

Whatton in the Vale Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday February 28, 2017, at the Jubilee Hall, Whatton in the Vale at 7-30pm

Couns. Chris Grocock (chairman)

Ray Evans Chris Edwardson Carole Key (A)

Suzy Sagoo (vice chairman) Jane Morris Gwyne Owen

Also present the Clerk Mike Elliott and Rushcliffe Borough Council member Coun. Mrs Maureen Stockwood.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, Coun. Mrs Carole Key

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 24, 2017, were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman

4. CASUAL VACANCY

The chairman proposed that Mr Christopher Edwardson of 7 Conery Lane be co-opted to membership and this was unanimously approved. He was welcomed to membership of the council after signing the Acceptance of Declaration of Office form.

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

No points were raised.

6 CLERK'S REPORT

The fly-tipping in the lay-by just off the A52 had been dealt with by Rushcliffe Borough Council. The clerk said former chairman Gregg Redford had offered to continue looking after the council web site and it was agreed he be asked to do so. The clerk was to check on what Mr Redford would undertake and in regard to the financial requirements.

The clerk said the council needed to verify the checking of the Defibrillator sited on the wall of the village hall. The council had in the past met the cost of equipment for it. It was agreed steps be taken to ensure residents were aware of its existence and how to use it in emergency.

7 CORRESPONDENCE

Peter Toghill, Main Street, wrote seeking action to provide a small paved standing area adjacent to the village green on the opposite side to the bus shelter and Coun. Owen said he was dealing with this and had obtained a price for the work. When he had received a second quotation he would advise the chairman.

Michele Sharratt, Aslockton P C Clerk, wrote with a suggestion from her council that a litter bin was required near the mouth of Old Grantham road adjacent to Bell Rock House. The clerk was to check on which parish that area is in and if appropriate suggest the two councils share the cost.

8. PLANNING MATTERS

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning applications

There were no applications.

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning decisions

16/02970/ful. Mr Mrs Andrews, The Hollies Farmhouse, Main Street. Two storey rear extension, conversion of attached outbuildings to habitable accommodation and construction of detached garage/workshop. Permit.

16/03034/ful. Peter Lifford, 8 Dark Lane. Single storey side/conservatory extension. Permit.

16/02321/ful. Mrs D Thatcher, 1 Conery gardens. Single storey extensions and alterations, render bungalow exterior, use of log cabin/summer house in connection with beauty treatment business. Permit.

9. PLAYING FIELD / PLAY EQUIPMENT/PARISH SURVEY

The chairman updated members on the position in regard to proposed development of the pavilion and other facilities. He had received an email from Mr Mansfield Barker of Aslockton parish council in regard to revamping the play equipment and was suggesting the formation of a Play Equipment sub committee from between the two councils. The chairman had responded and had said his council had a small reserve available to put into a play equipment 'seed fund' if his members supported the idea.

The question of funding through the Section 106 scheme involving the proposed housing development at Aslockton was discussed. It was pointed out that the plans involving the proposed 75 new houses in the adjacent parish did in fact show the developer providing a play area within that development. Members felt the funding that the developer was required to provide would be better used to improve the existing joint play area for the two parishes.

The chairman said discussions were in hand in regard to the proposed scheme for removal of the existing pavilion and for its replacement albeit not perhaps on the scale of original proposals for that development.

Coun. Jane Morris said it was being suggested a new play equipment provision would cost in the region of £30,000. The chairman was to continue to investigate the matter of funding from the Section 106 source.

10. ENVIRONMENT

It was agreed by the council to further the suggestion of a dog warden scheme for the village and the clerk was to seek advice on this from Rushcliffe Borough Council and if possible to obtain leaflets on it. The suggestion for a doggy bag dispensing unit in the area of the Old Bridge had been investigated but would be an expensive project. The clerk was to have a further look at costs.

11. FOOTPATHS

No matters were raised.

12. FINANCE

a] CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT were approved as per the circulated list.

13. HIGHWAYS

The clerk was asked to try to progress with the Highways Agency the safety conditions at the junction of the A52 road with Main Street. The question of pot holes was discussed and concerns expressed at the worsening condition of various section of roads in the village. The clerk would raise the matter again with Notts County Council when members pinpointed the areas in question.

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14. QUEENS WOOD

Coun. Owen had made comments in regard to damage that had been caused to the young trees by someone on Cottage Avenue driving a tractor and trailer over them in order to gain access to their hedge for maintenance purposes. He suggested some 20 trees had been damaged. Some of them had since been replanted. Coun. Owen was obtaining prices for a gate to be provided to prevent such access to the Wood area. There would be no planting of new trees in the coming Spring.

The council agreed to delay an official opening of the wood until a later date.

15. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Rural Community Action Nottingham (RCAN) have organised a meeting to discuss Neighbourhood Planning, to take place at Bingham Methodist Church on Tuesday March 28 at 7-30pm. Coun. Evans has been booked on to it. It was agreed to invite Jenny Kirkwood from RCAN to the April meeting of the council to discuss a Plan for the village.

16. NEWSLETTER

It was planned for the next one to be published in April, to advertise the parish meeting on May 23. The chairman said his predecessor Gregg Redford had offered to continue to assist in the work for the newsletter. Items to be prepared for it would include the Queens Wood, the dog warden project, the parish meeting, information on the new member, the playing field project, the defibrillator and the need for helpers if a proposal for a village fete was to proceed.

17. EVENTS

Coun. Owen reported that he had found little interest for the event he had proposed.

18. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING MARCH 28, 2017

a. Nothing further was put forward.

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

