

**Minutes of a meeting of Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Council held in
The Radcliffe Room, The Grange,
on Monday 17 February 2014 at 7.00pm**

Councillors

David Smith (Chairman)	Dominic Tompkin	Roger Upton (Vice Chairman)
Mrs Penny Astill	Rodney Brears	Graham Leigh-Browne
Mrs Janet Maughan	Jim McKechnie	Mrs Melanie McKechnie
Gordon Moore	Mrs Georgia Moore	Peter Robinson
Mrs Jean Smith (A)	Mrs Josephine Spencer (A)	James Spencer (A)
Bill Sylvester (A)	Mrs Pam Thompson	John Thorn

Also present: Jacki Grice (Clerk), Cllr Kay Cutts (Nottinghamshire County Councillor) Cllr Neil Clarke (Rushcliffe Borough Councillor) and eight members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs James Spencer, Josephine Spencer, Bill Sylvester and Jean Smith – Approved.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None received.
3. **Minutes of the Full Council meetings held on 16 December 2013 and Extra-ordinary 29 January 2014**
It was: **RESOLVED** “That the minutes were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.”

Chairman’s Announcements

4. The Chairman advised that the Council had just held a presentation to wish the current Caretaker Sue Spray a long and happy retirement and welcomed Mr Terry Gowing who is the newly appointed Caretaker.

Clerk’s Report on Previous Minutes

5. There were no reports.

Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business

6. Standing Orders were suspended at 7.01pm
 - *18 months ago Park Homes residents suffered from burglaries from visitors pretending to be sent from the site owners, these two men have now been caught for this and other similar offences all over the country. They received a custodial sentence of 3 and 6 six years.*
 - *A representative of the Save the Pool Group advised that a petition of over 800 signatures had now been received and was in attendance to hear the Parish Councils point of view on the pool closure. The matter of compensation for the village was raised and the correct procedure would be to contact the Further Funding for Education Agency.*
7. Standing orders resumed at 7.05pm

Police Crime Statistics

8. December 2013 and January 2014 crime figures were noted and were considerably lower than recent years. Vehicle and criminal damage were the main current trends.

9. **Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meetings of 13 January 2014 and 10 February 2014** were presented by the Chairman Cllr. Rod Brears, it was: **RESOLVED** “That the minutes be accepted as presented and referred back to the committee”.
10. **Minutes of The Grange & Grange Hall Management Committee meeting of 27 January 2014** were presented by the Chairman Cllr. Penny Astill, it was: **RESOLVED** “That the minutes be accepted as presented and referred back to the committee”.
11. **Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting of 20 January 2014** were presented by the Vice Chairman Cllr. Janet Maughan, it was: **RESOLVED** “That the minutes be accepted as presented and referred back to the committee”.
12. **Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting of 03 February 2014** were presented by the Chairman Cllr Gordon Moore, it was: **RESOLVED** “That the minutes be accepted as presented and referred back to committee.”
13. **Minutes of the Open Public Meeting 05 February 2014 re: Pool Closure** were considered, it was **RESOLVED** “That the minutes be accepted as presented.”

Radcliffe on Trent Pool Closure: To Consider the Parish Councils Involvement in Future Plans

14. Councillor Roger Upton updated members on the recent meetings held regarding the Pool Closure and proposed the following: (Seconded by Cllr Moore)
 “ That the Parish Council assists in the formation of a Community Swimming Pool Working Group and nominates two Parish Councillors to be its representation in this group.”
 It was **RESOLVED**: “To approve the Councils assistance in setting up a working group and that Cllrs Roger Upton and Josephine Spencer be Council’s representatives”

It was noted that a formal offer of available land from SNA should be the first matter to consider.

Cemetery Applicable Rates Policy

15. The General Payment terms were reviewed with regard to single or double payments for burials it was **RESOLVED** “To include the following wording with reference to guidance notes 1.1 ‘ whose last known residential address was in Radcliffe on Trent.”

Correspondence for Information

16. Cllr Cutts has offered £600 from the Councillors Division Fund to help the Pool Working Group with set up costs. The Parish Council would hold the funds until the group is more established.

Reports from Borough and County Councillors

17. Cllr Neil Clarke (RBC) advised that:
- The Council Tax Reduction Scheme transitional grant should not be relied upon after 2015/16.
 - The Borough Council will be freezing their element of the council tax for 2014/15 as are the Parish Council. It is understood that the County Council, Police and Fire Services will implement a small increase.
 - RBC are lobbying for Local Enterprise Partnership funding, the Local Plan proposes large housing developments in the Borough but the level of infrastructure required is beyond the available funding from developers. The impact large scale developments have on traffic issues is of particular concern.
 - Borough Council representatives would get together to explore funding options for the initial Pool Working Group meeting.

18. Cllr Kay Cutts (NCC) advised that:

- The inaugural debate was held at the new Nottingham Studio with East Midlands Today.
- The recent Nottinghamshire Sports Awards had been held recognising the achievements of coaches, teams, clubs and individuals. Unfortunately due to budget constraints the 'Shining Stars and Rising Star' awards have been withdrawn.
- Youth Funding is being withdrawn in various areas, Cllr Cutts continues to raise the importance of this funding at budget meetings.
- A recent meeting was held at Newark regarding Broadband in Nottinghamshire, it is expected to be rolled out throughout the County by the end of February. This service is essential for rural home businesses.
- Brett Aggregates have applied for planning to mine two sites at Shelford by the side of the River Trent, vehicular access could have a detrimental impact on Radcliffe on Trent.
- Cllr Cutts has awarded a financial contribution to the Great War Muster to be held in August 2014.
- Thanks should be recorded to ROTSPA for all their voluntary work running the swimming pool for the past 40 years. The recently held public meeting was well organised and has now provided the opportunity to explore further options with a Community Working Group, it is hoped that the group will have mix of skills and expertise. If there are any developments regarding compensation from the Further Funding Agency then the newly formed group would facilitate this.
- The proposed increase to the Council tax from the County Council is 1.99%

Reports from Outside Organisations

19. There were no reports.

To Note Annual Parish Meeting Date 16 April 2014

20. Noted that Civic Award nominations need to be completed by 21 March 2014.

Date of Next Meeting

21. **28 April 2014**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.45pm

Signed: Chairman.....Date.....

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