

RUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held at St Peter's Rooms on Tuesday 24th September 2013 at 7.00 p.m.

Action

Membership

Councillors

A

P F McGowan
W A Wood
Mrs A Auckland
Mrs B Breakwell
Miss S A Chambers
D J Hall

A

Mrs S Kaur Samra
M S McGowan
Miss H Opie
Mrs M Pell
K S Piggott
Mrs M Robinson
N J Tegerdine
Mrs B M Venes
M Walsh

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

R Turner

2 members of the public

Clerk to the Council

Deputy Clerk

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs S Kaur Samra and Councillor W A Wood and the reasons accepted.

Death of former parish councillor Ken Phethean

The Chairman informed members of the death of former parish councillor Ken Phethean, who had served on the Parish Council from 1958 to 1987 and served as its Chairman from 1963 to 1972. The chairman had attended the funeral. Members stood in silence for one minute as a tribute to his memory.

To appoint a parish councillor to fill the casual vacancy in Camelot Ward and sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

The Chairman reported that a public meeting had been held prior to the Parish Council Meeting between an agreed panel of parish councillors and those persons wishing to be considered for co-option to the Parish Council. The panel resolved that Mr George Ellison should be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

It was proposed by Councillor N J Tegerdine and seconded by Councillor Mrs B M Venes that Mr George Ellison is co-opted to the Parish Council and this was unanimously agreed.

Resolved that: Mr George Ellison is co-opted to the Parish Council to represent Camelot Ward.

Mr George Ellison signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Council's Proper Officer.

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

Councillors Mrs A Auckland, Mrs B M Venes and Mr M Walsh declared an interest in any item relating to the allotments.

Councillor D J Hall arrived during discussion of the following item.

Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on the 25th June, 30th July and 20th August having previously been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C. 13/1717 Action List Update

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

Members noted this information.

C. 13/1718 Motion for Adjournment

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

No items were raised.

Committee in Session

C. 13/1719 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman reported that he had delivered a planted arrangement to Sheila and Ron Blewitt for their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

C. 13/1720 Communications

The Clerk reported that letters of thanks had been received from Sheila and Ron Blewitt and from Sheila and Roy Howard for the planted arrangement delivered by the Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council.

C. 13/1721 Development - New Applications

New Applications:

Resolved that: The observations contained in Planning Schedule 705 are adopted.

C. 13/1722 Committee Reports and Minutes

Amenities Committee	9 th July 2013
Environment Committee	23 rd July 2013
Finance & Policy Committee	10 th September 2013

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

Councillor D J Hall left during discussion of the following item.

C. 13/1723 Change the name of the Council

A proposal has been received to change the name (or more properly the 'style') of Ruddington Parish Council. The reason given is:

"The term 'parish' in the name is a source of confusion. Often people relate to 'parish' as in matters to do with a church (parish priest etc.) and are not familiar with the concept of a civil parish.

The alternative permitted styles are:

- Town Council
- Village Council
- Community Council
- Neighbourhood Council

Members discussed this proposal and agreed that the name should remain unchanged.

Resolved that: The name remains as "Ruddington Parish Council".

C. 13/1724 Voluntary 2 Hour Parking Scheme

Councillor N J Tegerdine proposed introducing a "Voluntary 2 Hour Parking Scheme", whereby car users are given a clock to display in the windscreen, showing the start and end time of parking.

Members discussed the proposal and whilst being generally supportive felt the need for more information, particularly on finance.

Resolved that: Councillor N J Tegerdine obtains costs for implementing the scheme for consideration at the next meeting.

NJT

C. 13/1725 Review of Standing Orders (See minute C. 13/1702)

Parish Council on 25th June 2013 agreed in principle to move to a two committee system. The Clerk was instructed to bring a more detailed proposal back to Parish Council.

Members discussed and agreed the proposed responsibilities of the 2 new committees.

Resolved that:

1. Members agreed the split of responsibilities between the 2 new committees
2. A revised scheme of Delegation and revised Financial Regulations reflecting the new responsibilities are to be brought to the next meeting.
3. Any further suggestions are to be submitted to the Clerk by 17th October 2013 and
4. The new structure should be reviewed after being in operation for one year.

PCO

All Cllrs

PCO

C. 13/1726 RPC Representatives on the Parish Plan Group
(See minute C. 13/1669)

The Clerk reported that planning for a possible Parish Plan was progressing, with the next meeting scheduled for the 1st October 2013. If it is decided to go forward the Parish Plan will be developed by a working group made up primarily of members of the public.

The group could contain 2 or 3 councillors whose primary function will be to liaise between the Parish Council and the Parish Plan Working Group to ensure that the Parish Plan is supported by the Parish Council.

Councillors Mrs A Auckland, Mr P F McGowan and Mrs B M Venes volunteered to represent the Parish Council on the Group.

Resolved that: Councillors Mrs A Auckland, Mr P F McGowan and Mrs B M Venes represent the Parish Council on the Parish Plan Group.

AA/PM
/BV

C. 13/1727 Budget 2014/15

The Clerk advised that, to date, there had been no national agreement in respect of a wages and salary increase for 2014/15.

In preparation for the budget there were some items for which reasonably accurate figures were available and others for which the estimates were less precise. The Clerk reported that a 3% figure was normally used for these and also for a guide to the level of increase in charges.

Resolved that:

1. The budget programme, a copy of which is attached to these minutes, is approved, and
2. A 3% increase, in general, is applied on the 2013/14 budget figures for the preparation of the 2014/15 budget unless a more precise figure is available.

