

RUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting

Held at St Peter's Rooms on Wednesday 24th October 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

Membership

D J Hall	Chairman
K Piggott	Vice Chairman
Vacancy	
Mrs A Auckland	
Mrs J Reedman	
M Pinks	
Vacancy	
S Kirby	

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

Mrs S Peacock	Deputy Clerk
Mr P Reedman	Vice- Chairman – Parish Council
Mr J Hawson	Parish Councillor
Mrs Tidy	Member of the Public
Mrs B Venes	Member of the Public
Mrs A Dunstan	Member of the Public
Mr N Powell	Member of the Public
Mr M Disney	Member of the Public
Mr M Brownnett	Member of the Public

A. 18/10/01 Apologies for Absence

None

A. 18/10/02 Declaration of Member's Interests and Dispensations for non-participation

Mrs A Auckland declared an interest item 15 – Allotments charging policy
Mr S Kirby declared an interest item 7 – Planning new applications 2 properties on Easthorpe Street.

A. 18/10/03 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th July 2018, having previously been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

A. 18/10/04 Action List Update

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

Members noted this information.



A. 18/10/05 Policing Update

Crime Figures supplied for information only, September 2018.

Members noted this information.

A. 18/10/06 Motion for Adjournment

Councillor J Hawson spoke on item 9 re donation for trees from Rushcliffe Borough Council and highlighted dead trees along Leys Road and would like to replace these. He will contact Metropolitan Homes on whose land the trees could be planted. He also spoke on the planning application for the land and wall on Churchside and noted the conservation officer's report.

Mrs B Venes also raised the Planning application in respect of Churchside and objected to it.

Councillor D Hall Chairman of Amenities reminded councillors that the planning application on the agenda relating to Mr & Mrs Tidy's application was the subject for this agenda. The sale of the land at Churchside would be discussed at Parish Council on 6th November and should not be discussed at Amenities Committee.

Mrs Tidy was present at the meeting but had nothing to add to what was already before Councillors.

Mr N Powell spoke on item 8 in respect of Roll on Roll off goals.

Committee in Session

A. 18/10/07 Development

New Applications

Resolved that: The observations contained in Planning Schedule 822 are adopted.

A. 18/10/08 Elms Park Roll on Roll off Goals

The Parish Council received a request from the Ruddington Colts to contribute towards the purchase of a set of roll on roll off goals for use at Elms Park Main Football Pitch.

The roll on roll off goals conform to Football Association guidelines and have nets included. The Ground Staff also endorse the use of these goals as it would save time erecting and dismantling the existing goalposts.

A quotation has been received for the goalposts and amounted to £2,371.20 including VAT which is a discounted price due to the Ruddington Village Colts holding charter standard. The football club have £988 to put towards the purchase of the goals and the remaining sum

would be grant aided by the Parish Council and met from the Playing Fields equipment earmarked reserve.

Resolved that: the Parish Council grant aids a sum of £1,383.20 to the Ruddington Village Colts Football Club to purchase the roll on roll off goals and meet this from the Playing Fields Equipment earmarked reserve.

PCO

A. 18/10/09 Donation of Trees by Rushcliffe Borough Council

Rushcliffe Borough Council has asked Parish Councils to apply for free trees to plant on Parish Land.

Trees provide many benefits not only for wildlife but for people as well. The trees will be available for collection from the Borough Council from November.

Two residents have also asked if the Parish Council can apply, and it is suggested that the new trees can be planted among existing trees that are nearing the end of their lifespan.

Resolved that: the Parish Council apply for ten trees and plant them among trees that are nearing the end of their lifespan.

PCO

A. 18/10/10 Vicarage Lane Footpath Improvements

An update was provided on the Vicarage Lane footpath improvements. The work is due to start week commencing 5th November 2018 and the tarmac area will also extend to the wider access triangle at the corner of the playing fields from Footpath number 5.

It was hoped there would be sufficient funds to extend the path along the northern boundary of Vicarage Lane Playing Field to connect with the tarmac path heading into the Village Centre. However funds will not be available for this. VIA has indicated that an opportunity for funding maybe secured from Local Transport Funding (LTP) to extend the path but the money would not be available until 2019.

