

**Whatton in the Vale Parish Council**  
**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday September 27, 2016, at the Jubilee Hall, Whatton in the Vale at 7-30pm**

Coun. Gregg Redford (Chairman)  
Ray Evans                      Carole Key  
Chris Grocock                Jane Morris  
Gwyne Owen                 Suzy Sagoo

Also present the Clerk Mike Elliott. and Rushcliffe Borough Council member Coun. Mrs Maureen Stockwood who was welcomed by the chairman to her first meeting at Whatton since her election to the Borough Council.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, There were none
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JULY 26, 2016 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

The accounts have been signed off by Grant Thornton on behalf of the Audit Commission and there were no financial matters raised in their report. The accounts are on display on the council website.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Notts ALC gave notice of their annual meeting on November 16, at 7-30pm at Epperstone Village Hall. Ulyets, had acknowledged the council request to take out of their cutting programme the land on Azimghur Road following complaints that some of the 100 trees the council planted for the Queen's Wood to mark Her Majesty's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday were being damaged by the contractors men.

Rushcliffe Borough Council Parish Forum October 5 at Civic Centre. The Chairman is to attend. Bingham Town Council gave notice of their Civic Service on Sunday October 30 at 3pm.

Email from the chairman sent to a resident who had raised points in regard to the nest swing on the playing field. Notts County Council were again offering winter assistance of bags of salt but no requirements were brought forward.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

No applications or decisions from Rushcliffe Borough Council

Rushcliffe Borough Council have advised that the public inquiry into the housing development plan for land to the North of Abbey Lane at Aslockton will take place on October 25 and is scheduled to last 6 days. It will be at the Civic Centre in West Bridgford.

8. PLAYING FIELD / PLAY EQUIPMENT

The chairman reported that the council had received an account for £278. 27 plus VAT for the repairs necessary to the nest of swings Coun. Mrs Stockwood said she and the new Notts County Council member for the village, Coun. Francis Purdue-Horan, would be able to meet that charge from their Community Fund.

The chairman said he had responded to false information on 'The Village' facebook page in regard to incorrect claimed expenditure in respect of the playing field.

It was planned the consultation papers for the sports pavilion project would be distributed the following week.

9. ENVIRONMENT INCLUDING WOODLAND TRUST COMMUNITY TREE PACKS FOR AUTUMN PLANTING

Coun. Owen said he hoped there would be an official opening ceremony for the Queens Wood, established earlier this year by the parish council with the support of the village school, in April or May next year.

Replacement trees for those damaged in the new wood were being obtained and were expected early November. A replanting exercise would be arranged.

Coun. Sagoo was to organise planting of bulbs and Coun. Mrs Stockwood said she would be able to fund the purchase of the them up to £50.

Discussion took place in regard to planting a hedge on the edge of the playing field and this was supported.

10. FOOTPATHS

The chairman presented a detailed report on the condition of five of the Rights of Way in the parish and after discussion on each one individually it was agreed a letter be sent by the council to the appropriate officer at Notts County Council including the Portfolio holder member.

11 FINANCE

A] CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT were approved as per the circulated list. It was also agreed to make a £25 donation to the Royal British Legion for the annual Remembrance Day poppy.

12 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 25 2016

It was agreed that in future a permanent item on the agenda be for Highways and for the time being one for the Neighbourhood Plan. The agenda for the next meeting should also include a suggestion from Coun. Owen for consideration to be given to a village fete being organised.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-10pm.