

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of  
Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Council held in The Radcliffe Room, The Grange,  
on Monday 05 September 2016 at 7.00pm**

**Councillors**

Keith Agar	Rodney Brears	Georgia Moore (Chairman)
David Astill	Graham Budworth (A)	Jean Robinson
Penny Astill	Sue Clegg	Josephine Spencer
Joe Bailey (from 7.04pm)	Martin Culshaw	Pam Thompson (A)
Bill Banner	Gillian Dunn (A)	John Thorn (A)
David Barton (Vice Chairman)	Graham Leigh-Browne (A)	Alice Tomlinson

**Also present:** Mrs Jacki Grice (Clerk), Cllr Roger Upton (Rushcliffe Borough Councillor) and Cllr Jean Smith (Rushcliffe Borough Councillor- from 7.10pm) \*Cllr Simon Robinson RBC, \*David Mitchell – RBC and \*Derek Hayden – RBC. \*until 7.40pm

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs: Graham Budworth, Gillian Dunn, Graham Leigh-Browne, Pam Thompson, John Thorn, Cllr Kay Cutts (Nottinghamshire County Councillor) Cllr Neil Clarke (Rushcliffe Borough Councillor)

- 2.** The Chairman announced the recent passing of ex Parish Councillor, Andrew Baldwin Wiseman and ex Borough Councillor, Eddie Fearon.

Cllr Spencer advised that Andrew was Chairman of the Parish Council when she first joined and he was a welcoming and dedicated Councillor. A sad loss, thoughts are with his family.

The Chairman advised that Eddie was a well respected Borough Councillor who helped enormously with the drawing up of plans for the Grange Hall build. He will be sadly missed by family, friends and residents.

A minutes silence was held.

- 3. Cllr Simon Robinson (RBC Deputy Leader & Chairman of Bingham/Radcliffe on Trent Growth Board) and David Mitchell (RBC Executive Manager Communities and Radcliffe/Bingham Link Officer): A Presentation of the Details and Findings of the Recent Retail Studies and Proposals for Support.**

The Rushcliffe Retail Study was carried out in March by Kerching Retail Ltd. Based on an independent review of 63 business premises in Radcliffe on Trent village centre, the report highlights the perspective of current trading in Radcliffe and makes recommendations on how this could be improved and maximised.

Compared to neighbouring Bingham, Newark and Grantham, Radcliffe has the highest levels of service businesses but has the lowest level of comparison shops and vacant premises. The opportunities identified to maximise Radcliffe's trading offer are: Addressing Leakage, World Class Independents, Food Glorious Food, Parking, Loyalty, Brand Radcliffe, Events and Family Shopping.

Rushcliffe Borough Council has sponsored Free Retail Booster Workshops offering advice to local retailers from a leading retail expert. The Radcliffe session will be held on 15 Sept 5.30-8.30pm at Grange Hall. Derek Hayden was introduced to the meeting, RBC Community Development Officer, he has been to visit the village centre businesses promoting the workshops and grant scheme.

The RBC Grant Scheme offers match funding to village centre business for shop frontage improvements. Currently £25,000 has been allocated to the three Growth Boards, Radcliffe/Bingham, Cotgrave and West Bridgford.

A brief question and answer session was held.

The Chairman thanked Simon, David and Derek for attending and invited them to stay for the next item of business.

4. **Resolved:** “To change the order of business to enable Simon, David and Derek to listen to discussions regarding the SkatePark.

#### **Radcliffe SkatePark**

5. **To Note the Support of Funding Request Letter and Responses to Rushcliffe Borough Councillors**

Members received a copy of letter sent to the three Borough Councillors seeking support for funding for the SkatePark and Leisure from the Borough Council. Members also received a comparison summary of RBC net revenue expenditure for leisure provision 2006/7 vs 2015/16 budget. West Bridgford and the other 5 large parishes all receive leisure funding but Radcliffe has yet to receive anything in respect of leisure.

The Chairman read out a statement which included the following references:

- The SkatePark is now 20 years old and is nearing the end of its life. In the last year alone over £5,500 has been spend on basic maintenance. A further £8,500 is required to make it safe. A concrete structure would be more sustainable in the future but costs are in the region of £200k plus and it would take a vast amount of time and fundraising to achieve this.
- Radcliffe is long overdue leisure investment from the Borough Council, all other large villages benefit from Borough Council funds in this respect. RBC has £10m in reserves and it is not an unreasonable request to seek funds to help ensure the long term future of the SkatePark for the young people of Radcliffe. The Parish Council has been lobbying Borough Councillors and Officers for some considerable time and the urgency of the SkatePark has brought the matter to a head.

