Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Council Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting, held in the Radcliffe Room at The Grange, on Monday 03 November 2014 at 7pm

Cllr. Mrs Janet Maughan - (Chairman) Cllr John Thorn – (Vice Chairman) (A)

Cllr. Graham Leigh-Browne
Cllr. Mrs Jean Smith
Cllr. Bill Sylvester (A)
Cllr. Peter Robinson
Cllr. Pam Thompson
Cllr. Dominic Tompkin

Cllr. Mrs Josephine Spencer (L)

Ex-officio: Cllrs. Roger Upton (Chairman) and Georgia Moore (Vice Chairman)

Also present Jacki Grice (Parish Clerk) and eleven members of the public

- 1. Apologies Cllrs Bill Sylvester, John Thorn Approved
- 2. Declarations of Interest None received.
- 3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 08 September 2014, it was:

Resolved "that the minutes are approved and signed by the Chairman."

Chairman's Announcements

It is with sadness that the funeral of Trevor Whitworth takes place this week at Wilford Hill. Trevor worked for the Council for many years on the Ground staff team. Representation from the Parish Council would be appropriate.

5. Skate Park

There has been an informal approach regarding the Council holding Skate Park funds in future. The Management Group only has two members and the future maintenance and responsibility of the area will need consideration. A more formal proposal is expected shortly.

Clerk's Report on Items Arising from Previous Minutes

M. 6 Memorial Kerbs

6. The kerbs have now been installed and flag stones completed.

M. 9 Cliff Top

7. The Hedge cutting has been completed.

M. 11 Wharf Lane Play Area Gates

8. Installation complete with heavy duty anti-tamper fixings.

M. 22 Boules Court Benches

9. The benches have been relocated and are no longer suffering from bird droppings.

M. 23 Boundary Wall

10. The wall at the driveway entrance has now been repaired.

M. 32 Bingham Road Play Area

11. The slide on the Galley Unit has been replaced free of charge by the manufacturers.

M. 41 Infant School Bench

12. The bench has been delivered and will be installed shortly.

M. 45 Public Toilets

13. The cutting of the gaps in the doors has been carried out and is helping with the ventilation.

Financial Update & Budget Head Amendments

14. Income and Expenditure figures for April to September 2014 were noted.

15. £5k has been transferred from Play Areas to Cemetery Maintenance to cover unbudgeted items including Memorial Kerbs, Audit and Training. An additional £4.5k has been included in Village Assets to allow for the funding of the Pavilion Water Upgrade works via contingency funds.

Open Session for members of the public to raise relevant matters, limited to 15 minutes

- **16.** Standing orders were suspended at 7.07pm
 - The Angling Group awaits the Lily Ponds Management Plan and would provide members with an up to date report on the trees along the river bank.
 - A resident raised safety concerns regarding the Wharf Lane steps up to Cliff Top.
 - The County Council has recently inspected and carried out work on trees along the Colwick Loop Road.
 Members were asked to request that Radcliffe be considered for the inspection of trees on N.C.C land/Highways.
- **17.** Standing orders resumed at 7.12pm

Council Owned and other Amenities

18. Resolved: "To bring Agenda item 7f1 forward."

<u>Cliff Top: To Consider a Financial Contribution to N.C.C Proposed Improvements to Wharf Lane – Stanford Gardens Footpath No. 6 & To Note Residents Correspondence</u>

- 19. Countryside Access is proposing to prepare and tarmac the steps for an estimate of £7,500 of which it is seeking a contribution from the Parish Council of £2,000. It was: **Resolved:** "to advise that Council is not in a financial position to offer funding and to request that if the scheme does go ahead that golden gravel is placed on the surface."
- **20.** Cllr Jo Spencer arrived at 7.16pm.

a) Churchyard

21. In consideration of recent correspondence that St Marys are not in a position to fund the restoration of the Parr Tomb. It was **Resolved**: "Council Groundstaff to weed kill and straighten the kerbing in the first instance so that the area can then be further reviewed."

b) Cemetery

22. The Cemetery regulations and procedures are currently under review and a full audit being carried out by ICCM.

c) Twitchell

23. No reports.

d) Grange Hall Grounds

24. 1) BBQ Materials

It was **Resolved**: "To approve a budget of £500 to cover material costs, Cllr James Spencer would be carrying out the labour FOC."

25. 2) Sycamore Tree Removal & Tree Replacements / Greenwood Community Tree Grant

The Sycamores have now been felled and the stump grinding is due. It was **Resolved**: "To approve a quotation from Streetwise for replacements, Whitebeam, Copper, Oak and London Plane at £937 + VAT for trees, delivery, installation, ancillary items and after care."

- **26.** Due to timing issues the Greenwood Community Tree Grant shall be considered for other items.
- 27. 3) Dving Christmas Tree

Resolved: "To remove the dying tree".

e) Rockley Memorial Park

28. 1) Update on Meeting with Streetwise

A site meeting has been held with Streetwise as they offer a free service of planting scheme design. This information will be ready for consideration at the next meeting.

