

# RUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held at St Peter's Rooms on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

Action

### Membership

#### Councillors

A W A Wood  
K S Piggott  
Mrs A Auckland  
A Miss S A Chambers  
G Ellison  
D J Hall  
Mrs S Kaur Samra  
A M S McGowan  
P F McGowan  
Miss H Opie  
Mrs M Pell  
A 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

Clerk to the Council

2 members of the public

### C. 15/01/01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K S Piggott (work), Miss S A Chambers (unwell), M S McGowan (unwell) and Mrs M Robinson (personal commitment).

### C. 15/01/02 Declaration of Members' Interests

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

### C. 15/01/03 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014, having previously been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### C. 15/01/04 Action List Update

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

It was agreed to remove C. 12/1629 and add an item to an Environment & Policy agenda after the elections in May.

Members noted this information.

### C. 15/01/05 Motion for Adjournment

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

There were no comments made.

### Committee in Session

#### C. 15/01/06 Development - New Applications

**Resolved that:** The observations contained in Planning Schedule 733 are adopted.

#### C. 15/01/07 Committee Reports and Minutes

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

Amenities Committee	16 December 2014
Environment & Policy Committee	13 January 2015

After a discussion it was agreed to add the words “, voted on it” after ‘discussed the situation’ in item E. 15/01/17.

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

#### C. 15/01/08 Questions under Standing Order No. 26

There were no questions raised under Standing Order No. 26.

#### C. 15/01/09 Schedule of Payments

The Clerk reported that the Schedules of Payment had been circulated late due to the backlog of work.

PCO

**Resolved that:** The schedules of payments, attached, are noted:

<b>Month</b>	<b>Total Payments £</b>
October 2014	18,980.34
November 2014	24,047.81
December 2014	21,744.63

C. 15/01/10 Statement of Income Received

**Resolved that:** The statements of income received, attached, are noted:

<b>Month</b>	<b>Income Received £</b>
October 2014	8,494.85
November 2014	6,724.20
December 2014	4,063.77

C. 15/01/11 Outstanding Sundry Debtors Accounts

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

**Resolved that:** The above information is noted.

C. 15/01/12 Statement of Income and Expenditure to 30<sup>th</sup> December 2014

The Clerk reported that due to the backlog of work and a problem with the accounting package it had not yet been possible to produce the 9 month statement. He expected it to be available by the end of the week. It was agreed to put it on the next agenda.

**Resolved that:** The Statement of Income and Expenditure to 30<sup>th</sup> December 2014 is reported to the next Parish Council meeting.

PCO

C. 15/01/13 Budget and Precept 2015/16

Copies of the probable out-turn 2014/2015, a draft annual budget 2015/2016 and revised scale of charges for Parish Council facilities had previously been circulated to members.

The Clerk introduced the draft budget which had been discussed at Amenities and Environment & Policy Committees.

The probable out-turn and the revised scale of charges for Parish Council facilities were discussed and agreed.

It was agreed that a one off contribution of £7,000 is made to the Major Projects Fund in 2014/15.

Members discussed the draft budget and a number of options. It was agreed that the provision of £2k for Sunday street sweeping should be removed, £500 should be included for cleaning the Parish Council Car Park, the 'Grants – unallocated' should be increased by £500 to £1k and the twinning budget should be increased from £400 to £500. The deficit should be reduced by £900

An annual budget for 2015/16 showing a net expenditure of £280,590 and a precept of £260,609 was agreed.

**Resolved that:**

1. The provision of £2k for Sunday street sweeping is removed, £500 is included for cleaning the Parish Council Car Park, the 'Grants – unallocated' is increased by £500 to £1k and the twinning budget is increased from £400 to £500. The deficit is reduced by £900. PCO
2. A one off contribution of £7,000 is made to the Major Projects Fund in 2014/15. PCO
3. The probable out-turn for 2014/2015, a copy of which is appended to these minutes, is approved.
4. The revised scale of charges for Parish Council facilities for 2015/16, a copy of which is appended to these minutes, is adopted. PCO
5. The annual budget for 2015/16 showing a net expenditure of £280,590, a copy of which is appended to these minutes, is adopted and that the precept is set at £260,609. PCO

C. 15/01/14 Draft Traffic & Transport Plan (See minute C. 14/12/11)

At the previous meeting it was agreed members would send any comments on the draft Traffic Plan to Councillor N J Tegerdine.

