

RUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held at St Peter's Rooms on Tuesday 29th January 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

Action

Membership

Councillors

A P F McGowan
K S Piggott
Mrs A Auckland
Mrs B Breakwell
Miss S A Chambers
D J Hall
Mrs S Kaur Samra
M S McGowan
Miss H Opie
Mrs M Pell
Mrs M Robinson
N J Tegerdine
Mrs B M Venes
M Walsh
A Mrs R Wilson
A W A Wood

Chairman
Vice-Chairman

PCO =
Parish
Council
Office

PCG =
Parish
Council
Ground
staff

Persons absent are marked 'A'

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

Also in Attendance

G D Long Clerk to the Council
Borough Councillor Mrs J Greenwood
13 members of the public

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K S Piggott, Mrs R Wilson and W A Wood, and the reasons accepted.

Death of former parish councillor Richard Beardall

The Chairman informed members of the death of former parish councillor Richard Beardall, who had served on the Parish Council from 1983 to 1995. Members stood in silence for one minute as a tribute to his memory.

Declaration of Member's Interests and Dispensations from Non-participation

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

The Parish Council, having received a written request, granted a dispensation to all members of the Parish Council relating to discussion of the Parish Council's budget and precept from 29th January 2013 to 6th May 2015 as the Parish Council considers that without the dispensation the number of persons prohibited by section 31(4) from participating would be so great a proportion of the body transacting the business as to impede the transaction of the business.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 2012, having previously been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C. 13/1654 Action List Update

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

Members noted this information

C. 13/1655 Motion for Adjournment

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

Alex Watts spoke on behalf of a group of residents who wished to see the play area near St. Mary's Crescent brought back into use. The area is currently underutilized and of little benefit to the local community.

37 local people attended a meeting to discuss this and set up a working group to take this forward. The group have been in discussion with Rushcliffe Borough Council (RBC), who owns the land. RBC indicated that they would be happy to lease the land to the Parish Council for a peppercorn rent. If the Parish Council agrees, the group would then look to raise the funds to landscape the area and construct a new play area. Alex invited a representative of the Parish Council to the next meeting of the working group.

Borough Councillor Jean Greenwood, who has been supporting the working group, informed the meeting that Metropolitan Housing are prepared to help fund some equipment.

Mr David Brown, who is a member of the working group, said he had been involved in the project to raise funds for the Jubilee Clubhouse. Although hard work, the funds had been raised for that and local people are equally willing to work hard for this project.

Mr David Hollingworth referred to the surgery of 13th October and reported that he had dealt with the issue of the overhanging trees on Carter Avenue. These have now been cut back.

Committee in Session

C. 13/1656 Chairman's Announcements

Invitation from Grenay

The Chairman announced that he had received an invitation to an event in Grenay (which unfortunately arrived after the event) and a gift.

90th Birthday

The Chairman reported that the Clerk had delivered a planted arrangement to Mrs J Woodford of Grange Avenue on the occasion of her 90th Birthday on 21st December 2012.

C. 13/1657 Communications

The Clerk reported that a letter of thanks had been received from the Wright family regarding work undertaken in Vicarage Lane Cemetery.

C. 13/1658 Questions under Standing Order No.8

There were no questions raised under Standing Order No. 8.

C. 13/1659 Development - New Applications

Resolved that: The observations contained in Planning Schedule 689 are adopted.

C. 13/1660 Committee Reports and Minutes

The minutes and reports as set out below were presented and motions made for approval and adoption:

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| Amenities Committee | 27 November 2012 |
| Environment & Community Committee | 11 December 2012 |
| Finance and Policy Committee | 15 January 2013 |

Resolved that: The recommendations contained in the minutes and reports mentioned above are adopted.

C. 13/1661 St. Mary's Play Area

A report on had previously been circulated to members regarding a request from local residents for the Parish Council to lease the recreation area between St. Mary's Crescent, Lings Crescent and Packman Drive from Rushcliffe Borough Council (RBC) and provide on-going maintenance and insurance to enable a local residents group to seek

funding to redevelop the area. RBC is willing to lease the recreation area to the Parish Council at a peppercorn rent.

