

Christmas Tree Brackets

The Clerk reported that the Christmas tree brackets have been purchased and all the old brackets have been replaced.

Ruddington Fun

The Clerk reported that a letter of thanks has been received from Ruddington Fun for the Parish Council's support for their programme of activities over the summer.

Dog Fouling

Members reported that dog fouling was an issue (along with other litter) that was frequently raised by residents at locations across the Village. It was agreed that a group of councillors should meet to look at possible ways to mitigate the problems of dog fouling.

The meeting closed at 8.44 p.m.

Chairman

Committee Chairman

Ruddington Parish Council

Grant Application Form

Eligibility criteria: The application must be for an activity that benefits residents of Ruddington.

Exclusion criteria: Grants will not be awarded for political or religious activities.

Please supply the information requested below.

Name of club, group or society	
Applicants name	
Applicants address	
Telephone	
email	
Name and address details of Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer, OR other appropriate officers (delete if not applicable)	
Latest accounts (if a new group simply state that fact)	Please attach a copy
Amount Requested	

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Purposes of the grant

<p>What are the aims – <u>why</u> are you doing this?</p> <p>How does this benefit Ruddington residents?</p>	
<p>What are you proposing to do? Explain how, when and where.</p>	

I/we agree that any grant given relating to this application will be used only for the purposes described in the application and that it is repayable if this is not the case.

I/we will provide a report to Ruddington Parish Council on the activities supported by the grant, if a grant is awarded.

I/we will notify Ruddington Parish Council within fourteen days if the names of any officers change or if the activities described in the application cease.

I/we understand I am/we are responsible for any claims resulting from the activities proposed.

Please note: Further information/clarification may be requested.

Signed.....

PRINT NAME.....

DATE.....

Please return completed form to:

Ruddington Parish Council, St. Peter's Rooms, Church Street, Ruddington, NG11 6HA.