

RUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting

Held at St Peter's Rooms on Wednesday 25th July 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

Membership

	D J Hall	Chairman
	K Piggott	Vice Chairman
A	Mrs S Godfrey	
	Mrs A Auckland	
	Mrs J Reedman	
A	M Pinks	
A	E Storr	
A	S Kirby	

Action

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Office

PCG =
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staff

Persons absent are marked 'A'

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

Also in Attendance

Mrs S Peacock	Deputy Clerk
Mrs M Robinson	Member of the Public
Mrs J Lockton	Member of the Public
Mr & Mrs J Limer	Members of the Public

A. 18/07/01 Apologies for Absence

Councillor E. Storr, Councillor S. Kirby, Councillor M. Pinks and Councillor Mrs S. Godfrey

A. 18/07/02 Declaration of Member's Interests and Dispensations for non-participation

None declared

A. 18/07/03 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd May 2018, having previously been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

A. 18/07/04 Action List Update

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

Members noted this information.

A. 18/07/05 Policing Update

Crime Figures supplied for information only, June 2018.

Members noted this information.

A. 18/07/06 Motion for Adjournment

Mrs Julie Lockton spoke on item 12 Village Hall – replacement of curtains. She stated the linings have rotted and the hems have all come down. The curtains have been in place for 21 years and despite Mr & Mrs Limer's efforts to do spot repairs; the time has come for the curtains to be replaced. Mrs Lockton is embarrassed to hold her classes at the Village Hall and commented it does not enhance the reputation of the Parish Council as a hirer of the Village Hall.

Committee in Session

A. 18/07/07 Development

New Applications

Resolved that: The observations contained in Planning Schedule 817 are adopted.

A. 18/07/08 Casual Football Provision at Elms Park

An approach has been made by the Village Plan steering group, as one of its priorities, to investigate whether goals can be placed at Elms Park all year round to allow children not involved with the football club, the opportunity to play football using goalposts.

The discussions centred on where these goalposts could be situated and to find a suitable place that would not wear existing pitches and whether the use of astro turf would be the most suitable for an all the year round goal.

Resolved that: the pitches and surrounding area at Elms Park would be investigated after the football pitches are prepared for the new season to identify where the goals and the astro turf could be accommodated. The Village Plan steering group would then be asked to provide a proposal and costings.

PCO

A. 18/07/09 WW1 100 years Centenary and end of the war Commemoration

A visit to a local firm based in Grantham, that has produced a number of bespoke benches and other street furniture commemorating the WW1 100 year's centenary, was arranged and Councillor David Hall and Councillor Mrs J Reedman attended.

The supplier can create a template from any simple design to be transferred to the bench and there is a month's lead in time. There are two sizes of bench a four foot and six foot wide which would cost £790 and £1,250 respectively. The British Legion would also be consulted on the design.

The design would be a poppy and a soldier with 1918 –2018 100 year

centenary in words.

An approach has been made to the County Councillor for Ruddington and Rushcliffe Borough Councillors for funding of the bench and has received a positive response from both. Other potential donations will be sought from local businesses and other individuals.

Resolved that: a four foot bench is purchased with the design of a poppy and a soldier with 1918 – 2018 100 year centenary, in words subject to consultation with the British Legion at a cost of £790 with potential contributions from local businesses and Borough and County Councillors.

A. 18/07/10 Rorke's Drift Signage – Quotation for information board and funding options

It has been suggested that the Parish Council provides a noticeboard to inform people visiting Ruddington about the three Rorke's Drift survivors and where to find their graves in Shaw Street Cemetery.

Four options have been proposed with prices ranging between £1,700 to £2,100. There is also a fifth option of having a tactile sign made in relief using bronze and would cost in the region of £9,500.

Possible sources of funding would be Awards for All, Heritage Lottery Fund, Discover England Fund, Leader funding, Co-op Community Fund, Sponsorship, local fund raising and potential grants from Borough and County Councillors.

Resolved that: the options for the noticeboard will be decided once a funding stream can be made available to finance it.

A. 18/07/11 Security of Parish Land – Installation of height barriers

The Parish Council has considered that there is a need to improve security at Parish Council sites due to the recent trespass by Traveller's at Sellors' Field.

Access to the land at Jubilee is currently controlled by a height barrier and lockable bollards; however one of the bollards has sustained damage. They will be replaced with lift assist lockable bollards at a cost of £300 each.

Access to land at Sellors' field is currently controlled by a metal gate with a chain and padlock and would be improved by spot welding to prevent it from being lifted off the posts. Height barriers would improve security and the most suitable would be one that can be opened to admit high vehicles for the Wakes and the circus. A typical cost would be between £1,200 and £1,400 and estimated installation £500. It is anticipated that if height barriers are installed at other sites at the same time there would be some efficiency savings.

Access to the land at Elms Park is currently controlled by two gates and chain and padlock. The gates at Loughborough Road entrance are open every day until dusk. Security could be strengthened with a height barrier

at both entrances. . A typical cost would be between £1,200 and £1,400 and estimated installation £500. It is anticipated that if height barriers are installed at other sites at the same time there would be some efficiency savings.

Other sites that would be potentially vulnerable are Churchill Drive and Vicarage Lane Cemetery where there are no bollards or lockable gates.

Resolved that: the Amenities Committee agreed that security should be improved to Parish Council sites. A survey of the sites should be undertaken and estimates obtained. Funds available from the earmarked reserve for other amenities amount to £9,270 and £5,000 has already been committed. If the estimate exceeds the funds available, Parish Council or Amenities Committee will have to approve the transfer of earmarked funds from other areas over which Amenities Committee has delegated authority.

A. 18/07/12 Village Hall – Replacement of Curtains

Complaints have been made regarding the visual appearance of the curtains at the Village Hall by hirers. Upon inspection the integral liner has disintegrated in places; this has caused the curtains to hang lower than other parts. The curtains are in excess of ten years old.

The curtains could be replaced with new, thermally lined curtains or thermal blinds. One indicative quotation has been received for made to measure, fire retardant curtains with thermal linings and metal curtain hooks for £2,340.

Resolved that: the Amenities Committee agreed that the curtains should be replaced in principle and additional quotes should be obtained. The views of the hirers should be taken into account whether to replace with curtains or blinds.

A. 18/07/13 Reports on Amenities Matters only

The Deputy Clerk reported that the Summer Fayre was a great success and there were very positive comments on social media. The Events Sub –Committee should be congratulated for organising such a successful event.

Meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.



Committee Chairman