

Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Council
Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting, held in the Radcliffe Room
at The Grange, on Monday 29 February 2016 at 7pm

Cllr John Thorn (Chairman)	Cllr Pam Thompson (Vice Chairman) (A)	Cllr David Astill
Cllr Penny Astill	Cllr Joe Bailey	Cllr Bill Banner
Cllr Rod Brears	Cllr Graham Budworth	Cllr Sue Clegg (A)
Cllr Martin Culshaw	Cllr Gillian Dunn	Cllr Graham Leigh-Browne (A)
Cllr Jean Robinson	Cllr Josephine Spencer	Cllr Alice Tomlinson

Ex-officio: Cllr Georgia Moore (PC Chairman)(A) 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. Cllrs Pam Thompson, Sue Clegg, Graham Leigh Browne and Georgia Moore – Approved.

To Resolve to Appoint Cllr Keith Agar to Serve on the Amenities Committee

2. **Resolved:** Approved to Appoint Cllr Agar to Serve on the Committee."

Declarations of Interest

3. None received.

Chairman's Announcements

4. There were no announcements.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 25 January 2016 it was:

5. **Resolved** "that the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman save for the following amendment"
 'Minute No. 28 Working Group included Cllr Gillian Dunn.'

Clerk's Report on Items Arising from Previous Minutes

M. 5 Streetwise

6. Streetwise delivered a large amount of logs at Wharf Lane Car Park and they have now all gone, a further delivery will be made, the free logs have been advertised with a notice, on the website and social media.

M. 10 Litter Pick

7. The village litter pick shall take place on Saturday 5th March and there will be two sessions 10am- 12 noon and 2pm- 4pm – meet at the Grange. The Lily Ponds litter pick shall take place on Sunday 6th March 10am – 12noon, meet at Rockley Park.

M. 14 Funding Update

8. - The outcome of the bid to the Local Improvement Scheme for additional village planters will be in April.
 - The Parish Council is a finalist in the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme and has secured a minimum £8,000 for a Green Composting Toilet at Wharf Lane.
 -The bid for Leader Funding for Village Signposting is still in progress.

M. 19 Valley Road

9. The order has been placed for rubber crumb safety surfacing for the play area equipment. The Clerk awaits an installation date.

M. 20 Litter Bins

10. The Clerk is awaiting a response from the Borough Council regarding siting the requested litter bins at Main Road bus stop (near the Butchers) and another one near Woodside Stores.

M. 25 Cemetery

11. In addition to the delamination of the wall plaster, the left hand side Cemetery entrance brick wall is need of rebuilding, it is compromised at the base and there is a crack all the way through it. A quotation is being sourced.

Financial Update

12. Income and Expenditure figures for 1st April 2015 – Forecasted to Year End 31 March 2016 were noted.

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

13. Standing orders were suspended at 7.08pm

- *The Angling Society wishes to submit a bid to the Angling Improvement Fund for tools to improve the Lily Ponds site. If the application is shortlisted a letter of support will be required from the Parish Council.*
- *RCV enquired if the new sheds at Rockley Park are the Parish Councils. (The Clerk advised that they belong to Streetwise, but a new shed for P.C /RCV use has been requested as part of the partnership arrangement.*
- *It was asked if there will be car parking charges for the limited 3 hour use when the order comes into force in April. (There will be no charging meters installed.)*

14. Standing orders resumed at 7.13pm

Radcliffe Conservation Volunteers**Update on Recently Held Work Session**

15. Work continued along the narrow upstream section of the river bank, clearing bramble and roots, larger sections of sycamore were cut, trimmed up and stacked. Noted and thanks given to the RCV group for their continued efforts.

Tawny and Long Eared Owl Boxes to Consider

16. The South Notts Ringing Group has proposed to erect Two Long Eared Owl Boxes on Dewberry Hill free of charge and two Tawny Owl Nest Boxes on either end of Cliff Top for £20 each.

Resolved "To approve the proposal at a cost of £40."

Cliff Top**To Clarify Policy on Cyclists and Consider Additional Signage**

17. Cliff Top is a designated footpath and cyclists are prohibited. It was noted that cyclists have been promoting the area as a cycle route via social media apps and clearer signage is needed to address this misconception.

Resolved: "The Clerk's Office to arrange for the erection of clearer signage stating no cyclists and Cllr Tomlinson would put similar statements on social media."

It was noted that it had been previously approved to allow the Toll Horse Riders Group to use the footpath when wearing an identification armband, this arrangement would be monitored.

Dewberry Hill**Siting of Dog Waste Bin**

18. Consultation has taken place with all the residents on Woodland Close, and the Clerk has agreed that the neighbour with property next to the proposed location is involved with siting the dog waste bin so it is not located too close to his boundary.

