

RUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting

Held at St Peter's Rooms on Tuesday 14th May 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

Action

Membership

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

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
1 member of the public	

C. 12/1677 Appointment of Chairman

It was proposed by Councillor N J Tegerdine and seconded by Councillor Mrs B M Venes that Councillor P F McGowan is Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year. There were no other nominations.

Resolved that: Councillor P F McGowan is elected as Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by the Chairman.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs B Breakwell, Miss S A Chambers, M S McGowan and K S Piggott, and the reasons accepted.

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.

Councillor Mrs A Auckland declared an interest in any item relating to the allotments.

C. 12/1678 Resignation of Parish Councillor

The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from Mrs R Wilson reluctantly tendering her resignation as a councillor. She explained that her family circumstances left her unable to offer enough time to properly fulfil the role.

Resolved that:

- (a) The resignation of Mrs R Wilson from the post of Parish Councillor is accepted
- (b) A casual vacancy is declared in Camelot Ward

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C. 12/1679 Appointment of Vice Chairman

It was proposed by Councillor D J Hall and seconded by Councillor M Walsh that Councillor W A Wood is Vice Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year. There were no other nominations.

Resolved that: Councillor W A Wood is elected as Vice Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by the Vice Chairman.

C. 12/1580 Appointment of Members of Amenities Committee and Environment & Community Committee

Resolved that: members are appointed to Standing Committees as set out below:

Amenities Committee

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

Environment & Community Committee

Councillors	Mrs A Auckland Mrs B Breakwell Mrs S Kaur Samra P F McGowan Miss H Opie Mrs M Pell K S Piggott N J Tegerdine W A Wood
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C. 12/1575 Appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman of Amenities Committee and an additional member to serve on the Finance and Policy Committee

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs M Robinson and seconded by Councillor M Walsh that Councillor D J Hall is Chairman of Amenities Committee for the ensuing year. There were no other nominations.

It was proposed by Councillor D J Hall and seconded by Councillor Mrs M Robinson that Councillor M Walsh is Vice Chairman of Amenities Committee for the ensuing year. There were no other nominations.

It was proposed by Councillor P F McGowan and seconded by Councillor W A Wood that Councillor Mrs B M Venes is the additional member from Amenities Committee to serve on the Finance and Policy Committee for the ensuing year. There were no other nominations.

Resolved that:

1. That Councillor D J Hall is elected Chairman of the Amenities Committee for the ensuing year.
2. That Councillor M Walsh is elected Vice Chairman of the Amenities Committee for the ensuing year.
3. That Councillor Mrs B M Venes is elected as the additional member from Amenities Committee on the Finance and Policy Committee for the ensuing year.

The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee.

C. 12/1576 Appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman of Environment and Community Committee and an additional member to serve on the Finance and Policy Committee

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs M Pell and seconded by Councillor Mrs A Auckland that Councillor N J Tegerdine is Chairman of Environment and Community Committee for the ensuing year. There were no other nominations.

It was proposed by Councillor Miss H Opie and seconded by Councillor Mrs S Kaur Samra that Mrs M Pell is Vice Chairman of Environment and Community Committee for the ensuing year. There were no other nominations.

It was proposed by Councillor N J Tegerdine and seconded by Councillor W A Wood that Councillor K S Piggott is the additional member from Environment and Community Committee to serve on the Finance and Policy Committee for the ensuing year. There were no other nominations.

Resolved that:

1. That Councillor N J Tegerdine is elected Chairman of the Environment and Community Committee for the ensuing year.
2. That Councillor Mrs M Pell is elected Vice Chairman of the Environment and Community Committee for the ensuing year.
3. That Councillor K S Piggott is elected as the additional member from Environment and Community Committee on the Finance and Policy Committee for the ensuing year.

The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee.

C. 12/1577 Appointment of members to the Finance and Policy Committee

The Clerk advised that the Finance and Policy Committee is made up of the Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of Council, the Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of Amenities Committee, the Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of Environment and Community Committee, and the appointed representatives of each of the two Committees.

