

**Whatton in the Vale Parish Council**  
**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday January 23, 2018, at the Jubilee Hall,**  
**Whatton in the Vale at 7.30pm**

Coun. Chris Grocock (Chairman)  
Ray Evans Chris Edwardson  
Jane Morris Suzy Sagoo(A) Julia Faulconbridge

Also present Mike Elliott, Clerk and Notts County Council member Coun. Francis Purdue-Horan

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Coun. Suzy Sagoo
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
3. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON November 28, 2017 and January 2, 2018 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman

- 4 OPEN SESSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES  
No matters raised.

5. CLERK'S REPORT

Payment has been made to Frosts Garden Centre for the two oak trees the council had agreed should be purchased.

The new electoral roll for the village shows there are 728 electors living in the village.

Currently there are discussions ongoing with NALC and the Clerk's Society in regard to the need for the council to appoint a Data Protection Officer to meet the requirements of Law by May 28. There are differing views being expressed by various bodies but it seems the Clerk cannot be appointed to the post and neither can a councillor. We are told the suggested fee for someone to take on the work would be a minimum £150. They have to be 'qualified' but in what no one seems to know.

The County Council had confirmed to the clerk in regard to animals in fields with footpaths – it is the owner's responsibility and if their animals do cause any injury etc they are responsible

6. REPORT FROM THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER

Coun. Purdue-Horan said the County Council were looking at the position in regard to improvements of the road connection between Saxondale roundabout and Grantham.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Smaller Authorities Audit Appointment, notification of appointment of external auditor, PKF Littlejohn Ltd, who would be called upon if any queries raised on the accounts. A letter from Keep Britain Tidy group invited the council to take part in this years Litter Pick event and this was accepted for March 3. Those taking part would be invited to gather at 10-30am near the Aslockton Train Station (on the Whatton side) when particular attention would be given to a clean-up for the River Smite area.

A letter from East Leake Parish Council on their neighbourhood plan was discussed in which they criticised Rushcliffe Borough Council for apparently ignoring the contents of the Plan in respect of the types of housing for their village.

Tom Pettitt of Rushcliffe Borough Council wrote to advise he would not seek Preservation Orders on the avenue of trees on Old Grantham road as they were owned by Notts County Council.

8. PLAYING FIELD

The chairman said two bids were being submitted two bids to Notts County Council Local Improvement Scheme and WREN to support the playground project.

A meeting was to be called of the trustee to discuss the Pavilion project and get a steer on the next steps following consultation with a funding specialist on the difficulties in securing funding for the project

9. PLANNING MATTERS

Rushcliffe Borough Council applications

17/02703/OUT. Whipling Farm Partnership, Land east of 6 Orston Lane, erect 3 residential dwellings and associated vehicular access. Object

17/02853/ful. Adam Cavell, Peter Gribby Ltd, Riverbank, Old Grantham Road. Commercial business park accommodating around 4300 sq metres gross floor space of B1 and B8 units. Object.

17/02871/OUT, John Breedon, Land To North Of Cliffhill Lane Aslockton Nottinghamshire, Outline application for the erection of up to 9 dwellings together with associated access, landscaping and other infrastructure works. Object.

Rushcliffe Borough Council decisions

17/01408/ful. Tom Daws, land off Old Grantham Road. Erect steel frame unit for agricultural timber supply business and associated single, self build dwelling unit. Refuse

17/02095/ful. Daniel Gribby, Riverbank Business Park, Old Grantham Road, new two storey office building. Grant.

10. FOOTPATHS

Coun. Faulconbridge offered to undertake an inspection of footpaths in the parish. She would contact former chairman Gregg Redford to obtain a copy of his most recent report on the paths.

11. FINANCE

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT were approved as per the circulated list.

BUDGET / PRECEPT 2018-19 The council considered a budget report prepared by the clerk which included the council making allowance for the need to appoint a Data Protection Officer. The council agreed on a precept of £12,035 for the coming 2018-19 financial year

12. ENVIRONMENT

The poor state of grass verges in the village was brought to the attention of Coun. Purdue-Horan and he said he would bring the matter to the attention of the County highways department.

13. QUEEN'S WOOD

The chairman said the council were looking to have an official opening of the Wood by the children of the village school in April or May. The question of signage for the area would be discussed.

14. NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

The council agreed to hold a further public meeting to test the feeling of the village in regard to the production of a Neighbourhood Plan. Coun. Sagoo and the clerk were being asked to produce a leaflet for door to door delivery. If the meeting did not show sufficient interest the idea of a plan would not be proceeded with.

15. WW1 COMMEMORATION

The suggestion of a commemorative stone and plaque being provided by the council in recognition of the Centenary of the ending of the First World War on November 11 later this year was to be progressed. The Stone would be placed on The Green. It was suggested the stone should be blessed after the usual Remembrance Day service.

15. CASUAL VACANCIES

The need to co-opt a further member to the council was discussed and steps were to be taken to obtain interest from residents.

16. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 27, 2018

Highways would be on the agenda for the next meeting. Coun. Morris gave apologies in advance for not being able to attend.