Members were very impressed with the support and organisation of the local residents and agreed to work together with the working group that had been set up to provide play facilities at St. Mary's Play Area.

Resolved that: The Parish Council should work with the working group of local residents to provide play facilities at St. Mary's Play Area including, if appropriate, leasing the recreation area between St. Mary's Crescent, Lings Crescent and Packman Drive from Rushcliffe Borough Council at a peppercorn rent.

PCO

C. 13/1662 Parking

A consultation from Nottinghamshire County Council on proposals to introduce new waiting restrictions and revise the times of operation of existing parking bays had previously been circulated.

A number of specific points (positive and negative) regarding the proposals were made and comments submitted to the Parish Council by members of the public were considered. Members expressed the view that there had been insufficient consultation and discussion with Ruddington residents. It was agreed that, while some of the specific elements of the proposals were good, overall the scheme would not improve the situation regarding parking in Ruddington and may well have a negative impact on some areas.

Resolved that: The Parish Council should object to the parking proposals put forward by Nottinghamshire County Council and request that discussions are held with the Parish Council before any further proposals are put forward.

PCO

C. 13/1663 Multi Use Games Area

The Parish Council was awarded a grant from the Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) for £27,500 towards a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) on Elms Park some time ago. To date the Parish Council has been unable to raise further funding to bring the original project to fruition.

Councillor Mrs B Breakwell had obtained a quotation from Proludic for the provision of a 'mini MUGA' on Vicarage Lane Playing Field (VLPF) which is within the grant available. The LIS have indicated that they are happy for the funding to be used for this revised scheme.

It was agreed to consult the houses next to VLPF and go ahead if there is not a substantial level of objections.

Resolved that: That the quotation from Proludic is accepted for the provision of a mini-MUGA on Vicarage Lane Playing Field.

PCO

C. 13/1664 Best Kept Village Plaque

The 'Best Kept Village' plaque at the end of Kirk Lane, which celebrates Ruddington winning the Best Kept Village competition in 1965, is badly corroded to the point where only one line is readable. Mr Ken Phethean had offered to pay for a replacement plaque to be made and installed.

Resolved that: Mr Phethean's offer to pay for a plaque to be made and installed to replace the existing 'Best Kept Village' plaque is accepted.

PCO

C. 13/1665 Budget & Precept

A report on reasons for the delays in setting the budget and precept together with a revised schedule of meeting dates had previously been circulated to members.

The Clerk reported that final information on the Council Tax base had been received on 28th January at a briefing attended by the Clerk and the Chairman of Finance and Policy Committee. A revised schedule of meetings was agreed to enable the budget and precept to be set.

Resolved that: The revised schedule of meetings attached to the minutes is adopted.

PCO

C. 13/1666: Committee Pilot

A report on the pilot on 'Action Updates' on committee agendas had previously been circulated to members. Members agreed that they were content with the current practice.

Resolved that: The current practice of 'Action Updates' should continue.

PCO

C. 13/1667: Local Improvement Scheme Event

Correspondence regarding the Nottinghamshire County Council Local Improvement Scheme Event on 7th March 2013 had previously been circulated to members. The Clerk reported that he had booked 2 places. Councillors P M McGowan and Mrs B M Venes volunteered to attend. This was agreed.

Resolved that: Councillors P M McGowan and Mrs B M Venes attend the Local Improvement Scheme Event on 7th March 2013.

PM/BV

C. 13/1668: Statement of Community Involvement

Correspondence from Nottinghamshire County Council regarding their Statement of Community Involvement had previously been circulated to members.

Resolved that: This information is noted.

C. 13/1669: Parish Plan

A report on instigating a Parish Plan had previously been circulated to members. There are a number of different options that could be pursued regarding community plans, neighbourhood plans and parish plans.

It was agreed that a working group should be set up which would initially recommend to Parish Council which option was most appropriate for Ruddington and then initiate the process.

Councillor Miss H Opie volunteered to convene a working group. Councillors Mrs A Auckland, Miss S A Chambers, Mrs S Kaur Samra, P F McGowan Mrs M Pell, Mrs M Robinson, and Mrs B M Venes volunteered to be on the working group.

