

**Whatton in the Vale Parish Council**  
**Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday May 4, 2018, at the Jubilee Hall, Whatton in the Vale at 7.30pm**

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

Also present clerk Mike Elliott.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN Coun. Chris Grocock was unanimously elected.
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, There were none
- 3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 24, 2018 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman
4. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN Coun. Gregg Redford was unanimously elected.
- 5 OPEN SESSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES  
Nothing was raised.
6. CLERK'S REPORT  
The danger tree on the sports field has been attended to by the contractor and Coun. Edwardson said a good job had been made of it.
7. REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER  
There was no report.
8. CORRESPONDENCE  
Rushcliffe Borough Council have advised us of a new form for members to sign for Declaration of Interests by members, in connection with the Data Protection Act. The clerk was checking to see if everyone has to re-sign.  
Laura Trussler, Notts County Council highways, copied in the council to a letter she had sent to a resident in respect of placing stones or markers on the grass verges in front of their homes and said where they were told of this -- they had received a complaint from someone in this instance -- they had to act to have them removed as they should not be there. They pointed out that should a vehicle catch or clip one of the rocks or a pedestrian tripped and they were aware of their existence, the authority would be liable for any third party injury or damage claim.
9. PLAYING FIELD  
The chairman updated the council on development plans for the playing field and the proposed pavilion, and said they were aware funding for the current project would be difficult. The present proposals for the pavilion would not, it seemed, automatically qualify for outside funding support. They were in contact with the organisations from where funding would be sought.  
The meeting approved the appointment of Couns. Redford, Grocock and Evans to the Playing Field Trust and Couns. Morris and Grocock to the Management Committee.  
The clerk said that the tree management firm that had been employed to deal with the damaged tree had reported the need for action on another tree and it was agreed the contractor be asked to carry out a survey and give a price for the work required.
10. PLANNING MATTERS  
There were no applications or decisions from Rushcliffe Borough Council.

11. FOOTPATHS

The report from Coun. Redford had been submitted to Notts County Council. There had so far been no response from them.

12. FINANCE

- a] Accounts to pay were approved as per the circulated list
- b] approval of annual governance statement was agreed unanimously
- c] to authorise and approve accounts for 2017-18 was unanimously agreed about the clerk confirmed they had been signed off as correct by the internal auditor.
- d] data protection and appointment of Data Protection Officer Adrian Fretwell was approved.
- e] appointment of David Dixon as Internal Auditor was approved.

13. ENVIRONMENT INCLUDING WW1 EVENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllrs Edwardson and Morris had visited the British Gypsum site near Newark and had selected a stone for using to commemorate the centenary of the ending of WW1. It was not felt necessary to provide a base for the stone but to lay it on the ground as it is. The council agreed it should be sited on The Green near to the bus stop. The clerk was asked to make contact with the Air Cadets through Janet Greasley in the village and the Royal British Legion at Orston to ask if they wished to be part of the Commemoration ceremony on November 11.

Coun. Edwardson reported there were continuing difficulties with pot holes around the parish, citing a particular bad one near the level crossing.

Members discussed the position in regard to a Neighbourhood Plan and agreed it would need between 10 and 15 people to express willingness to be part of a committee to enable it to go ahead to the next stage. The clerk had received three direct expressions of interest. The council agreed it should await completion of distribution of the newsletter and specific letter asking for expressions of support before it took a final decision.

14. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING JUNE 26

No matters were put forward but it was agreed the WW1 event and the Queen's Wood be continuing agenda items.

