

## **Environment and Policy Committee**

### 1. Development:

- (a) make observations on planning applications within the parish submitted to Rushcliffe Borough Council.
- (b) receive reports on planning decisions made by Rushcliffe Borough Council.
- (c) receive notice of, and make observations on, any planning appeal within the parish made to the Secretary of State for the Environment.
- (d) consider and make observations on any proposals for the future development of the parish.
- (e) in urgent cases the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee may make observations on planning applications within the parish submitted to Rushcliffe Borough Council.

### 2. Conservation Area:

- (a) endeavour to ensure any development within the Conservation Area reflects the character of the area and be in sympathy with the surroundings in material and scale and follow the pattern of existing building frontages.
- (b) endeavour to ensure that any pruning or felling of trees is carried out in accordance with regulations and that permission has been granted by the Tree Officer of Rushcliffe Borough Council.

3. To produce, recommend to Parish Council, regulate and generally supervise the revenue budget for the Committee.

4. To approve expenditure as set out in Section 2 (6) of the Financial Regulations.

### 5. Consideration of quotations submitted and

- (a) acceptance of the lowest quotation, provided it is within the budget, or
- (b) acceptance of a quotation, other than the lowest, provided it is within the budget and there are good and sufficient reasons. These reasons shall be recorded.

6. Earmarked Reserves To exercise the Council's powers as to relevant Earmarked Reserves (special funds, capital funds and renewal and repairs funds) as set out in Appendix 1.

### 7. Best Kept Village Competition:

(a) decide on entry into the above competition on an annual basis.

(b) decide on relevant matters appertaining to the above competition.

8. Garden Competition:

(a) decide whether to operate the Garden Competition annually.

(b) decide on prizes to be awarded in the Garden Competition.

9. Decide on provision and location of trees, seats, litter bins and dog bins outside of the Council's land.

10. Decide on provision and hire of Community Bus.

11. Manage and control the Hanging Basket Scheme.

12. Manage and control the Christmas Tree Scheme.

13. To act as a focal point for local opinion and comments on the services provided by Nottinghamshire County Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council in respect of:-

(a) Education

(b) Environmental Health

(c) Public Transport

(d) Highways

(e) Traffic Management

(f) Street Lighting

(g) Police

(h) Public Rights of Way, including Parish Paths Agreement.

(i) Development

14. Put forward recommendations in respect of Rushcliffe Borough Council Small Environmental Schemes and other similar schemes.

15. Manage any environmental issues referred to the Committee by the Parish Council and/or another Committee.

16. Receive minutes and reports from sub-committees, working parties and panels established by the Committee.
17. Twinning: To promote twinning.
18. To work with residents and local businesses to improve the look and feel of Ruddington.
19. To determine the borrowing and investment policy of the Council.
20. To recommend procedures for recovery of outstanding monies and/or write off outstanding accounts.
21. Confirmation of arrangements for insurance cover in respect of all insured risks.
22. To deal with internal and external audit matters in accordance with policy decided by the Council.
23. This committee shall initially deal with matters relating to any issues concerning the employees of the Council. Such issues shall include, inter alia, appointments, disciplinary matters, staffing structures etc. The committee will then make recommendations to the Council.
24. Matters relating to running the Parish Council office and administrative functions.
25. Review of inventory of land and assets including buildings and office equipment.
26. Review of the Council's and/or staff subscriptions to other bodies;
27. Review of the council's complaints procedure;
28. Review of the council's procedures for handling requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Data Protection Act 1998.