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PCO = Parish Council Office

PCG = Parish Council Groundstaff

RUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment & Policy Committee meeting
Held at St Peter's Rooms on Tuesday 17th November 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

Membership

	N J Tegerdine	Chairman
	G Ellison	Vice-Chairman
A	J Hawson	
A	Mrs H Hurman	
	Mrs S Kaur Samra	
	Mrs M Pell	
	K S Piggott	
A	M Walsh	

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
2 members of the public	

E. 15/11/01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Hawson (on holiday), Mrs H Hurman (work) and M Walsh (prior commitment).

E. 15/11/02 Declaration of Member's Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

E. 15/11/03 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th October 2015, having previously been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

E. 15/11/04 Action List Update

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

Members noted this information.

E. 15/11/05 Motion for Adjournment

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

There were no statements made about items on the agenda.

Committee in Session

E. 15/11/06 Development

New Applications

Resolved that: The observations contained in Planning Schedule 754 are adopted

Decision Notices

A list of recent decision notices was presented to the Committee and the contents noted.

E. 15/11/07 Leaves on pavements

A report on 'leaves on pavements' had previously been circulated to members. The Clerk reported that every year the Parish Council gets complaints about the dangers of leaves on pavements – especially when it is wet. The plans to remove leaves seem to be in arrears of the problem. The response to specific requests is good but the routine sweeping up of leaves is seen as inadequate. In addition there is a perception that other areas, in particular West Bridgford, get a better service.

The Clerk had requested more detailed information from Rushcliffe Borough Council regarding the expectations of leaf sweeping in different parts of the Borough and what the actual performance is. He had received a general reply. Borough Councillor Mrs J Greenwood provided those present with a more detailed response from the Borough Council. Extract attached below.

The problems caused by fallen leaves were discussed and Borough Councillor Mrs J Greenwood was thanked for the information provided, which broadly answered the questions previously raised. It was agreed that members may have further questions and that these should be provided to the Parish Council office. If appropriate an item would be included on a future agenda.

Resolved that: Members should contact the Parish Council office with any further questions — All members

E. 15/11/08 Meetings with Businesses

The Chairman of Environment & Policy reported that the businesses had agreed at the last meeting that they wished to continue with the meetings and to increase the number of meeting to 4 a year. A small group of businesses had agreed to take this forward from their side.

It was pointed out that numbers attending had dropped and that if this initiative did not work the way the Parish Council related to businesses would need a re-think.

It was also agreed that only tea and biscuits would be proved at future meetings.

Resolved that: At future meetings with businesses only tea/coffee and biscuits would be provided. PCO

E. 15/11/09 Christmas Event 2015 (See minute E.15/10/09)

Councillor N Tegerdine reported that the organising group were working hard, that everything was on track and over 70 stalls had booked. Local businesses were also involved and there will be attractions on the Village Green.

This information was noted.

E. 15/11/10 Traffic and Transport Plan Update

Alternative walking route on Clifton Road. (See minute E.15/10/14)

The Clerk reported that the bushes on the prospective route had now been cut back and the topographical survey completed. A design is being drawn up with the intention of the work being completed by spring 2016.

Nottinghamshire County Council had informed him that the final design was expected to include high fences on the boundary and LED lights shining away from the neighbouring properties. The Parish Council would be sent the designs once ready and the neighbours could then be contacted and asked for any comments before the design was finalised.

Former councillor Mrs B Breakwell was thanked for the work she had put in over the previous 4 years to keep this project moving forward.

This information was noted.

E. 15/11/11 Policy & Finance Officer

The Clerk reported that Sue Peacock had successfully completed her probationary period and had been transferred to the authorised establishment as Policy & Finance Officer. This information was noted.

The Clerk was asked to convey the committee's congratulations to Mrs Peacock. PCO

E. 15/11/12 Policing

Councillor Mrs M Pell reported that at the Neighbourhood Priority Setting Meeting on 20th October it was reported that 75 fixed penalty notices for speeding had been given out in Ruddington.

This information was noted.

E. 15/10/13 Highway Matters

The Chairman of Environment & Policy, Councillor N J Tegerdine, reported that the resurfacing of Loughborough Road was good and it had reduced the noise levels from lorries.

Councillor Mrs M Pell reported that the junction of St. John's Road and St. Mary's Crescent had still not had the white lines repainted. The Chairman of Environment & Policy, Councillor N J Tegerdine, reported that County Councillor R Adair had explained to him that this was because the white lines were not yet faint enough to meet the criteria for being repainted.