The comments received had been included: a suggestion that the draft plan could usefully include a statement of Council's desire to provide more public parking and parking for staff of businesses in Ruddington; clarification of the desire to extend the electronic information displays to all bus stops in Ruddington.

The Chairman of the Parish Council thanked all those who had assisted with this work.

**Resolved that:**

1. The draft plan attached to these minutes is agreed;

2. The second round of public consultation will begin immediately, ending in three weeks' time, and
3. The plan will be revised if necessary and the final version will be formally adopted at the next meeting of Parish Council.

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#### C. 15/01/15 Estates Working Group (See minute C. 14/12/20)

The Chairman reported that he and the Clerk had held a meeting with Bloors & Oxalis. Bloors are to have a public roadshow on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March from 2.30 p.m. to early evening at St. Peter's Rooms. The outline plan they show will include Sellor's Field but they have agreed to make it clear that this is subject to reaching a satisfactory agreement with the Parish Council. No agreement has yet been reached.

Bloors have arranged a meeting with Rushcliffe Borough Council Planning Department when they will seek views on an application on this land.

The information was noted.

#### C. 15/01/16 Parish Council Surgery

Copies of the reports of issues raised at the Parish Council surgeries held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2014 and 10th January 2015 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. 15/01/17 Reports

##### Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman reported that the following people had received flowers for 90<sup>th</sup> birthdays or planters for 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries

Mabel & Leslie Robson	Diamond Wedding
Mrs Jenny Greenow	90 <sup>th</sup>
Mrs Dorothy Frisby	90 <sup>th</sup>

##### Communications

The Chairman reported that thanks had been received from Mabel & Leslie Robson and Dorothy Frisby.

Village Plan Working Group

Councillor Mrs A Auckland reported back from the Village Plan Working Group: The report is appended to these minutes.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Chairman

# Traffic and Transport Plan for Ruddington

Draft: 20<sup>th</sup> January 2015

This is the latest draft of the Plan. The Plan will influence how RPC responds to traffic and transport matters, including housing and employment developments both within Ruddington and nearby. It has been drawn up following consultation with local residents and businesses and the intention is that it will be reviewed annually.

RPC works in partnership with Notts County Council (for Highways matters) and Rushcliffe Borough Council (for development) and they will both be mindful that RPC has developed this Plan and they will be influenced by it. Where RPC can act alone, and where resources permit, we will take assertive action.

The themes below reflect the responses received from the consultation exercise undertaken with residents and businesses. We acknowledge that there were problems with the delivery of paper copies to some areas of Ruddington. Nevertheless, the almost 800 responses received, both on-line and in paper form, represent approximately 20% of the postcodes in Ruddington and, as such, is a very high response rate.

## *Walking in Ruddington*

Ruddington Parish Council will promote walking as an activity with health gains and as a way of reducing congestion. Specifically, we will encourage parents to walk their children to and from school, which also reduces congestion around school opening and closing times.

To support this, we will campaign for more and safer crossing points at key locations in Ruddington.

## *Cycling in Ruddington*

RPC will promote cycling as an activity with health gains and as a way of reducing traffic congestion. We will campaign for more and improved cycle routes, especially through the centre of Ruddington.

We will campaign against cycling on the pavements and encourage enforcement action against serial offenders.

## *Parking in Ruddington*

We will continue to seek ways to provide additional parking to support our local businesses. This will include public parking and parking for staff working in Ruddington.

Information on developing a Residents Parking Scheme will be publicised and made available to those requesting it.

We will seek ways of providing better enforcement of parking restrictions in the village core. Roads which have been identified as having particular problems at specific times will be targeted.

We will encourage the County Council to review the strength and weaknesses of the most recent parking regulations.

## *HGV's*

We will find measures to discourage the use of Ruddington as a 'cut through' between the A453 and the A60. Goods vehicles belonging to local employers will be exempt.

We will monitor the use of the A60 by HGV's in the very early mornings and, if necessary, campaign against the noise nuisance caused to local residents.

## *Traffic management*

Besides HGV's, Ruddington's streets are used by non-residents in ways that contribute to congestion. We will promote Ruddington as a village, not as a town. This does not ultimately rule out the future development of a one-way system but currently opinion is divided, there are no funds available within Highways to pursue the idea, and such a development could be inconsistent with enhancing Ruddington as looking and feeling like a village.

