

Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Council
Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting, held in the Radcliffe Room
at The Grange, on Monday 25 January 2016 at 7pm

Cllr John Thorn (Chairman)
 Cllr Penny Astill
 Cllr Rod Brears
 Cllr Martin Culshaw
 Cllr Jean Robinson

Cllr Pam Thompson (Vice Chairman)
 Cllr Joe Bailey
 Cllr Graham Budworth
 Cllr Gillian Dunn
 Cllr Josephine Spencer

Cllr David Astill
 Cllr Bill Banner
 Cllr Sue Clegg
 Cllr Graham Leigh-Browne
 Cllr Alice Tomlinson

Ex-officio: Cllr Georgia Moore (PC Chairman) Cllr David Barton (PC Vice Chairman)

Also present Jacki Grice (Parish Clerk) Cllr Roger Upton (Rushcliffe Borough Council) and three members of the public.

In the interests of transparency, the council asks that any person wishing to record the meetings proceedings informs the Chairman prior to the start of the meeting and that recording equipment is on view. There is an Open Session on the Agenda at which time members of the public are invited to raise any matters pertaining to the work of the committee, limited to fifteen minutes, during which time Standing Orders will be suspended.

Apologies

1. None received.

Declarations of Interest

2. None received.

Chairman's Announcements

3. Councillor Agar wishes to sit on the Amenities Committee, the Chairman invited him to sit at the table to take part in discussion but not vote. This will be an Agenda item for the next meeting.
4. Radcliffe Olympic, 4 Rec and PATHS are in the early stages of setting up a Working Group with a view to organising a Fireworks Display on 6th November 2016. The Group is seeking a Parish Council representative to keep everyone in the loop. Cllrs Thompson and Bailey would attend and report back.
5. Streetwise have an excess of firewood logs in store and has offered it to the Parish Council to give away free to residents. The Chairman and Clerk would decide on an appropriate location at either Grange Grounds or Wharf Lane and would take up the offer and advertise on the website, notice boards and with signage.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 23 November 2015 it was:

6. **Resolved** "that the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman."

Clerk's Report on Items Arising from Previous Minutes

M.7 Rockley Park

7. The block paving and tarmacadam remedial works have been completed and the match funding of £2,500 via the N.C.C Local Improvement Scheme has been received.

M.10 Litter Pick

8. It has been agreed to organise a village litter pick during the 'Clean for the Queen Campaign 4-6th March, however Councillor Thompson is unable to lead on the day of the event as she is away.

M. 16 Parr Grave

9. The Local History Group have had no luck in finding any details on the relatives of the Parr Grave which is in a poor state in the Churchyard.

M. 17 Radcliffe Conservation Volunteers

10. The group had a good turnout of 8 people at the last working party session held on 17 January. Clearance work was carried out along the River Bank with the new tools.

M.18 Footpath Repairs

11. There are snagging issues with the recent works carried out on FP11 Woodland Close/Dewberry Hill, The Countryside Access Team are aware and the Contractors will be returning to site to rectify any issues.

M.19 Lily Ponds

12. The Ditch Board has been erected to help with access when the river floods. Funded via Countryside Access with a small contribution from the Parish Council.

M. 22 Streetwise Environmental

13. The clearance works at Rockley Park Glasshouses are progressing well, new glazing has been installed and cleaned, cold frames constructed and then electrical testing is due. It is expected that horticultural training and propagation of bedding plants will start to take place in February with the young people. The Parish Council are already benefitting from this partnership arrangement with the use of equipment, pledge of a new shed and site clearance.

M.23 Funding Update

14. - A bid has been submitted to NCC Local Improvement Scheme for additional village planters under the Welcome Signs.
- A bid has been submitted to Tesco/Groundwork for a 'Green Toilet' at Wharf Lane
- An application is in progress to the Leader Funding Programme for Tourism Infrastructure to encourage visitors into the village centre and shop locally. This will comprise of Information/Interpretation Signage, Finger posts, History Boards and a 'Green Toilet'.

Financial Update

15. Income and Expenditure figures for 1st April 2015 – January (19th) 2016 were noted.

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

16. Standing orders were suspended at 7.15pm
- *Phillip Taylor of RCV met with Jim Lennon of the South Notts Ringing Group at Dewberry Hill and Cliff Top to consider Tawny Owl Boxes and Long Eared Owl Nest Baskets. Jim has recommended where and how many should be placed. (The Clerk will put on the next Agenda for discussion).*
 - *Phillip also advised that the next RCV Working Party session will be held on the weekend 13-14 February. (Notices and tools to be arranged with the Clerk.)*
 - *The Lily Ponds Litter Pick may be deferred to April due to the Village Litter Pick planned for the Clean for the Queen Campaign in March.*

17. Standing orders resumed at 7.20pm

Four Year Plan Phasing and Priorities (non financial)

18. **Resolved:** "The following was considered and agreed."
- **Support ROTSA in their negotiations with SNA for a new lease for the Bingham Road Playing Fields** (*it was confirmed that there were no clauses in the transfer of land from N.C.C, suggest ROTSA write to the National Playing Fields Association for advice and ask them to investigate if their agreement relates to the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954: Part 2 which covers a lease renewal to maximum of 15 years. A meeting with ROTSA and Councillors will be arranged in the near future.*)
 - **Litter and Clean Pavements** (*Litter Picks are being planned and the Clerk's Office has a good relationship with Streetwise who now deal with reports promptly.*)
 - **Carry out condition survey of all P.C Assets** (*for consideration by the Finance and General Purposes Committee.*)
 - **Encourage Tourism by producing leaflets for a walking trail** – *In hand as part of the Leader Bid, Cllrs to send the Clerk any useful links that can be added to the P.C website.*

Valley Road Play Area Safety Surfacing

19. Three quotations were considered for safety surfacing the Junior swings, Cradle swings, Seesaw and Tractor slide providing two options a) Rubber Mulch without Stone Base and b) Rubber Mulch with Stone Base.
Resolved: "To contract Nottinghamshire County Council to carry out the works for Option B inclusive of Stone Base for £10,565 net. Funded via the following budgets Play Areas - £8,404 and £2,161 vired from In House Grounds Work".