Resolved "To place the order with Streetwise for the installation of a post mounted dog bin and fixing post for £294.96 and initial weekly collections at £3.75 per occasion." The frequency of collections will be reviewed.

To Consider the Walkabout Notes of the Working Group

19. Members received the notes which highlight future tasks for the area. The Working Group will meet again to make recommendations as and when required. It was noted that funding was promised from JBM Solutions who are installing a Solar Farm at Holme Park of £4,000 for the Dewberry Hill and Lily Ponds Nature Reserves, this funding is expected in April/May.

Wharf Lane**20. Green Composting Toilet – Grant Funding Correspondence**

Customers will be able to vote in Tesco stores from 27 February to 06 March to vote for their favourite finalist. The Parish Council has secured £8,000 but 1st place would provide funding of £12,000. The specification of the Green Composting Toilet will depend on the final sum secured. The details of installation and ongoing maintenance will also be considered at a future meeting.

An application was also made to Fields in Trust for £4,000 to match fund a Composting Toilet at Wharf Lane, this funding has been offered.

Resolved: “the Clerk to advise Fields in Trust that funding for the composting toilet is no longer required and the Clerk will submit a new application for rubber crumb safety surfacing for the Junior Swings at Wharf Lane instead.”

Skate Park – To Note Recent Meeting with RBC Officers

21. A meeting was recently held with Allen Graham (Borough Chief Executive) and Peter Linfield (Borough Executive Manager) to discuss the future of the Skate Park as it was put forward that is a Borough wide used facility and not just exclusive to Radcliffe on Trent. They offered a site meeting with Craig Taylor, another Borough Officer and the Clerk and the Amenities Chairman met with Craig last Friday. Craig has arranged for another site meeting on 15 March with Streetwise and Ross Marshall (ex Skate Park Group) with a view to sorting out a programme of necessary maintenance work and costings in the first instance.

Cllr Alice Tomlinson advised that there are residents that want to become more involved in looking after the area. Alice was tasked with speaking to interested people about putting proposals forward, as day to day litter picks etc. should be down to the users to take ownership of the facility.

Village and Lily Ponds Litter Picks: Update

22. Local Groups have been approached to organise their own litter picks. Individuals can join the Parish Council village litter pick on Saturday 5th March 10-noon and 4-6pm, meet at the Grange. Litter Pickers, bags and gloves will be provided by Streetwise. USRA will be carrying out a litter pick at Upper Saxondale, Radcliffe Olympic at Bingham Road Playing Fields and RCV at the Lily Ponds.

Cemetery**Car Parking Issues and Consider New Signage**

23. It was proposed to install new signage to a) advertise the cemetery opening hours and b) to advise people when funerals take place to address the problem of limited parking space.

Resolved: “To place an order for both signs on mahogany hardwood plinths at £188.56. The following amendments would be made”.

- Incorporate official no dogs except guide dogs sign.
- Change the opening times to Oct-Apr 8am-4pm and May-Sep 8am- 8pm
- Incorporate a disclaimer regarding accessing the Cemetery
- Incorporate access by car may be restricted at funeral times

Siting of Donated Bench Request: To Consider

24. A family wish to site a bench in the Cemetery and the only location that can be offered is opposite the existing Padginton bench.

Resolved: “To approve the request with the stipulation that it matches the Padginton bench in design.”

Leisure Facilities Working Group Update

25. The Working Group had not met recently but a meeting has been held with the Chair and Vice Chair of the P.C with Borough Officers and representatives of the Business Forum to discuss opportunities of submitting a joint bid to the Economic Growth Board with regard to Business Units and Leisure facility. The next stage will be to arrange a further meeting with Borough Councillors.

Councillors' Reports

26. Cllr Budworth has measured the village for bunting to erect for the Queen's Birthday celebrations. Cllrs Neil Clarke, Kay Cutts and Georgia Moore have all pledge a financial contribution and Cllrs Upton and Smith may have further funds available in April. Cllr Budworth asked if anyone knew of someone with a wood turning lathe so that the flag poles could be made sturdier to sit in the Christmas Tree brackets.

- 27. Cllr Bailey advised that the Silver Cinema and the Half Term Cinema for the children had been a huge success. The Clerk was asked to pass on congratulations to the Hall Manager, Lisa Simpson for her sterling efforts. The idea of hiring out the DVD's for those that miss the film was suggested. The Clerk would put it on Grange Hall Agenda for consideration.

Correspondence

- 28. The Angling Society has written a letter asking if the Council would send a statement in support of their bid if requested by The Angling Improvement Fund for tools and equipment to use down at the Lily Ponds. Members were supportive of this request.

Date of Next meeting

- 29. 11 April 2016

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.19pm

Signed: Chairman Date

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