We will resist developments that are likely to add more vehicles to the village's congested streets without significant improvements being made. We will support road improvements funded by developments only where they will clearly enhance Ruddington as a village, both in terms of relieving congestion, managing speed, and improving the 'look and feel'.

We recognise that the look and feel of a village can be enhanced by traffic calming measures (not speed bumps) which will discourage some drivers from using the village as a cut through. Road markings, natural chicanes and other measures with only modest costs associated could be included in a traffic calming scheme.

We will therefore take steps to encourage all Ruddington residents to respect the restrictions of the village roads and we will campaign for measures which will reduce the traffic speed.

We will campaign for a 20mph limit throughout the village core.

We will seek improvements to the traffic light controlled junction of Kirk Lane and the A60.

## *Public transport*

We will encourage the use of public transport to relieve congestion and enhance the environment.

We will campaign for improved public transport links to the QMC, to West Bridgford town centre, and to the city and the Midland Railway Station. We will campaign for junction improvements and bus lanes to be introduced to reduce journey times.

We will campaign for the development of a Park and Ride site south of Ruddington, with fast public transport links to the city.

We will seek to extend the electronic information displays to all bus stops in Ruddington.

## Council Surgery

8<sup>th</sup> November 2014

In attendance: Cllr. Barbara Venes - Ruddington Parish Council  
Cllr. John Lungley - Rushcliffe Borough Council  
Cllr. Reg Adair – Nottingham County Council

### Mr Lewis

Lack of light from lamp making dark alley at night (map in postbox).

**Action:** RPC to report to NCC

### Mike Hollands

Housing for older people?

**Action:** Cllr John Lungley to contact RBC

### George Lyon

Parking on island to the avenue at Mere Way.

**Action:** RPC to contact Police

Dogs not on lead on Avenue – Park entrance says dogs may not be on lead, but dangerous on Avenue.

**Action:** RPC to contact Police to check if dogs are out of control.

### Mrs Emma Hancock

Parking on Packman drive in bus stop. Disabled cannot get off the bus.

**Action:** RPC to contact Police

### Mrs Woodhead

Wants bus trip to see poppies at Tower of London.

**Action:** Too late to organise a special trip.

Wants ramp for disabled person Mrs Crockford at 1Musters Road.

**Action:** Cllr Reg Adair to contact Social Services

## Council Surgery

10<sup>th</sup> January 2015

In attendance: Cllr. Marion Pell - Ruddington Parish Council  
Cllr. Nigel Boughton-Smith - Rushcliffe Borough Council  
Cllr. Reg Adair – Nottingham County Council

### Mr T Gillott – Loughborough Road + friend

Spoke to Reg Adair re update on road surfacing.

**Action:** Cllr Reg Adair

Asked about traffic survey results.

### Mr Brocklesby

Speed sign recently erected at Sellors fields Wilford Road. Why? Incorrect place. Useless. Reg Adair to investigate. Marion Pell also to raise as Parish Councillor.

**Action:** Cllr Reg Adair/Cllr Marion Pell

Wilford Road/ Sellors housing. Why take play area further out of the village? Same question asked about the Village Hall.

### Marion Pell

Asked Reg Adair for update on road markings at junction of St John's Road and St Marys' Crescent.

**Action:** Cllr Reg Adair

### Mr Hollingsworth

Hedge edging garden of corner property of Kirk Lane/Elms Park not been cut for 2 years and overgrown onto pavement. Reg Adair to deal with.

**Action:** Cllr Reg Adair

Resident to collect objection letters for Asher Lane development.

## RUDDINGTON VILLAGE PLAN

*'CONSULTING WITH THE COMMUNITY TO PRODUCE A PLAN  
WHICH WILL PRESENT YOUR VIEWS FOR RUDDINGTON'S FUTURE'*

### REPORT FROM THE STEERING GROUP OF THE RUDDINGTON VILLAGE PLAN

Parish Council meeting 24<sup>th</sup> January 2015

In December the group compiled questions related to Business and Commerce with the help of information provided by a variety of local businesses at the previous meeting.

The January meeting was cancelled to enable our members and volunteers to attend the Public Meeting for the planning application on Asher Lane.

The Twitter and Facebook pages continue to grow in followers and input from these sites give the group excellent feedback on what issues are important to them. This is from a section of the community who are often difficult to reach, especially singles and young families.

The Village Plan questionnaire is now well under way and the Steering Group is aiming to have this important document completed by May 2015. The consultation process will begin soon afterwards.