Resolved that: the following members constitute the Finance and Policy Committee:

Councillors	D J Hall
	P F McGowan
	Mrs M Pell
	K S Piggott
	N J Tegerdine
	Mrs B M Venes
	M Walsh
	W A Wood

C. 12/1578 Appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman of Finance and Policy Committee

It was proposed by Councillor P F McGowan and seconded by Councillor D J Hall that Councillor N J Tegerdine is Chairman of Finance and Policy Committee for the ensuing year. There were no other nominations.

It was proposed by Councillor N J Tegerdine and seconded by Councillor D J Hall that Councillor K S Piggott is Vice Chairman of Finance and Policy Committee for the ensuing year. There were no other nominations.

Resolved that:

1. Councillor N J Tegerdine is elected Chairman of the Finance and Policy Committee for the ensuing year.
2. Councillor K S Piggott is elected Vice Chairman of the Finance and Policy Committee for the ensuing year.

The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by the Chairman of the Committee.

Councillor K S Piggott had given his apologies for the meeting and therefore the Declaration of Acceptance of Office will be signed at a later date.

C. 12/1579 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies

Ruddington Local History & Amenity Society

It was proposed by Councillor W A Wood and seconded by Councillor N J Tegerdine that Councillor P F McGowan is the Parish Council representative on the Ruddington Local History & Amenity Society. There were no other nominations.

Resolved that: Councillor P F McGowan is elected as the Parish Council representative on the Ruddington Local History & Amenity Society.

Allotments Working Group

It was proposed by Councillor P F McGowan and seconded by Councillor W A Wood that Councillor Mrs B M Venes is the Parish Council representative on the Allotments Working Group. There were no other nominations.

Resolved that: Councillor Mrs B M Venes is elected as the Parish Council representative on the Allotments Working Group.

Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 29th January 2013, 12th February 2013 and 9th April 2013 having previously been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C. 13/1680 Action List Update

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

The Clerk reported that the mini MUGA was now installed and in use at Vicarage Lane Play Area. Councillor D J Hall proposed a vote of thanks for all the hard work Councillor Mrs B Breakwell had put in to making this possible. This was endorsed by members.

Councillor Mrs H Opie reported that the 'Parish Plan' Working Group had met the previous evening and had a further meeting planned with Jenni Kirkwood of RCAN.

Members noted this information

C. 13/1681 Motion for Adjournment

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

Committee in Session

C. 13/1682 Chairman's Announcements

There were no Chairman's announcements.

C. 13/1683 Communications

The Clerk reported that a letters of thanks had been received from Sheila and Gren Pearson for the plant arrangement they received on their Diamond Wedding and from Mrs L M Cooke, former Deputy Clerk, for the gifts given to her on her official leaving date at Easter.

C. 13/1684 Questions under Standing Order No.8

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

C. 13/1685 Development - New Applications

Resolved that: The observations contained in Planning Schedule 696 are adopted.

C. 13/1686 Committee Reports and Minutes

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

Amenities Committee	26 February 2013
Environment & Community Committee	19 March 2013
Finance and Policy Committee	12 February 2013
Finance and Policy Committee	30 April 2013

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

C. 13/1687 Review of Standing Orders

The Clerk reported that Standing Orders were last revised on 29th April 2003, the Financial Regulations on 3rd October 2000 and the Delegation Document on 6th February 2001. These documents contain some references which are out of date. The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) produced a revised set of model standing orders in 2010 which reflect some national changes.

Also a number of suggestions to change how the Parish Council operates have been raised informally by members which would, if discussed and agreed, require a change in Standing Orders.

It was agreed that Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and the Scheme of Delegation should be reviewed and that the process should include consideration of any suggestions for how the Parish Council operates.

Resolved that: Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and the Scheme of Delegation should be reviewed and that the process should include consideration of any suggestions for how the Parish Council operates.