6. Cllr Simon Robinson, David Mitchell and Derek Hayden then left the meeting at 7.40pm.

7. **To Note the Meeting Notes of the SkatePark User Group Meeting Held 16 Aug 2016**  
Noted.

8. **To Consider and Approve Unbudgeted Expenditure for Repairs/Alterations to the SkatePark.**

Item deferred until a response with regard to funding has been received from the Borough Councillors.

9. **Declarations of Interest**

None Received

10. **Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 27 June 2016, for Approval**

It was: **RESOLVED** “that the minutes were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.”

11. **Chairman’s Announcements**

- Three companies have been invited to quote to develop an Economic Master Plan for the Village. The Strategic Growth Board will then consider (26 Sept) Councils bid to pay for the work which is expected to be in the region of £20,000.

- The Village Show was again a huge success, thanks to staff, councillors and volunteers.
- A reminder to Cllrs that volunteer for events to ensure that the Hall Manager is given plenty of notice if you can't make it.
- Congratulations given to the Groundstaff Jenny and Primo for helping the Parish win the Best Kept Village Competition in our category, the judging for the overall 'Best in Notts' winner will take place this month.
- Congratulations given to the Trains Working Group for achieving an additional five extra trains from December.
- Letter of thanks received from the Carnival Committee for the continued support from the Parish Council.
- The Chairman attended the Art Exhibition held at St Marys. A picture booklet of Radcliffe is available for £3.
- The Chairman visited Bingham Methodist Church/Community Centre which is a well laid out facility.
- The Grounds Foreman will be leaving the bungalow by 31 October.

#### **Clerk's Report on Previous Minutes**

##### **12. M. 14 Neighbourhood Plan**

Phillip Marshall, Senior Planning Policy Officer is meeting with the Clerk, the Neighbourhood Plan Chairman and Vice Chairman on 29 September to discuss the timelines and processes of the next steps including the Independent Examination and the Village Referendum.

##### **13. M. 21 Severn Trent Water**

Adam Greest, Senior Technical Engineer at STW will be attending the Planning and Environment Committee meeting on 12 September.

#### **Open Session for members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business limited to 15 minutes**

##### **14. Standings Orders were suspended at 7.53pm**

- Cllr Upton enjoyed the Village Show, a great atmosphere and the event is going from strength to strength, a lot of people attended by finding out about it on the Grange Hall Facebook page.
- Cllr Upton advised that he, Cllr Neil Clarke and Cllr Jean Smith will be responding to Councils request for funding for the SkatePark from RBC by letter tomorrow. Grant applications are invited from RBC but only 20% of the project cost is on offer. Cllr Upton advised that he continues to lobby the appropriate parties at the Borough Council for improved Leisure provision in Radcliffe.

##### **15. Standing Orders resumed at 8.02pm**

##### **16. Police Crime Statistics June and July 2016**

Noted.

##### **17. Minutes of The Grange and Grange Hall Management Committee Meeting held on 11 July 2016 for Acceptance**

It was **RESOLVED** "That the minutes were accepted and referred back to committee for approval."

##### **18. Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee Meetings held on 04 July, 01 August and Extraordinary 22 August 2016 for Acceptance**

It was **RESOLVED** "That the minutes were accepted and referred back to committee for approval."

**19. Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meetings held on 18 July and Extraordinary 08 August 2016 for Acceptance**

It was **RESOLVED** "That the minutes were accepted and referred back to committee for approval."

**20. Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held on 25 July 2016 for Acceptance**

It was **RESOLVED** "That the minutes were accepted and referred back to committee for approval."

**21. Correspondence**

NALC – 1) AGM, 2) Voting Delegates, 3) Nominations for the Election of Officers, 4) Nominations for Executive Committee, 5) Long Service Awards  
Noted.

**22. Councillors Reports**

- Cllr Tomlinson advised that the newly formed SkatePark Fundraising Group are holding a second meeting on Tuesday 13 September.
- The installation of the Wharf Lane composting toilets has been delayed due to the current workload of the appointed Groundworks contractor.

**23. Reports from Borough and County Councillors**

Cllr Roger Upton reported:

- Recognising Rushcliffe Community Awards are being held at the Becket School on 16 November. (Nominations via RBC website.)
- Rushcliffe Sports Awards are being held at the Becket School on 23 November. (Nominations via RBC website.)
- The Radcliffe Surgery Forum is taking place at 1pm, 11 October, venue TBC.
- The Strategic Growth Board meet on 26 September.
- Attended an event for the Merchant Navy Day

**24. Reports from Outside Organisations**

There were no reports.

**25. Date of Next Full Council Meeting**

31 October 2016

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

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