

**Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting, held in the Radcliffe Room**  
**at The Grange, on Monday 13 April 2015 at 7pm**

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Cllr. Mrs Janet Maughan - (Chairman)  
Cllr John Thorn – (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr. Graham Leigh-Browne                      Cllr. Peter Robinson (A)  
Cllr. Mrs Jean Smith                              Cllr. Pam Thompson  
Cllr. Mrs Josephine Spencer (A)              Cllr. Dominic Tompkin  
Ex-officio: Cllrs. Roger Upton (Chairman) and Georgia Moore (Vice Chairman)

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

1. **Apologies** Cllrs Peter Robinson and Josephine Spencer – Approved.
2. **Declarations of Interest** None received.
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 09 March 2015 it was:**  
**Resolved** “that the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.”

**Chairman’s Announcements**

4. Consideration needs to be given to the site locations of two new Defibrillators kindly offered by ROTSPA. The Clerk would write to the Craig Moray Centre and Woodside Stores to ascertain their interest in the first instance. The matter would be further considered at the 22 June Amenities meeting.

**Clerk’s Report on Items Arising from Previous Minutes**

**M.8 BBQ**

5. Cllr James Spencer has finished building the BBQ (labour FOC). It will be available for use when the peripheral items are in situ.

**M. 10 Public Spaces Protection Order**

6. More reports of dog fouling incidents is required for the Office to build up an evidence file on the problem to enable a PSPO to be approved for Dewberry Hill, Lily Ponds and Cliff Walk. Cllr Jean Smith reported that she had checked the position on bye laws in respect of other open spaces made a few years ago. The Borough Council state they are still operating unchanged.

**M. 11 Sand Bags**

7. N.C.C Highways have provided costing for more sand bags, information passed to Park Homes Residents Association.

**M. 13 Supporting Local Communities Fund**

8. £2,500 match funding has been awarded for the repair work required on Rockley Park pathways. Quotations are currently being sourced.

**M. 14 Rockley Park Signage**

9. Information signage has now been installed onto the gates. (Cliff Walk entrances).

**M.24 R.O.T Angling Society**

10. The extension of the Fishing Rights agreement has been completed.

**M.27 Grange Grounds Bollards**

11. The three bollards have been removed, review due in 3 months.

**M. 38 Churchyard: Parr Grave**

12. The Churchwarden is liaising with the Diocesan authorities in Southwell for approval of the tidying up of the Parr Grave.

**M.40 Bingham Road Playing Fields**

13. 4REC Management Committee have recently organised the clearance of all the debris and litter along the boundary line.

**Financial Update**

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

15. Standing orders were suspended at 7.20pm

- *A resident thought it prudent for the Council to consider a disclaimer on the BBQ notice*
- *Members were provided with the notes of the Radcliffe Conservation Volunteers meeting on 9 April. 52 members signed up as voluntary workers at the public meeting held on 31 March. A smaller group consisting of residents and representatives of Notts Wildlife Trust and the Canal and River Trust would meet to carry out site visits and set specific tasks for future work days.*
- *A resident pointed out that event banners had been placed on the Bingham Road Triangle without permission.*

16. Standing orders resumed at 7.30pm

**Grange Grounds**

**a) BBQ Notice**

17. **Resolved:** "To approve the BBQ guidelines notice with the inclusion of the following disclaimer: The Parish Council accepts no responsibility for injury or damage resulting from the use of the BBQ. Use at your own risk." The sign will be placed on the brickwork.

**b) Litter Bins for BBQ Area**

18. **Resolved:** "To approve the purchase of two Fusion Litter Bins, one with Dome Top, plus fixings from Glasdon UK @ £646.78 net." (Appropriate labelling to be displayed on which is for food waste and extinguished coals).

**Bingham Road Triangle – Notice/Poster Board**

19. **Resolved:** "Not to install a poster board at the site as it would be detrimental to the environmental aesthetics of the area."

**Positive Futures Community Pride Projects**

**Wood Carving Project**

20. The project would take the form of eight young people each designing, sanding and varnishing a wooden sculpture for installation at Rockley Park. A professional wood carver would oversee the project and they would be showcased at the BioBlitz event in May. The total project cost is £700 and Positive Futures is contributing £100. The Finance and General Purposes Committee has already approved a £500 grant subject to the Amenities Committee supporting the project. £100 is also required for the cost of the wood. Council's Foreman would need to install the sculptures.

The project costs were put to the vote, six in favour and two against.

Cllrs Roger Upton and Jean Smith wished for it to be recorded that they voted against.

It was **Resolved:** "To approve the project and the grant of £500 awarded by the Finance and General Purposes Committee and to contribute an additional £100 for the wood."

**Lily Ponds Seating**

21. An area will be cleared of nettles prior to the BioBlitz event in May. There are piles of wood which can be used as 'rustic' bench legs and the older children in Positive Futures are keen to create 3-4 benches for seating down the river area as their Community Pride Project. Council's Foreman will supervise but suitable planed timber is required for the seats. It was **Resolved:** "To approve the project and delegate powers to the Clerk to incur expenditure for the timber required for the seats."

**Rockley Park**

**Woodland Walk Update**

22. The woodland walk planting is complete and the signage is pending. All the additional planting needs watering and the current bowser has reached the end of its lifespan, it is constantly requiring repair and the water capacity is not enough for the Groundstaff needs. The Clerk would Agenda this matter for Full Council as a special consideration.

**Insurance Claim**

23. Councils Insurers have received notification from claimant's solicitors regarding an incident at Rockley Park in January whereby a person slipped on the pathway due to the moss. Council's inspection records have been requested. Noted.

**Christmas Lights**

**Main Street Lamp Columns**

24. **Resolved:** "To enter into a 3 year hire agreement with Blachere Illumination for x15 lamp column motifs (model no.PL024B) with installation and storage @ £3,695 year 1 and £4,070 years 2 and 3 net." (subject to N.C.C Highways approval). 2015/16 Budget onwards.

**Main Street Trees**

25. **Resolved:** "To purchase from Blachere Illumination 10 of double sided X-LED x5 light stems @ £1,880 and approve annual installation @ £517.50 and storage for years 2 and 3 at £25." (subject to N.C.C Highways approval). Funded via Amenities underspend 2014/15 budget.

**Grange Grounds Lamp Columns**

26. **Resolved** "Not to hire or purchase any motif lighting for the Grange Grounds lamp columns for Christmas 2015."

**National Citizen Service**

27. **Resolved:** "To approve the Working Groups recommendation of putting forward the following project suggestions:"
- Wood chipping Slack Hollow pathway down to the weir
  - Constructing low level access ramp where the river floods to Lily Ponds (construction to allow the flow through of water)

If the projects are approved by N.C.S then the Clerk would liaise with Jane Baines at N.C.C Countryside Access for advice.

**Tree Survey Report**

28. **Resolved** "To approve AT2 to carry out outstanding remedial works to: Hall Grounds – Deodar Cedar, Cemetery – Redwood and Lime Maple and the Deadwood on Cliff Walk totalling £1,170 net."

**Play Area Review**

29. The Cableway has been installed at Wharf Lane Recreation Ground and will be ready for use in a week. It was **RESOLVED:** "To delegate powers to the Clerk to incur expenditure for ground turf and grass matting at key areas prior to the equipment being used.  
It was agreed to agenda a full review of all the Play Areas after the May elections.

**Correspondence**

30. None received.

**Date of Next meeting**

31. 22 June 2015

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

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