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C. 13/1688 Criteria for Colts Advertising (See minutes A.13/1011 and F. 13/1191)

Amenities Committee approved in principle a request from Ruddington Colts to put up advertising hoardings on Elms Park and this was ratified by Finance and Policy Committee. Amenities Committee also agreed

“No hoardings should go up without the prior agreement of the Parish Council as to the content”

A draft list of possible exclusion criteria had previously been circulated. This was discussed and it was agreed that advertising would not be permitted that:

- Is contrary to the RPC equal opportunities and anti-discriminatory policy e.g. nothing racist, homophobic, political or religious
- Directly promotes alcohol
- Promotes gambling or anything to do with it
- Directly promotes tobacco products and sales - including ‘e-cigarettes’
- Markets the sex industry

The Clerk also reported that one of the conditions of the sponsorship was that the logo of the sponsors, Nottinghamshire Freemasons, should appear on each hoarding. Some councillors expressed concern about this and about how big and conspicuousness of the logo might be.

It was agreed that the Clerk, Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council should meet with the Colts to confirm the details and make a decision as to the acceptability of the proposals.

Resolved that:

1. Advertising will not be permitted that:
 - Is contrary to the RPC equal opportunities and anti-discriminatory policy e.g. nothing racist, homophobic, political or religious
 - Directly promotes alcohol
 - Promotes gambling or anything to do with it
 - Directly promotes tobacco products and sales - including ‘e-cigarettes’
 - Markets the sex industry
2. The Clerk, Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council should meet with the Colts to confirm the details and make a decision as to the acceptability of the proposals for the Freemason, as sponsors, to have their logo on each hoarding.

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C. 13/1689 Rushcliffe Parish Conference

Correspondence from Rushcliffe Borough Council regarding the planned Rushcliffe Parish Conference on 25th June 2013 had previously been circulated to members.

Members noted this information

C. 13/1690 Parish Council Surgery

Copies of the reports of issues raised at the Parish Council surgeries held on 9th February 2013, 9th March 2013, and 13th April 2013 had previously been circulated to members

The issues raised at the Parish Council surgery held on 11th May 2013 were reported to members.

Resolved that:

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

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C. 13/1671 Reports

Borough Councillors

Borough Councillor N Boughton Smith had provided a written report (appended to the minutes) on behalf of the 3 borough councillors.

Funding Opportunities

Councillor D J Hall reported he had attended a funding seminar and had a list of possible funding sources for Parish Council projects

Stephen Lawrence Award

Councillor Mrs M Pell that she had attended the community launch of the Stephen Lawrence Educational Standard Project at the James Peacock Infant and Nursery School.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

Chairman

In attendance:

Ruddington Parish Councillor: Ken Piggott
Rushcliffe Borough Councillor Jean Greenwood
County Councillor Reg Adair

Peter Burnett - Old Road

Surgery not in the newsletter (explained Deputy Clerk absent)

Action: Parish Council

Local couple, wife with dementia , husband (stroke) also unwell, Mr Burnett has reported to Social Services and requested more support care. Social Services have revisited and refused more support. He is 78, have a local son, who is supportive. Requested support from Reg Adair. Details given to Reg Adair.

Action: Reg Adair

Dave Brown – Ashworth Avenue

The dyke on Ashworth Avenue is full of debris.

Dog fouling on grass, bags are being thrown in the dyke. Mr Brown has cleared it himself on a number of occasions, and has cut hedging down but RBC have not been to pick up the collected debris.

Has asked PC and RBC if he can take it over, fence it off and manage it, but no-one knows who owns it.

Cllr J Greenwood will follow this up with Dave Banks and Kath Marriott

Action: Borough Councillor Jean Greenwood

Lack of dog bins on the green at the side of his house (near where new houses will be built) (people are hanging doggie bags the bushes or throwing them in the dyke)

Action: Borough Councillor Jean Greenwood

Golf Course – conifers planted - old fence with barbed wire – again don't know who owns wooden fencing/barbed wire.