PCO

C. 13/1728 Parish Council Surgery

Copies of the reports of issues raised at the Parish Council surgery held on 13th July 2013 and 14th September 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
3. The Clerk to email a copy of the notes of future surgeries to the County Councillor and Borough Councillors.

PCO

PCO

C. 13/1729 Reports

Councillor Mrs B Breakwell reported that the process for Police Priority Setting was in the process of being changed. She would report back when the new process was settled.

BB

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Chairman

Programme for Budget Preparation 2014/15

Dates for committees to decide on items to be included in budget:

Amenities	8 th October 2013
Environment & Community	15 th October 2013
Finance & Policy	5 th November 2013

Dates for approval of committee budgets:

Amenities	3 rd December 2013
Environment & Community	17 th December 2013
Finance & Policy	14 th January 2014

Dates for approval of whole budget by Finance & Policy Committee:

14th January 2014

Dates for approval of whole budget by Parish Council:

28th January 2014

Dates for receipt of budget by Rushcliffe Borough Council:

Early February 2014

In attendance:

Ruddington Parish Councillors: Marilyn Robinson and Annette Auckland

Borough Councillor: Jean Greenwood

County Councillor: Reg Adair

PC Ann Gill

Mr Don Bakewell

Complained that the wooden bus shelter on Loughborough Road had not been painted and also that he thought the bench needed re-positioning.

Cllr Reg Adair to follow up.

Mr Bakewell's BT line had been out of action for a couple of weeks. He had experienced lots of problems getting through to BT to ascertain what the problem was. He called into the Parish Office and asked if we could contact BT, on his behalf, and see if we could get a better response. Mr Bakewell said the office had not been at all helpful and asked that we look at the Ruddington Parish Council Mission Statement which he produced a copy of:

"Ruddington Parish Council
Listening, communicating and action
the means to enhance the
Quality of Life of the residents of our village."

Mr Bakewell then contacted Kenneth Clarke's office who did get things sorted for him.

Mr Bakewell thought Councillor's should contact single residents in their Wards, and check if they were having any problems. Advised Mr Bakewell his suggestion would be reported to the Parish Council.

Cllr Marilyn Robinson to report to Parish Council.

Mrs Foreman

Reported the zebra crossing in the village needed painting as the white lines were no longer visible. Cllr Jean Greenwood advised she had already reported this to the Highways department.

Cllr Reg Adair to follow up.

Mr David Hollingworth

Reported a car with no tax on the Green. PC Ann Gill advised they were aware of the situation and that the vehicle was parked on land. No further action.

Barbara Tunnard – 19 Savages Row

Complained about the piece of land on St. John's Road that is constantly being used as a tipping ground. Apparently no one seems to know who owns the land, although it was suggested that all the cottages owners had responsibility for it. Cllr Jean Greenwood will contact Mrs Tunnard's landlord (Mr Danny Keane, West Bridgford) to see if the land is on his deeds.

Cllr Jean Greenwood to follow up

St. Mary's Community Park

Cllr Greenwood asked when the lease was going to be signed by Ruddington Parish Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council. Things were moving forward on funding for the park but as far as she knew the lease had not been signed.

Cllr Marilyn Robinson to report to Parish Council.

Council Surgery

14th September 2013

In attendance: Cllr. Marion Pell - Ruddington Parish Council,
Cllr. John Lungley - Rushcliffe Borough Council,
Cllr. Reg Adair - Notts. County Council

David Hollingworth:

1. Nottingham Knight roundabout improvements noted but overhanging branches along No. 10 bus route are a possible source of injury in places. RA to deal.
2. Best Kept Village competition - feels RPC should write to BT about the condition of the phonebox and to NCC about the weeds in the gutter informing them that these two matters were given as reasons for Ruddington not being placed in the top four in the competition. MP to deal.
3. The front gardens of the cottages between SPR and the butchers are still a disgrace. RA said he did not think anything could be done about it.
4. The hedge around the BT depot on Elms Park/Kirk Lane/Carter Ave needs cutting back as it is overhanging the pavement again.

Marion Pell:

1. The pavements along St. John's Road and St. Mary's Crescent are in a very poor state with uneven surfaces making it difficult for pushchairs and wheelchairs. RA to deal.
2. The route from Wilford Road along St. John's Road and St. Mary's Crescent is very busy, particularly at school times and the road is not able to cope safely with the volume of traffic.

Can consideration be given to painting double yellow lines on St. John's Road opposite numbers 16 to 22 to ease traffic flow and make the junction safer. This would also enable the owner of the garage on that side of the road to access his car. RA to deal.

3. Given the amount of traffic using this road, can consideration be given to changing the junction at St. John's Road and St. Mary's Crescent from a give way to a stop. RA to deal.
4. Erect pavement barrier outside The Hermitage opposite Sainburys to prevent lorries from parking on the pavement so causing a danger to pedestrians and users of The Hermitage. RA to deal.
5. Details of Streetwise' collection and disposal policy for pets found in the street. Also, why aren't they issued with microchip readers? JL to deal.

Barbara Breakwell:

Had wanted to speak to Jean Greenwood but in her absence informed the councillors of an Older Peoples Day event to be held October 1st between 10-12 at the Framework Knitters Museum

David Hall:

Asked RA for update following an application he had made for funding.

Muriel Woodhead:

Said she was concerned about the allotments near her home and the fact that a wooden structure was being erected, supposedly to be used to store wood for the fire. She asked RA if he could do something about it but he said his only involvement with the allotments was to provide funding to make it more accessible for people with special needs. MP said it might be worth having a word with Barbara Venes as the PC representative on the James Peacock Bread Charity committee who owned the allotments.