

RUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT ST. PETER'S ROOMS ON TUESDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 2010 AT 7.30PM

Membership

Councillors	A	J.V. Norton	Chairman
		Mrs. B. Venes	Vice-Chairman
		D. Bakewell	
		Mrs. B. Breakwell	
		Miss S.A. Chambers	
		Mrs. M.G. Grice	
		D.J. Hall	
		Mrs. S. Kaur Samra	
	A	P. Lyons Lewis	
		P.F. McGowan	
		K.S. Piggott	
	A	N.J. Tegerdine	
		M. Walsh	
	A	D.E.G. Williams	
		W.A. Wood	
		Mrs. M. Woodhead	

Persons absent are marked 'A'

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs. J.A. Goodbody	Clerk to the Council
Mrs. L.M. Cooke	Deputy Clerk
3 members of the public	

In the absence of the Chairman the Vice-Chairman took the Chair

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P. Lyons-Lewis, J. V. Norton, N. J. Tegerdine and D.E.G. Williams.

C. 10/1359 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Councillor Mrs. B.M. Venes advised Members that she will be serving on the Borough Council's Development Control Committee when a final decision is taken on planning applications.

Councillors Mrs. B.M. Venes and M Walsh declared an interest in any Agenda item relating to the Allotments, Wilford Road.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 29th June 2010, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

C. 10/1360 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

C. 10/1361 MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

RESOLVED:

That the Council adjourn to allow the members of the public present to make statements on Agenda Items.

During the adjournment Chris Murden advised members that the bench seats on The Green should be returned to their original position around the Sundial and not left in their temporary positions. He added that if the Parish Council intended to install additional benches then one could be sited outside the Youth & Community Centre with bedding around it.

Mr Murden also raised the issue of the area around the seat opposite the bus stop on The Green which is untidy and muddy.

Mr Murden then added that he was concerned about traffic edging out of Kirk Lane since the start of the temporary one-way system and in some cases vehicles were failing to stop for oncoming traffic on High Street. He asked that the Parish Council speak to Highways and request better signage and provision for pedestrians to cross more safely.

George Fearn asked for more information about Agenda item 20. He advised that the British Legion had not been informed of any plans for the RHR Cadet Corps of Drums and Bugles to attend or play at either of the Remembrance ceremonies at the War Memorial. He also advised that he had tried on several occasions to make contact with them.

David Hollingworth asked members to note that the Trustees of the James Peacock Bread Charity (formerly the Bulwell Estate Charity) should be appointed by the Parish Council.

COUNCIL IN SESSION

C. 10/1362 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

95th Birthday

The Vice-Chairman advised that the Clerk had delivered a planted arrangement to Mrs. Norah Gutteridge of Devon Drive on the occasion of her 95th Birthday on 22nd July 2010.

Golden Wedding Anniversary

The Vice-Chairman advised that the Clerk had delivered a flower arrangement to Jean and Keith Whittaker of Grange Avenue on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 23rd July 2010.

Diamond Wedding Anniversary

The Vice-Chairman advised that the Clerk had delivered a flower arrangement to Pam and George Holland of Kirk Lane on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 9th September 2010.

C. 10/1363 COMMUNICATIONS

Thank-you letters

The Clerk read to members the contents of thank-you letters from the recipients of gifts and/or donations:-

- Mrs. Lesley Shaw on behalf of Mrs. Hilda Moss
- Alison Clarkson on behalf of Ruddington Guides
- Edith Dring
- Norah Gutteridge
- Jean & Keith Whittaker
- Rushcliffe Community & Voluntary Service

Vicarage Lane Cemetery

The Clerk read to members the contents of a letter from a local resident whose son had recently purchased a memorial tree/plaque in respect of the gentleman's late wife. The letter advised that he was delighted with this and thought it was 'quite splendid'. He went on to say that whilst at the cemetery he had had a close look around and wished to 'congratulate your staff for the excellent layout and so well kept'.

The Clerk reported that she had responded to the letter thanking him for his kind comments and advising that these would be passed on to the staff concerned. She had concluded her letter by saying 'it's nice to know we get some things right!'.

Members noted the above information.

C. 10/1364 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 8

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

C. 10/1365 DEVELOPMENT

New Applications

RESOLVED:

That the observations contained in Planning Schedule 633 be adopted.

Planning Appeals – Land to rear of 218-220 Loughborough Road – 8-9 dwellings with all matters other than the removal of 10 preserved poplars reserved for subsequent removal

Copies of the results of the appeal in respect of the refusal by Rushcliffe Borough Council to grant permission for the above application had previously been circulated to Members, together with the results of the appeal for a full award of costs.