Resolved that: Councillor Miss H Opie would convene a working group consisting of herself and Councillors Mrs A Auckland, Miss S A Chambers, Mrs S Kaur Samra, P F McGowan Mrs M Pell, Mrs M Robinson, and Mrs B M Venes to recommend to Parish Council which option was most appropriate for Ruddington and then initiate the process.

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C. 13/1670 Parish Council Surgery

12th January 2013 – Parish Councillor D J Hall

Copies of a report of issues raised at the Parish Council surgery held on 12th January 2013 had previously been circulated to members.

Resolved that:

1. The reports of issues raised, which are appended to these minutes, are noted.
2. Actions are taken as necessary.

PCO

C. 13/1671 Reports

Borough Councillors

Borough Councillor Mrs J Greenwood reported on behalf of the 3 borough councillors.

- She welcomed the Parish Council's support for the development of the St. Mary's Play Area.
- The Borough Council are in the process of deciding the budget and Council Tax for next year.
- The invitations for residents to stay with the Green Bin scheme will be sent out in February. There is no change in the cost this year.
- The 3 borough councillors met with Bellway Homes to discuss the proposed development on Pasture Lane.

- There is still a little money left in the 3 borough councillors Community Support Fund which can be accessed by local groups for purchasing specific items of equipment.
- The 3 borough councillors are involved in discussions regarding the revised planning application from Soar Valley Homes for Walnut Croft.

Police Priority Setting Meeting

Councillor Mrs B Breakwell reported she attended the Police Priority Setting Meeting on 23rd January 2013.

- The latest crime statistics show an overall decrease in crime.
- Within the area as a whole the main issues are shop crime and mindless vandalism.
- Ruddington was a priority area over the weekend of 12th and 13th January due to a couple of burglaries in the previous few weeks.
- Ruddington residents have expressed concerns about scrap metal dealers and Councillor Mrs B Breakwell reported this to the Priority Setting Meeting. The advice was to put things away so that it can't be assumed they are scrap and to note and report any registration numbers and details of vehicles if there are any concerns.
- The priority for Ruddington in the next 3 months is providing an increased police presence to reassure residents in the light of recent incidents in the village.

Rushcliffe Parish Conference 7th February

Councillor Mrs M Pell reported that she would be attending the Rushcliffe Parish Conference on 7th February.

Meeting with Businesses

Councillor Mrs M Pell reminded members about the meeting with businesses on Thursday 31st January.

The meeting closed at 9.44 p.m.

Chairman

Council Surgery

12th January 2013

In attendance:

Ruddington Parish Councillor: David Hall
Rushcliffe Borough Councillor Jean Greenwood
County Councillor Reg Adair

John Hardman

Parking on Vicarage Lane. Already a problem. 2 hour restrictions will impact. Would like residents' parking permits.

Action: Include in response to NCC consultation.

Leaves need cleaning up on Church Street & Vicarage Lane.

Action: Report to Street Scene. Cllr Jean Greenwood.

Bins left out on Church Street all week.

Action: Report to RBC– Cllr Jean Greenwood.

Mr Lyons

Parking on Mere Way obstructing buses from pulling up at bus stops.

Action: Report to NCC – County Cllr Reg Adair.

Mr Holland

Men's badminton closing down at end of Jan. 2013.

Action: Report to Amenities Ctte.

Changes to Parish Council Meetings February – April 2013

| DATE | New Meeting Date | Cancelled Meeting |
|---------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| 29 th January | Parish Council | No Change |
| 5 th February | | |
| 12 th February | Finance & Policy (Budget) followed by Parish Council (Budget) | Amenities |
| 19 th February | | |
| 26 th February | Amenities | Environment & Community |
| 5 th March | | Finance & Policy |
| 12 th March | | |
| 19 th March | Environment & Community | Parish Council |
| 26 th March | | Amenities |
| 2 nd April | | |
| 9 th April | Possible Planning Meeting | |
| 16 th April | | Environment & Community |
| 23 rd April | Annual Parish Meeting | No Change |
| 30 th April | Finance & Policy | No Change |