29. 2) Educational Area

It was **Resolved:** "To approve a budget up to £200 to enable the construction of a Wildlife Education Area next to the Pavilion."

30. 3) Request Regarding Correction on Memorial Board

A request has been received to remedy a name error on the Memorial Board. **Resolved:** "To ask the sign writer to correct the error."

f) Cliff Top

31. 2) To Consider Shrubbery outside Memorial Park South Gate area.

Resolved: "To plant evergreen shrubbery as an initial test to remedy the problem of bare patches for an initial budget of £100."

g) Wharf Lane Recreation Ground, Skate Park and Pavilion

32. Toilet Facilities

A recent review of the Pavilion found that a compliant accessible toilet for all to use is not a viable option. As there are other potential projects for the area that may or may not progress it was agreed that it was not the time to consider a request for funds for a green or other toilet provision. **Resolved:** Defer for consideration for the 2016/17 budget."

h) Valley Road Play Area

33. No reports.

i) Saxondale Play Area

34. No reports.

j) 19 Rockley Avenue

35. No reports.

k) Bingham Road Play Area

36. It was **Resolved:** "To replace the bench with the existing Shelford Road bench when it is renewed."

I) Bingham Road Triangle

37. The quotation for the full removal of the corner shrubbery is more than expected at £800 including grubbing out the roots. This item would be considered at the end of the financial year, in the meantime the Groundstaff would be asked to cut back and tidy up the area and plant the spring bulbs.

m) Land at Dewberry Hill

- 38. The Groundstaff have recently removed barbed wire from the area and painted the benches. They would also be tasked to clear the bramble in front of the bench on the hill. The Management Plan from the Wildlife Trust is still awaited.
- 39. Dog fouling is a big issue and the Clerk would ask the Borough Council to request that this area and the Lily Ponds is included in the Public Spaces Protection Order with regard to this issue.

n) Lily Ponds Area / U3A Willow Cultivation

40. A working group would consider the interim report from the Canal and River Trust, the letter from the U3A regarding Willow Cultivation and a request from the Angling Society regarding tree pollarding. The meeting was arranged for 12th November 10am.

o) Vicarage Lane

41. No reports: This Agenda item will come under the Village heading in future.

p) The Village

42. The Clerk would inform the PCSO's that there is now frequent parking on the paved area outside the Physiotherapists.

National Citizens Service

43. Adrian Bradley, Head of the Organisation will be asked to attend the January meeting to provide an overview of the scheme and the type of suitable projects that the Parish Council could seek their involvement in.

Village Recreation and Leisure Facilities

44. Contact has been made with four local organisations, many of them have early stage plans for their groups and are not in a position to progress proposals for joint facilities at the moment.

Reports from Outside Organisations

45. ROTSA has new members on its Management Committee and the next meeting is planned for 26 November 2014.

Correspondence

a) N.C.C Notification of Launch of 2015/16 Supporting Local Communities Fund

46. It was noted that the funding scheme had drastically reduced compared to recent years. However it was agreed that a bid be submitted to match fund the necessary tarmac or block paving works needed in the Memorial Park/Cliff Top area.

b) N.C.C Winter Services Order Form: Grit Bins and Salt

47. Resolved: "To take advantage of the offer of x5 free 25kg salt bags." The Clerk would also request from Highways a list of the salt bins that they currently fill.

c) N.C.C Flood Assistance: Sand Bags

48. It was **Resolved:** "To take advantage of the offer of x80 free 15kg sandbags subject to storage facilities in the Park Homes area."

d) The Wildlife Trust: An Introduction to Winter Tree Identification

- **49.** Saturday 15th November 2014 11am 3pm at Rushcliffe Country Park Cllr Maughan would attend.
- **50.** Cllr Dominic Tompkin left the meeting at 8.50pm.

e) Trent View Gardens Residents: Tree Pruning

51. Two thank you letters have been received by residents that are pleased with the recent tree work at Valley Road Play Area. Noted.

f) Resident Letter: Re Grange Sycamores

- **52.** A resident expressed her concerns regarding the recent tree removals. An explanation letter would be sent.
- **53. Resolved:** "To suspend Standing Orders to allow the meeting to continue past 9.00pm.

Bench and Plant Donation Requests

- **54.** The following was agreed to be offered as options:
 - 2 Benches in the Cemetery (site meeting required)
 - The four new trees along the Grange Grounds boundary
 - Bench due for the Physiotherapists
 - Bench due for Shelford Road
 - Bench next to BBQ area (when installed)
 - Beech Close (possible option)
 - The request for a tree at the Memorial Park would be considered once the planting scheme has been obtained from Streetwise.

Date of Next meeting

55. 19 January 2015

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.08 pm.

Signed: Chairman	Date
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