Resolved that: the report be noted and if sufficient funding could be secured that the path could be extended to the Village Centre in future

A. 18/10/11 Request to waive a booking fee at St Peter's Rooms

The Amenities committee on 23rd May 2018 resolved to waive the booking fee completely for the letting of Parish Council premises when the request is made by a local charity or by a local branch of a national charity, providing the request is made not more than once a year (minute number A. 18/05/08 refers).

Ruddington Fun has booked St Peter's Rooms on 22nd December 2018 in the afternoon for the annual community Christmas party; this has been supported by the Parish Council in the past and has not made a charge for the booking.

However Ruddington Fun has since disbanded but the organisers of the Ruddington Fun have requested the community Christmas party should still go ahead, the charge be waived and the Parish continue to support the community Christmas party in future years.

Resolved that: the Amenities Committee agreed that the charge should be waived for the community Christmas party this year and in future years.

A. 18/10/12 Request to waive a booking fee at Elms Park Main Pitch

A request has been made to the Parish Council to waive the booking fee for hire of Elms Park Main Pitch for a Charity Event held to remember Michael Bugg, a Clifton resident with Ruddington connections who tragically drowned in August 2016.

A football match is booked on 4th November 2018 for a charity football event. All of the football players will pay £10 to play in the match and the money collected is donated to the Nottingham Search and Rescue Team which is a registered charity.

Resolved that: the Amenities Committee to waive the booking for the football match to be held 4th November 2018.

A. 18/10/13 Allotment Fence – Clifton Road

The Parish Council has received a complaint from an allotment holder and resident of Clifton Road about another Clifton road resident who is not an allotment holder is trespassing onto the allotment and allowing their dog to run and foul the allotments.

Despite a letter from the Parish Council asking them not to use the allotments as an extension to their garden and contact made to the landlord who owns the property the resident has persisted in trespassing and allowing the dog onto the allotments.

In order to protect the Parish Council assets and to be able to continue to rent land to allotment holders without disturbance, it is proposed that the land relating to allotments is fenced off.

Quotations will be obtained for the cost of erecting the fence and gate, will be met from the other Amenities earmarked reserve.

Resolved that: the Amenities Committee approve the erection of a fence and gate subject to obtaining quotations and funded from the other Amenities earmarked reserve.

A. 18/10/14 Budget 2019-20

The Chairman of Amenities has requested that a sum is set aside to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the start of the 2nd World War and 75th Anniversary of the D Day landings in some way. In addition any items that are raised as part of the Village Plan.

Resolved that: the Amenities Committee will consider any budget items for 2019-20 on the next agenda to be held on 28th November 2018, in addition to commemoration of 80th Anniversary of the start of WW2, the 75th Anniversary of the D- Day landings and the Village Plan.

A. 18/10/15 Allotment – Charging Policy

It was agreed at the Parish Council meeting on 18th October 2016 that an overall report regarding allotments would be provided to the Amenities Committee, minute number C. 16/10/11 refers.

The Parish Council currently has a policy of increasing the allotment fees by 0.01p/year/m² and increases other fees and charges in line with inflation which is currently estimated at 2% for the coming year.

For a full plot of 245m² the charge is currently £49.00(20p/m²), if the fees are increased by 0.01p as in past years this would rise to £51.45, if it is increased by 2% the fees would rise to £49.98. There is a concessionary rate for retired people of a 25% reduction.

The service is subsidised, this year the income is expected to be in the region of £1,630 whilst the expenditure is expected to be £4,490 from the Allotment budget plus a further £2,500 expenditure from reserves to make essential improvements to the central 'roadway'.

A comparison with other Parish/Town/Borough/District Councils has been carried out which has found that Ruddington is charging the least per m² of those Councils which do not charge an additional amount for water based on consumption. The average charge is 22.7p/m², the parish council charges 20p/m².

Resolved that: the current charging policy of increasing the allotment rents by 0.01p/m² is continued up to and including 2021 at which point the charging policy should be reviewed again.

A. 18/10/15 Report of Amenities Matters only

None raised.

Meeting closed at 8.22 p.m.



Committee Chairman

