

Whatton in the Vale Parish Council
Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday January 24, 2017, at the Jubilee Hall, Whatton in the Vale at 7-30pm

Couns. Chris Grocock (chairman)
Ray Evans (A) Carole Key
Suzy Sagoo (vice chairman) Jane Morris Gwynne Owen

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

- 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, Cllr Ray Evans (unwell),
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 22, 2016 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.
- 4 OPEN SESSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES
No questions were raised.

5 CLERK'S REPORT

The clerk said the council were now able to fill the current vacancy, no one having asked for an election. Members were asked to consider possible new members and the clerk would advertise the position on the notice boards. Newsletter published for the New Year. It was planned the next one should be towards the end of April. The clerk said that he had been informed that Whatton cannot qualify for the IGAS funding. Notts County Council are observing the condition of Whatton Bridge and have no undue concerns at present. Trent Valley IDB say they do inspect the Old Smite and if they feel action is needed they take it. It was confirmed they had cleared rubbish from the waters concerned. Highways Agency have said they will carry out a further survey of the junction out of the village on to the A52.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

Keep Britain Tidy Group organising a Clean up Britain event March 3-5 and asking for litter picks to be organised. It was not felt possible to be involved this year. Bruno Peek, Pageant Master for London, is seeking support from Parishes for a special event on November 11 2018 to mark the centenary of the ending of the First World War. Suggesting bonfires and beacons and a community event. It was agreed the council should take part and organise a beacon. Deborah Davies, Conery Lane wrote to compliment the council on the improved Pathway linking the railway station. She did comment on the removal of trees and bushes and said she was disappointed at this.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning applications

16/02970 Mr Mrs Andrews The Hollies Farmhouse, Main Street. Two storey rear extension, conversion of outbuildings to habitable accommodation and erect detached garage workshop. No objection.

16/03034/ful. Peter Lifford, 8 Dark Lane. Single storey side/conservatory extension. No objection.

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning decisions

16/02480/OUT Robert Tyler, Dunville, Burton Lane. Residential development, land within curtilage of Dunville. Grant outline workshop. Grant.

16/02781 D Gribby, Riverside Business Park, Old Grantham Road. New single storey office building, storage and light workshop. Grant.

16/02822/TPO R Boardman, The Limes, Grantham Road. Re-pollard lime tree. Grant

16/02388/ful. Janet Greasley, St John Beverleys Church, Church Street. Erection of replacement shed. Grant.

8. PLAYING FIELD / PLAY EQUIPMENT/PARISH SURVEY

Members had received the Playing Fields Trust accounts note 2016-7 from the former chairman. Coun. Jane Morris agreed to be the second parish council representative on the Executive committee of the Playing Fields Association. The council chairman is the other member. He said the Association were seeking a chairman.

Coun. Grocock spoke on the positive response there had been to the playing fields development survey. He said while there were plans for a development project to go ahead they may not be as adventurous as initially suggested. The committee were looking at two aspects, one to improve the play area and the second in regard to a building which may be restricted in the first place to more of a replacement to the existing building rather than an extension of what is provided currently.

The chairman said it had been encouraging that the survey had shown 21 people being interested in offering to assist in some way with the future projects involving the playing field.

9. ENVIRONMENT AND FLYTIPPING

Concerns were expressed on increased flytipping in the area. Coun. Morris reported an affected area in a lay-by just off the A52 from the Bingham side. The clerk was to report it.

Coun. Owen reported on support from the Woodland Trust and said they were offering three fruit trees. It was agreed they should be planted on The Green and suggested that they be dedicated to three local residents, Greg Redford, Ray Dawson and Ernest Parsons.

Discussion took place on the Queen's Wood and a suggestion that there should be a restriction to the entrance to it.

10. FOOTPATHS

No further matters were raised.

11. FINANCE

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

B] BUDGET 2017-8

The council considered a budget report prepared by the clerk in which he had outlined the suggested income and expenditure likely for the coming 2017-8 year. After consideration of the figures presented the council agreed to seek a precept of £12,130 for the coming year, the same figure as the current year. The clerk reported an expected expenditure of £13,135 and added it was anticipated there would be at least £1000 coming in from Notts County Council towards the cost of grounds maintenance work and which would reduce the overall expenditure requirement.

13. HIGHWAYS

There were no further matters raised.

14. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The clerk was asked to contact Jenny Kirkwood at Rushcliffe Borough Council for information on establishing a Neighbourhood Plan, and to ask if she might be able to attend a meeting of the council to talk to members. Coun. Owen would attend the next Rushcliffe Borough Council Parish Forum on February 12 when the matter of Neighbourhood Plans was on the agenda.

15. EVENTS

Coun. Owen updated the council in regard to the Fete it was planned to held in August or September. He said it was hoped to be able to make a donation from the event to the Air Ambulance.

16. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 28, 2017

It was agreed there be a permanent item on the agenda for Queen's Wood.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-00pm.