This information was noted.

E. 15/11/14 Ways to Improve the Look and Feel of Ruddington

Councillor K S Piggott commented on the work that had recently been done at Easthorpe House with many trees being cleared away. It was agreed that this had 'opened up' the view. The question of any further plans was raised and the Clerk agreed to enquire about further plans. PCO

E. 15/11/15 Other environmental matters for report

New Street Lighting

The Chairman of Environment & Policy, Councillor N J Tegerdine, reported that Nottinghamshire County Council are planning to replace all the street lights in Ruddington over the coming months with LED lights which cost less than a third of the costs of the current lights to run. The LED's have a driver inside that controls the light and these will be pre-set to dim between the hours of 22.00-07.00. This will mean that the lights are not, as currently happens, switched off at night.

It may, however, mean that broken lights are not fixed as the time for them to be replaced gets near.

Letter to NCT regarding replacement for Ruddington Connection
(See minute E. 15/10/07)

The Chairman of Environment & Policy, Councillor N J Tegerdine, reported that NCT had responded to the letter sent regarding the replacement services for the Ruddington Connection. They are looking at some timetable changes that will, hopefully, at least partially address the issues raised. They are not, however, planning to give the No 3 a common stop with the No 10 at the railway station.

The Chairman of Environment & Policy and the Clerk agreed to write again to NCT thanking them for their response and re-iterating that 'from a customer perspective' a common stop at the railway station would be beneficial. NJT/ PCO

The meeting closed at 8.12 p.m.

Chairman

Committee Chairman

Leaves on pavement: Information from Rushcliffe Borough Council

Q1. Details of the comprehensive programme for tackling leaf fall in autumn for Ruddington and West Bridgford for 2014/15 and 2015/16.

Streetwise have confirmed that all roads in Ruddington have had at least three mechanical sweeps between January 2015 to Novembers 2015 , with exception to the following,

- Four Mechanical sweeps, Wilford Road, Kirk Street, High Street, Easthorpe Street & Church Street.
- Five Mechanical Sweeps, Clifton Lane.

This is a similar ratio to West Bridgford where main roads such as Loughbrough Rd, Melton Rd etc will be swept more frequently than side road areas

In addition leaf sweeping in Ruddington using a mechanical sweeper has taken place between 9 – 16th November covering all roads apart from Wilford Road & Landmere Lane which are being completed today. Finally Streetwise also hand swept adjacent to the church prior to remembrance day.

In addition to the proactive cleansing programme Streetwise will also respond to reactive service requests and it is important that if concerns about cleansing exist that they are reported to streetwise via the Customer Contact Centre or report a problem on the Council website.

Q2 Details of the targets for removal of detritus for Ruddington and West Bridgford for 2014/15 and 2015/16.

The specific targets set for WB are Ruddington are for both town centre areas to be cleansed of litter by 10.00am each day and current performance is 100%. In addition there is an overall target for the borough for Streetwise to respond to all cleansing service requests within 3 days and current performance is 100%.

Q3 Details of performance against target for 2014/15 and 2015/16 to date.

In terms of detritus the Council undertakes a range of inspection across the borough each month to give an overall cross section of cleanliness standards. Detritus performance currently is 92% against a target of 93%. Performance information is reviewed on a monthly basis at client contractor meetings which I attend, further scrutiny is provided through the Council's performance management board and via Streetwise's own board arrangements.

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Rushcliffe Borough Council

RUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT: New Applications

Schedule Date:	10th November 2015	Schedule No. 754
Meeting Date:	17th November 2015	Minute No: E. 15/11/06

Application Ref. No.	Proposed Development	Parish Council Observations
15/02462/FUL **Comments by** 19th November	55 Camelot Street Erect 22m long fence Mrs Rebecca Pavier	**DO NOT OBJECT**
15/02547/FUL **Comments by** 19th November	4 Paget Crescent 2 storey rear extension. Mr David Thomas **Revised proposal**	**OBJECT** The plans have only minor amendments from those previously refused. The issues of loss of amenity to neighbouring properties, in terms of overlooking, have not been addressed.
15/02506/FUL **Comments by** 20th November	Silverdale Farm, Flawforth Lane Ground and first floor extension incorporating balcony; two storey side extension; two storey front extension to widen bay windows; raised rear patio Ms Evans	**OBJECT** This is a large extension in the Green Belt. No special circumstances have been put forward in justification.
15/02616/FUL **Comments by** 27th November	27 Rufford Road Single storey rear extension Miss Rachel Gillam	**DO NOT OBJECT**