Action: Borough Councillor Jean Greenwood (to find out who owns it)

Council Surgery

9th March 2013

In attendance:

Ruddington Parish Councillor: Helen Opie

Ruddington Parish Councillor: Shelia Chambers

Rushcliffe Borough Councillor: Nigel Boughton-Smith

Peter Burnett - Old Road

Re: Mrs Hazel Wadkin – Adult Social Services

Action: Reg Adair

Cllr Jean Greenwood

Leys Court is now empty. Closed for refurbishment as double flats & landscaping. Meeting to be arranged for local residents.

Community Bus – Problems parking and discharging passengers at Co-op – Reversing out of car park (entrance)

David Hollingworth

Nottingham Knight roundabout: greenery overgrowth requires attention

Action: Reg Adair

NB. Cllr Miss S A Chambers spoke to County Councillor Reg Adair at a later date.

Re: Mr Burnett – he is dealing and will ring him.

Re: Nttm Knight Roundabout issue: Reported several times to Highways Dept – not an NCC matter (it is Highways Agency)

Council Surgery

13th April 2013

In attendance:

Ruddington Parish Councillor: David Hall

Rushcliffe Borough Councillor: Nigel Boughton-Smith

County Councillor: Reg Adair

P.C. D. Blundell 3063 Re. A. Gill Report

Peter Burnett to meet Reg Adair

Kath Mills & Gavin Taylor – Reported by Cllr B Breakwell

Speeding on Clifton Road - Report to P C Ann Gill

Claire Harris – Reported By Cllr B Breakwell

Fly tipping within the village - Referred to Rushcliffe Borough Council

Council Surgery

11th May 2013

In attendance:

Ruddington Parish Councillor: Surinder Kaur Samra

Rushcliffe Borough Councillor: John Lungley

County Councillor: Reg Adair

Kathy Powis

Strong objection to the planning of The Old Bakery, especially because the 5 off street parking spaces will reduce on street parking. This is going to cause big problems. She is incensed by the decision (RPC) took.

Ruddington Parish Council Annual Meeting: Borough Councillors Report.

The Annual Borough Council is next week where the new Mayor and the Deputy Mayor will be elected and the positions on the scrutiny and working groups will be decided. The representation on outside bodies will also be determined.

This is a difficult time to be a Borough Councillor. The economic downturn continues and a major activity of the council is to review delivery of services to look for reducing cost while maintaining the level and quality of service. As a whole the council has so far been successful in achieving this aim but there is a continued pressure on expenditure in response to a further wave of government cuts.

Major Issues:

Council Tax Relief, Setting Council tax, Housing and Homelessness, Core Strategy for Housing, (previous plans rejected by government inspector and plans are now underway to do more public consultations in the next few months), Change in management structure, Grant to Notts County Cricket Club, Investment in property (The Point) to increase revenue.

Ruddington Borough Councillors:

As a group of Councillors representing Ruddington we have chosen to work as closely together as possible and we meet regularly to discuss council issues that affect Ruddington. We have reviewed most, if not all, planning applications and have some joint meetings with the planning department to discuss specific issues such as, those relating to Bellway Homes and the provision of adequate non-vehicular access.

We have also worked together on the applications of the Community Support Scheme and this has resulted in awards to St Peters School and Ruddington Fun. As you may remember we jointly nominated Andy Scott for a Community Partnership award for his excellent work over many years supporting Ruddington Colts. This was the second year that our nomination had been short listed. We are now on the look out for this years nomination

There has also been some individual activity in supporting local organisation such as the Framework Knitters Museum, the local schools and the St. Mary's Community Park project.

The Future

In the Community Development Scrutiny Group we recently reviewed the Borough Councils relationship with Parish Councils. The results were very positive in terms of communication but we would like to enhance our relationship with the parish council and hope to work together with you to make this happen.

We will continue to work together in the future as we feel this is best for Ruddington as a community.

Thankyou.

Nigel Boughton-Smith, Jean Greenwood and John Lungley