Members were pleased to note that both appeals had been dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate.

RESOLVED:

That the results of the above planning appeals be noted.

C. 10/1366 COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Minutes and Reports as set out below were presented and motions made for approval and adoption:

Amenities Committee	13 July 2010
Environment & Community Committee	20 July 2010
Finance & Policy Committee	7 September 2010

RESOLVED:

That the recommendations contained in the aforementioned Minutes and Reports be adopted.

C. 10/1367 RUDDINGTON MEDICAL CENTRE

Copies of a memo from John Hallatt, the Architect acting on behalf of Ruddington Medical Centre, had previously been circulated to Members.

Members were advised that the content of the memo had previously been discussed by the working group and no questions had been raised. It was, however, noted that the Temporary Accommodation had not yet been removed from site but it was understood that this is imminent.

Copies of correspondence from two local residents who overlook The Green had previously been circulated to Members. They were both seeking assurance that the area would be re-instated to its former condition and asking whether they could be included in any discussions regarding any possible additional works to The Green.

RESOLVED:

1. That the contents of the architect's report be noted.
2. That the residents be advised that the future of The Green will be discussed at the appropriate time.

C. 10/1368 FINAL ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2010

Copies of correspondence from A.T. Robertson of Clement Keys, the Parish Council's External Auditor, together with the Clerk's responses to the questions raised, had previously been circulated to Members.

Members noted the detailed responses supplied by the Clerk.

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the correspondence in respect of the Final Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2010 be noted.

C. 10/1369 RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL: LEADERSHIP MODEL CONSULTATION

Copies of correspondence regarding changes to the Council's governance structure, together with information regarding the two options under examination, had previously been circulated to Members.

RESOLVED:

That Rushcliffe Borough Council be advised that the preference of Ruddington Parish Council with regards to changes to the Council's governance structure would be 'Option 1 – Council leader and cabinet'.

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C. 10/1370 RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL – ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME – ELMS PARK

Copies of correspondence and information regarding the creation of a path for pedestrians and cyclists on Elms Park Recreation Ground had previously been circulated to Members.

The Clerk advised that following receipt of the information she had spoken with Tom Pettit, RBC Design and Landscape Officer, and explained that the Parish Council is currently proposing to undertake major changes to the play area at Elms Park and these could have a bearing on his proposals.

Members agreed that this matter should be discussed by the Amenities Committee in conjunction with the Elms Park Play Area. The Clerk suggested that it may prove advantageous to invite Tom Pettit to the next meeting of the Amenities Committee so that meaningful discussions can take place on both proposals. This was agreed.

RESOLVED:

1. That the above information be noted.
2. That further discussions take place at the next meeting of the Amenities Committee.
3. That the RBC Design and Landscape Officer be invited to the next meeting of the Amenities Committee.

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C. 10/1371 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – IMPROVEMENTS TO HIGH STREET

Copies of correspondence from Nottinghamshire County Council to the Occupiers of properties on High Street had previously been circulated to Councillors for information purposes.

The Clerk reported that at the suggestion of Councillor Mrs. M. Woodhead she had written to British Gypsum in order to make them aware of the proposed one-way system and seeking their co-operation in keeping the flow of traffic in the central area running smoothly whilst the works are in progress. A copy of the Clerk's letter had previously been circulated to Members.

The Clerk reported that when work to the pathways had commenced and the one-way system had come into operation there had been some initial problems, but following a visit from Sue Jaques and County Councillor Reg Adair many of these had been addressed e.g. additional signage, the re-instatement of parking on the area of High Street not currently being worked on etc.

Councillor D.J. Hall expressed his concern at the rate of progress being made and the worry of local traders that the project would not be completed by the end of November. He was advised to contact County Councillor Reg Adair regarding this matter.

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RESOLVED:

That the above information be noted.

C. 10/1372 RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL – MOVE AND MINGLE CHAIR-BASED EXERCISE

Copies of a correspondence from Rushcliffe Borough Council giving details of classes available within Rushcliffe had previously been circulated to Members.

The letter also advised that as the classes are not currently covering costs they are looking for suggestions or financial support to enable the scheme to continue. Members noted that there are no classes taking place within Ruddington and therefore it was agreed not to accede to the request for financial support.

RESOLVED:

That the Parish Council does not offer financial support towards Move and Mingle chair-based exercise classes.

