

Whatton in the Vale Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday September 25, 2018, at the Jubilee Hall, Whatton in the Vale at 7.30pm

Coun. Chris Grocock (Chairman)
Ray Evans (A) Chris Edwardson Georgia Elms
Jane Morris Julia Faulconbridge Gregg Redford

Also present clerk Mike Elliott and Coun. Maureen Stockwood (Rushcliffe Borough Council) and Coun. Francis Purdue-Horan (Notts County Council)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Coun. Ray Evans

Coun. Evans had informed the council he had been told by the hospital he needed serious treatment and could be out of circulation for some time. It was agreed members should sign a card to send to Coun. Evans and Coun. Elms would organise this.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllrs Redford and Grocock regarding the grant application by the village Pre-school playgroup.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JULY 24, 2018 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.

4. OPEN SESSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES

No matters were raised.

5. CLERK'S REPORT

Ten trees have been ordered for Queen's Wood at the request of Gwynne Owen. He may need help in planting them. Rushcliffe Borough Council will look after them for the first year.

Newsletter distribution list provided by Coun. Redford was approved with a minor change and would be circulated to all members.

The question of a Paddock in the village for sale was briefly discussed but members felt the suggested asking price was out of the council's reach and the matter was not progressed.

Rushcliffe Borough Council are advising on the protocol in the event of a royal death when there would be two days official mourning and when no public events would not take place.

6. REPORT FROM THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER

Coun. Stockwood, currently the Mayor Rushcliffe, updated members on various activities of her authority and said its Local Plan Part 2 had been submitted for approval. Coun. Francis Purdue-Horan spoke of the County Council discussions taking place on the proposed formation of a Unitary Authority for Nottinghamshire and commented on suggested improvements to the local bus services, saying that the current Your Bus operator in the parish council area had a two-year contract. He said it was suggested the service was not well used. The chairman said there were some residents who did regularly rely on the service.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Rushcliffe Borough Council trees offer was highlighted in a further letter and the clerk said in agreement with Mr Gwynne Owen he had ordered ten for planting in the Queen's Wood. Notts County Council advised of a Great War Commemoration Service they were staging at Southwell Minster on Tuesday November 6, 4-30pm but the chairman said he would not be able to attend due to work commitments. The County council also gave details of a Games of Remembrance event they were backing on November 8 when Army teams from England and Germany would replicate a game played between the fighting men of the two countries during a Christmas Day cease fire on the battle front in the First World War. There would be two games at Notts County ground for ladies and Nottingham Forest ground for men.

The clerk was asked to give his details to the Notts Police Corporate Community Department as being then local news contact they could use.

8. PLAYING FIELD

It was agreed that a letter raised by a local resident living adjacent to the field should be taken forward and discussion held with the person concerned. Coun. Redford said he was sure that local contractor Simon Daws would undertake any work required.

The chairman confirmed that Adrian Curzon had been appointed Field Manager in connection with the current proposals for improvements to the facility. He said the very hot summer had affected the playing surface of the football field and currently games were not being played there. There was one football club that is making use of the facility.

The council agreed to increase its financial commitment for the current project of overall improvement of the playing field facility to £5000, providing Aslockton parish council and Rushcliffe Borough Council agreed to doing the same.

The Meeting considered the situation in respect of both the transparency of Trustee meetings and the involvement of the Committee in the Trustees discussions.

Coun. Redford spoke on the meeting of the Playing Field Trustee Committee Meeting and said the meeting agreed to co-opt both the Chairman and Treasure of the Playing Field Committee as 'ex-officio' non-voting members of the Trustee Committee. and to publish the minutes of the Trustee Meeting on the Playing Field website and to ensure that copies were available to all members of the Committee.

The meeting also agreed to request that the Committee consider a 'portacabin' solution on the existing footprint and base as a replacement for the pavilion.

The Trustee Committee also requested that formal written reports were made available before the next Trustee Meeting in the following areas:

1. The Play Equipment situation.
2. The Pavilion Situation.
3. The Section 106 and other funding application situation.

The chairman said the Playing Fields Committee had resubmitted a request to Rushcliffe Planning for the contribution for the Land South of Abbey Lane Development requesting the £3500 and were asking the parish councils to increase their contribution to £5K each, which Whatton agreed to subject to Aslockton doing the same. He said they now have a budget of £69K for the play area and sports pitch refurbishment (phase 1). Once the S106 contribution by Rushcliffe is approved he would contact the school to arrange consultation with the play consultants, Proludic.

9. PLANNING MATTERS

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning applications ---None

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning decisions

18/01520/ful. Ray Stamper, Windmill View, Grantham Road, Replace boundary hedge with 1.8m high wooden fence and entrance gates with new laurel hedge. Grant.

1801603/COU Kevin Moore, Wayside, Church Street. Change of use of annex to self-contained holiday let. Grant

18/01234/ful. Mr Mrs Mussert, Hirondale, Main Street, Convert form barn to ancillary accommodation attached to existing residential property. Grant

10. FOOTPATHS

Coun. Redford updated the council on various footpath matters and said there was nothing of undue concern currently. The very hot summer weather had helped to keep some overgrowth down and made the routes more easily accessible.

11. FINANCE

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT were approved as per the circulated list

The council agreed to make a £250 donation to the Whatton Pre School Playgroup to help mark its 50th birthday.

12. ENVIRONMENT INCLUDING HIGHWAYS

The clerk was asked to report to Notts County Council that many logs and tree parts had deposited on the verge way on Manor Lane. A discussion took place as to whether a previously suggested resurfacing scheme for Dark lane was to proceed.

A letter was to be sent to the occupants at The Grange on Church Street regarding the footway being impeded by an overgrown hedge.

It was agreed a site meeting be held regarding the on-going question of damaged verges caused by use of them by vehicles. Coun. Purdue-Horan would organise the meeting and ask County Highways Manager Kendra Hourd to accompany him on a tour along with parish council representatives. The action had been requested earlier in the evening at an informal parish meeting attended by 10 residents expressing concerned on the poor condition of many verges in the village.

13. QUEEN'S WOOD POND

Coun. Falconbridge updated the council regarding the condition of the pond and future action.

14. WW1 COMMEMORATION and COMMEMORATIVE STONE

Arrangements were agreed for the Memorial Dedication of the Commemorative Stone on The Village Green on November 11, with the event starting at 6-45 with a welcome by the council chairman. At 6-55pm, there would be a laying of a wreath at the Commemorative Stone and Plaque and a two minutes silence one minute later and at 7pm the Mayor of Rushcliffe Coun. Maureen Stockwood would light the Beacon. The Bells of St John of Beverley parish church would ring at 7.05pm. Light refreshments would be served in the Jubilee Hall from 7-15pm.

15. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 23, 2018. WW1 final arrangements.

