

RUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting**

Held at St Peter's Rooms on Wednesday 14th February 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

**Membership**

	D J Hall	Chairman
	Mrs A Auckland	Vice Chairman
	Vacancy	
	Mrs J Reedman	
A	M Pinks	
	Vacancy	
	W A Wood	

Action

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

S Peacock	Deputy Clerk
P Reedman	Chairman of Environment and Policy
4 members of the public	

A. 18/02/01 Apologies for Absence

Councillor Mark Pinks

A. 18/02/02 Declaration of Member's Interests and Dispensations for non-participation

None declared

A. 18/02/03 Election of Vice Chairman

Councillor Mrs A Auckland was duly elected

A. 18/02/04 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2017, having previously been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

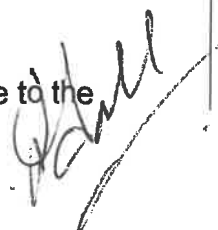
A. 18/02/05 Action Update

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

Members noted this information.

A. 18/02/06 Policing Update

Nottinghamshire Police were unable to send a representative to the



meeting on this occasion.

A. 18/02/07 Motion for Adjournment

Peter Johnson- Marshall spoke on items 8 Planning applications in respect of Former Cookes Machining works and Cooke and Bell on the High Street; Item 11 tree survey and item 12 Vicarage Lane Path.

David Hollingsworth spoke on item 11 tree survey and 12 Vicarage Lane Path.

Barbara Venes spoke on Item 12 Vicarage Lane Path.

Committee in Session

A. 18/02/08 Development

New Applications

**Resolved that:** The observations contained in Planning Schedule 807 are adopted.

A. 18/02/09 Connect Service

Connect is a community based service offering short term help. It is commissioned by Nottinghamshire County Council and aims to keep people independent in their own homes.

Connect requested whether there was a venue available where they could deliver drop in sessions for people to come and attend and talk to someone about how they can help and what services they offer. The use of St Peter's Rooms was requested for a two hour drop in session per month free of charge.

**Resolved that:** Connect be offered the use of St Peter's Rooms for a two hour drop in session once a month free of charge, to be increased to twice a month if it is apparent there is enough demand.

PCO

A. 18/02/10 Cricket Net Facilities

Last year the cricket nets were replaced and the area had matting within the nets made up of artificial grass surfacing patched together to provide a hard wearing surface for the practice area.

The Cricket club approached the Parish Council wanting to improve the matting in the net, providing a specialist under-layer at the batting end and extending the matting full length to account for the bowlers follow through. At present this is just grass and is damaged each year. The object would be to improve the consistency of the bounce and also improve health and safety within the nets.

The cricket club can put £1,500 towards the replacement of the practice area The cricket club have requested a grant to put towards improving the

practice area. The grant will be met from the earmarked reserve for playing fields equipment.

**Resolved that:** the Parish Council will contribute up to £1,000 towards the project and provide assistance from our Grounds Maintenance staff. The cost will be met from the earmarked reserve for playing fields equipment.

PCO

#### A. 18/02/11 Tree Survey

In July 2016 a tree survey was commissioned by the Parish Council to ensure the trees on Parish Council land were in good condition and managed according to risk.

The survey identified a number of trees that required immediate attention, some action that needs to be taken to assist with further surveys when they became due and also advised the intervals that the trees should be surveyed in the future dependant on the current condition and risk factor of the tree. Some of the trees are due for re-inspection now and others are due within the next six months.

The majority of the high priority works have been completed and one tree on Vicarage Lane Cemetery needs to be felled due to root strangulation.

In addition, since the previous survey there have been a number of severe weather events. A pragmatic approach following these weather events would be to conduct a brief drive-over/ walk-over survey of all areas, making a record of defects and any work recommendations.

A quote has been submitted for £1,480.00 plus VAT from the previous surveyors to undertake the work. The cost of the survey can be met from the earmarked reserve for trees.

**Resolved that:** re-inspection takes place by the original surveyors and the cost met from the earmarked reserve for trees at a cost of £1,480 plus VAT.

PCO

#### A. 18/02/12 Vicarage Lane

A number of complaints have been received by the Parish Council office regarding access to Vicarage Lane open space from the '50 steps' footpath and the Pasture Lane estate.

At the exit from Vicarage Lane Play area the footpath is only grass and is used as a shortcut for parents walking their children to James Peacock School and for residents walking to the village centre.

The area has become waterlogged during the Autumn/Winter an annual occurrence.

Residents have requested that gravel be placed at the entrance but after discussions with the Grounds Maintenance staff it is recommended that a tarmacked path or a wide soakaway with grass matting it put forward as a solution.



The Parish Clerk met with a footpath officer from VIA (Highways division Notts County Council) to discuss solutions for a link between the open space and the footpath to '50 steps' which is also in a poor condition and how to progress the works and lever finance to pay for improvements.

**Resolved that:** any works be deferred until the outcome of discussions between VIA, Rushcliffe Borough Council and the Parish Council is known.

PCO

A. 18/02/13 We're watching you campaign

Dog fouling is an issue on all areas of open space and is particularly bad during the months of November to March due to the darker mornings and evenings. The Parish Council has received a number of complaints regarding dog fouling on the football pitches in particular. The problem has also been reported to Rushcliffe Borough Council's Dog Warden.

Keep Britain Tidy has been running a very successful campaign for a number of years – the "We're Watching You Campaign", it has seen an average 46% reduction in dog fouling in the areas it has been introduced.

The campaign package includes a pack, and A3 glow in the dark correx signage sign 3 and sign 4 at £25 plus VAT per sign. A4 bin stickers can also be purchased at £5.00 plus VAT each.

**Resolved that:** 10 of each A3 poster signs 3 and sign 4 and 20 A4 bin stickers are purchased at a total cost of £600 plus VAT.

PCO

A. 18/02/14 To receive reports on Amenities matters only

None reported

Meeting closed at 7.57p.m.



Committee Chairman