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C. 10/1373 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – 'THE BIG BUDGET CONVERSATION'

Copies of correspondence, together with a copy of the appropriate web-page, had previously been circulated to Members.

Members were also advised that there is currently a display in the Library on Church Street regarding this matter. It was agreed that Councillors would respond on an individual basis. It was also agreed that in order to increase feedback from local residents an article, including the link to the appropriate website, would be placed on the Parish Council's website.

RESOLVED:

1. That Parish Councillors respond to the consultation on an individual basis.
2. That an appropriate article be included on the Parish Council's website.

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C. 10/1374 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – COMMUNICATION AND LIAISON ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN NCC AND PARISH COUNCILS

Copies of correspondence from Nottinghamshire County Council regarding the need to improve the communication and liaison arrangements between NCC and Parish Councils had previously been circulated to Members.

Some of the actions being taken are as follows:

- Parish Walkabouts – a programme of regular parish walkabouts will be introduced by the end of September involving Highways Liaison Officers and representatives from the local Parish Council
- Highway Liaison Officers – each Parish Council will have a named Liaison Officer, who will report to the local District Manager and their key remit is to engage and liaise with parish councils and communities on highways issues
- Contacts Directory – by the end of September a contacts directory of Highways Officers who can be contacted for advice and guidance on highways matters will be provided. They will also chase up any urgent issues
- Information Pack – by the end of September an information pack will be compiled and distributed which will provide comprehensive information on:-

Grass Cutting; Pot holes; Light Standards; Gullies; Licensing of Hanging baskets; Street decorations; Sponsorship of roundabouts and other areas; Named Officer contacts; Highway helpline leaflets on topics such as speed limits, weight restrictions and pedestrian crossings, with other topics being added later

- Customer Services Centre – the system will be updated so that when a call is received from a Parish Council, standard pre-programmed information will be available on the screen. All Parish Council's will be asked to provide basic information and authorise its use by CSC
- Website – a review of the current website will take place and consideration given to providing hypertext links to individual Parish Council websites

- Works Tracking System – NCC will review and update its existing work tracking system to make suggested improvements and provide more current and accurate status information

Members noted the above information and welcomed the proposed improvements. The Clerk confirmed that she had completed the relevant form giving basic information regarding Ruddington Parish Council and authorised its use by the Customer Service Centre.

RESOLVED:

That the above information be noted.

C. 10/1375 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL/NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL – NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM WASTE CORE STRATEGY – FURTHER ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION

Copies of correspondence regarding the above consultation, which will run until Friday 29 October 2010, had previously been circulated to Members.

The Deputy Clerk advised Members that reference to this consultation is on the Parish Council's website and will appear in the next issue of the Parish Newsletter.

RESOLVED:

1. That the above information be noted.
2. That Councillors respond on an individual basis if they so wish.

C. 10/1376 RHR CADET CORPS OF DRUMS & BUGLES

Copies of information from Bugle Major Russ Jones regarding their programme of events for 11th November and 14th November (Remembrance Sunday) had previously been circulated to Members.

Members noted that the visit to Ruddington on 11th November was programmed for 11.00am, which would co-incide with the act of remembrance at the War Memorial, and agreed that the Corps of Drums & Bugles would be most welcome to be in attendance.

It was noted, however, that the proposed visit on Remembrance Sunday was not programmed until 12.15pm, at which time the main service of the day would be taking place in St Peter's Church, following the earlier service at the War Memorial at 10.45am. It was therefore agreed to advise Bugle Major Jones of this and suggest that Ruddington **not** be included in the programme for 14th November.

It was also agreed that as the events which take place on both 11th and 14th November are organised by the Ruddington Branch of the Royal British Legion, a copy of the proposed programme be furnished to Mr. George Fearn.

RESOLVED:

1. That the above information be noted.
2. That a response be sent to Bugle Major Russ Jones.
3. That a copy of the programme be given to Mr. George Fearn, Ruddington Branch, Royal British Legion.

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C. 10/1377 MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

RESOLVED:

That the Council adjourn to allow the presentation of prizes in respect of the Allotments and Garden Competitions to take place.