Litter Bins and Dog Bin Requirements

20. Rushcliffe Borough Council has agreed to site a litter bin outside the bus stop (near the Butchers) on Main Road. RBC have yet to confirm if they are willing to site one on Woodside Road. The Clerk is waiting for a price from Streetwise for a dog bin and ongoing emptying on a regular basis at Dewberry Hill. RBC expect the Parish Council to consult with the residents at Woodland Close before any installation takes place. The Chairman and the Clerk would draft a letter.

Wharf Lane Resident Fencing

21. The adjacent resident to the left of Wharf Lane driveway has requested that Council replaces seven panels of fencing at the bottom of her garden due it being pushed over and split by the tree roots and branch growth from the trees the other side of her boundary which are the responsibility of the Council. It was noted that the fencing was quite old.
Resolved: "The Clerk to offer a 50% contribution to the cost of materials (£254) and labour (x2 men x1 day) which would be carried out by the Grounds Staff"
 The Grounds Staff would then be able to access the trees to cut them back for ease of future access to maintain them.

Rockley Park Fencing

22. Five panels have blown down and split during the Christmas break.
Resolved: "The Grounds Staff to replace them at £334 for materials."

Cemetery**a) Car Parking**

23. Cllrs Moore, Thorn and Spencer requested that the decision on not extending the grass matting/car parking provision is reconsidered.
 It was agreed to defer any decision until a plan of what is being proposed can be viewed. A site meeting would be arranged with Cllrs Spencer, Banner and Thorn, the local Funeral Directors would also be invited to attend. It was noted that a Faculty from the Diocese is highly likely to approve any works on the consecrated section of the Cemetery.

b) Bench Donation Request

24. A local family wish to place a memorial bench in the Cemetery, space is very limited and they wish to place a bench adjacent to the driveway but this would encroach on an existing grave. Unfortunately there is no appropriate location near to the plot they wish to visit.
Resolved: "The Clerk to advise the family that the Council is unable to approve their request for the reasons stated above."

c) To Note Plaster Delamination

25. Members viewed a picture of the Cemetery Wall which shows the plaster delaminating, the Clerk's Office to sort remedial works. Noted.

Lily Ponds and Dewberry Hill: To Arrange Working Group Meetings

26. A site meeting at Dewberry Hill is being held on 29th January following on from the recent scrub clearance. The working group comprising of Cllrs Thompson, Thorn, Leigh Browne and Tomlinson would then meet to review the management plans and report on any further recommendations to Committee.

Leisure Facilities Working Group Update

27. Cllr Spencer reported that the Working Group intends to carry out a Leisure Survey of the Village in that all appropriate organisations will be approached for a better understanding of what they provide now and if they have any future plans. This will ensure that any new facilities compliment what is existing or planned by others. An outline bid for a Sports/Multi Purpose Building on Wharf Lane has been submitted to the Economic Growth Board for Radcliffe/Bingham and further discussions are pending.
 The Scout Group have expressed an interest as a stakeholder in any new build and Cllrs Spencer and Thorn will visit Wharf Lane to ascertain any benefit in locating a new building in a different place to the existing Pavilion to address flood risk etc. Cllr Banner advised that the previous Council registered Wharf Lane with the Fields in Trust which may hinder any aspirations to put a new build elsewhere on the right hand side of the site. (The Clerk will investigate the registration criteria).
 Cllr Agar advised that Architecture Students at Nottingham University would like to undertake (in February) to draw up a scheme plan with 3D graphics and costings as part of their course work with the Council acting as the Client, this would provide a better understanding of what could potentially be achieved.

Councillors' Reports

- 28. Cllr Thompson confirmed that Streetwise has only contacted the Parish Council regarding the offer of equipment for the Clean for the Queen Litter Pick/Clear Up Campaign in March. Therefore the event needs to be promoted to local groups/organisations to become involved, e.g. the Schools, Scouts and Guides etc. The Lily Ponds and Train Station Car Park areas could also be incorporated into the village event if enough people attend on the day. A working group comprising of Cllrs Thompson, Barton, Clegg, Agar and Leigh Browne would meet up to discuss promotion and organisation.
- 29. Cllr D. Astill reported on an incident last Friday evening whereby youths were banging on the Grange Hall windows and at one point entered the building and disrupted an event. The Clerk will ensure that the Police are made aware.
- 30. Cllr Bailey confirmed that the Youth Club still isn't open but Positive Futures are working with the Youth Group with help and advice on how to get it up and running again.

Correspondence

- 31. None received.

Date of Next meeting

- 32. 29 February 2016

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.34pm

Signed: Chairman Date