During the adjournment the Vice-Chairman made the following presentations:-

Allotments Competition 2010

Thorncroft Trophy	Bob Smith (£50)
Second	Brian Booker (£25)*
Third	Wayne Farrington (£15)
Fourth	Roger Byrne (£10)
Highly Commended	Barry Voce & Douglas Cheetham*

Garden Competition 2010

Overall Winner of the Harold Wroughton Memorial Trophy	Patrick Summers (£25)
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Front Garden Section:

Winner	Eric Radford £25)
Second	Phil & Kathy Brown (£15)
Third	Maureen Sadler (£10)

Window Boxes/Baskets/Planters Section:

Winner	Patrick Summers (£25)
Second	Jason Calladine (£15)
Third	Victor Calladine (£10)

NB The winners marked * were unable to be present and their prizes and certificates will be posted to them.

COUNCIL IN SESSION

C. 10/1378 PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY

Copies of a report regarding issues raised at the Parish Council Surgeries held on 10th July 2010 and 11th September 2010 had previously been circulated to Members.

10th July 2010 – Borough Councillor Mrs. B.M. Venes; Parish Councillors Mrs. B. Breakwell and M. Walsh

1. Tony Cross of Paget Crescent – regarding development plans
2. Mrs. M. Mote of Flawforth Lane – regarding parking outside Allen Vending on Kirk Lane; wants Joe Horspool remembered for all the good work the family did for the village
3. Mrs. M. Thompson of The Green – regarding the recycling site on Asher Lane which has turned into ‘a tip’. On street parking of vans from Kevs business in the Village
4. B. Brown – is the one-way system to be permanent?

11th September 2010 – County Councillor Reg Adair; Borough Councillor Mrs. B. Venes; Parish Councillor D. Hall

1. David Hollingworth of Elms Close – Should the manager of the football club now wound up be prevented from starting up again?; wants the Parish Council to be more involved in the Hareham Gardens Allotments
2. Mrs. B. Adlard of Musters Road – one-way system – when is it to be improved as cars still not complying? (better signage required)
3. Mrs. M. Woodhead – one-way system

RESOLVED:

That the above reports be noted.

C. 10/1379 SUMMER FUN IN RUDDINGTON

Councillor Mrs. B. Breakwell reported on the success of the summer activities which had been organised throughout the summer. A copy of the report is appended to these Minutes.

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RESOLVED:

1. That the above information be noted.
2. That Councillor Mrs. B. Breakwell be thanked for the hard work put into getting the project off the ground and congratulated on its success.

C. 10/1380 THE GREAT GREEN GARDEN

Copies of information regarding a new food growing initiative taking place in Nottinghamshire and entitled ‘The Great Green Garden’ had previously been circulated to Members.

The initiative within Rushcliffe is taking place at Screveton, near Car Colston and people are being invited to get involved in several different ways.

It was agreed that it was unlikely people from Ruddington would become involved due to the distance the site is located from Ruddington, but that the information should be posted on the Parish Council's website.

RESOLVED:

1. That the above information be noted.
2. That the information be posted on the Parish Council's website.

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C. 10/1381 REPORTS

Borough Councillors

There were no matters for report.

The Green

Councillor Miss S.A. Chambers reported an incident which had recently occurred involving an ambulance having difficulty in locating an address on The Green. Apparently the Emergency Services have no record of a street in Ruddington called 'The Green'.

The Clerk was requested to contact both Nottinghamshire County Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council in an endeavour to rectify this matter and to ensure that all the emergency services are made aware of the existence of a road called 'The Green'.

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Parish Council Forum Event – 21st September 2010

Councillor Mrs. M. Woodhead reported her attendance at the above event, at which Councillors Mrs. B. Breakwell, D.J. Hall and Mrs. B.M. Venes had also been present.

Councillor Mrs. B. Breakwell reported that the event had been primarily an 'information giving' session during which attendees had been advised of a new grant fund 'The Big Society' which Parish Council's can apply for. Members were advised that Ruddington Parish Council has already submitted an application to the fund.

Policing

Councillor Mrs. B. Breakwell reported on her attendance at the last Police Priority Settings Meeting held on 21st July 2010. The issue of unsecured vehicles in public car parks had been raised as well as the recent spate of thefts of stainless steel play equipment, bins etc from local parks. A review is taking place of Police hours/shifts etc. She advised that she will be attending the next meeting on 20th October 2010.

Councillor D.J. Hall advised that the local Beat Officer for Ruddington had on numerous occasions recently been taken away to cover West Bridgford and the PCSO was currently covering the Compton Acres area, leaving Ruddington with no direct Police cover, only mini-patrols.

It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the Chief Constable raising the Parish Council's concerns regarding the apparent current lack of Police Cover in Ruddington.

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The meeting closed at 9.05 pm

Chairman